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Metropolitan Citizens Summit

Education, Housing and Race in the Twin Cities Area

December 1999

At the conclusion of the 1999 Community Circle Dialogues, circle participants will be invited to participate in a "Citizens Summit" on creating better schools and affordable housing for every resident of the Twin Cities.

This event will be designed to bring "closure" to the "Community Circles" meeting this and previous years, and to move the community forward on these important issues:

- to honor the work these dedicated citizens have undertaken;
- to provide a forum for further exchange of ideas among these diverse citizens (in the form of more concrete solutions and next steps);
- to further build connections among citizens metro-wide to *act*;
- and, finally, to generate attention for citizens' ideas among local, state and national policy leaders, the media and the public.

The ultimate goal is to "change how we do business" as a racially diverse community.

The Citizens Summit will have two parts:

1) A Citizens Forum with participants from the Community Circle project

At the forum, participants will present their best ideas for moving from ideas to action on better integrating the metropolitan area (i.e., building more inclusive communities and schools). This session will be fully interactive, with participants having the ability to electronically vote on or rate the various ideas presented. The forum will be moderated by a known and trusted community leader.

In addition, the forum will be attended by a number of local policy makers – elected officials from suburban, urban, metropolitan, school, county and state government – all key officials working on or influencing these issues. The goal of the meeting will be to have these policy makers present to listen to the citizens who participated in the community circle conversations, and to understand the depth of support of their ideas.

2) A Minnesota Meeting address

In conjunction with the forum, the Minnesota Meeting will also host an address by a nationally prominent leader in civil rights, education and housing (who will have observed the citizens summit). A larger group of community leaders – largely from business and the professions – will join the participants from the citizens forum for the Minnesota Meeting, a luncheon event which will be broadcast live on the stations of Minnesota Public Radio. This event will give the speaker an excellent opportunity to relate to a larger public (luncheon guests and radio listeners) her/his understanding of the work among the citizens that happened at the forum.

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WHERE: St. Louis Park City Council Chambers – 5005 Minnetonka Boulevard, St. Louis Park

WHY: To begin an informed and civil dialogue on two of the most controversial issues facing the Twin Cities.

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HOUSING AND RACE IN THE TWIN CITIES –
KICK-OFF FORUM AND ORIENTATION MEETINGS.***

**WHEN: West Metro – Thurs., Jan. 21, 1999 – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
East Metro – Thurs., Feb.4, 1999 – 10:00 to 12 noon**

**WHERE: West Metro - St. Louis Park City Council Chambers
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