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First Planning Meeting for Metropolitan Citizens Summit
Nov. 5, 1999

Agenda

1. Introductions and briefing on the Summit

Discussion: What actionable outcomes (next steps) could the Summit produce?

What can we do to make this "your" Summit?

2. Budget and fund raising for Summit

Discussion: What sources of financing could we pursue beyond the approved grants?

Who is willing to contribute in-kind resources, and what might they be?

3. Discussion: Who should be included in the planning stages?

Who needs to be invited to the Summit?

4. Discussion: What policy questions or areas of systemic change should be included?

What new directions and policy initiatives should be considered at the Summit?

5. Schedule of planning meetings

Agenda items to be covered at the next meeting?

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October 22, 1999

Professor Lani Guinier
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Dear Professor Guinier:

I am writing to formally invite you, on behalf of all the partners in the Community Circle Collaborative, to participate in the Citizens Summit-Minnesota Meeting program outlined in Mr. William Cadogan's attached letter.

I have been personally and actively involved in the Collaborative's project, *Choices for Community: A Metrowide Dialogue on Education, Housing and Race*. I am deeply committed to promoting housing patterns that better integrate our metropolitan community across barriers of race and class and, in the process, bring children from different backgrounds to more integrated and diverse learning environments. The initiative, which is being supported by a diverse group of foundations, businesses, community groups, faith organizations and local governments, has, for the past three years, brought together hundreds of people in dozens of communities throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area for regular "Study Circles." Suburban moms, single city dwellers, small business people, the underemployed, people of color, pastors, police officers, teachers, and many others have been meeting to explore the related issues of housing and school segregation. To better understand one another, and to develop their own ideas for building more integrated communities that work.

At the Citizens Summit, the study circles will report out their findings. The participants will use an electronic, interactive meeting and audience response technology to discover areas of consensus and to prioritize action steps. The facilitated session will include many local policy makers. Your attendance would be a great honor and would allow you to interact with Twin Cities policy makers and citizens who are actively working to better integrate our metropolitan housing patterns and build a more inclusive community and schools.

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The combined Citizens Summit-Minnesota Meeting provides an ideal forum for you to reach a very large group of community leaders and to advance a critically important agenda for equality.

I would very much appreciate an opportunity to talk to you personally about this invitation. John Sugimura, of my staff, will call your office to see when we may schedule a phone call. It would be a great honor to be your host in Minneapolis at this important event. I hope you will join us. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Sayles Belton". The signature is fluid and connected, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Sharon Sayles Belton
Mayor

Cc: William J Cadogan, Chair, Minnesota Meeting
Matthew Little, President, Education & Housing Equity Project
Dick Little, Executive Director, Education & Housing Equity Project

Minnesota Meeting

18 Years in the
Marketplace of Ideas

October 25, 1999

Professor Lani Guinier
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Dear Professor Guinier:

It is with great pleasure that I join Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton in inviting you to address Minnesota Meeting, the premier public affairs forum in the Upper Midwest. Your address to the Minnesota Meeting will be the highlight of a half-day "Citizens Summit" on housing and educational equity issues, to be held here in Minneapolis during the first half of December. The Summit is the culmination of a two-year "study circle" process involving many hundreds of Minnesotans from throughout our region -- a process I know that is of particular interest to you.

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We are particularly pleased to co-host this program with "The Community Circle Collaborative," a partnership of 20 Twin Cities-based community organizations working on important metropolitan housing and education issues. The Collaborative will convene a "Citizens Summit" on the morning before the Minnesota Meeting luncheon to allow you to interact with a group of community leaders actively working on these issues and then reach an even larger audience at the Minnesota Meeting.

The program planners expect up to 200 people to attend the summit, including many elected officials and other community leaders. Those folks will be joined by an additional few hundred business and community leaders at the Minnesota Meeting luncheon, which will be held in the same facility. The event could be held on December 10, 13, 14, 15, or 16, 1999.

For 18 years, Minnesota Meeting has been on the forefront of public discourse in our community. Our members and their guests represent Minnesota's leaders from business, government, academia, the media, and the professions. Our distinguished roster of speakers includes Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, who addressed the Minnesota Meeting last month; General Colin Powell, Attorney General Janet Reno, Ambassador Walter Mondale, and Senator Bill Bradley.

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The subject of your most recent book – *Lift Every Voice* -- provides an excellent basis for your speech. As a matter of fact, we would be pleased to work with a local book dealer to make copies of the book available at the luncheon, as we have done for other speakers. We could even title your speech after the book, making an even stronger connection.

In addition to the large group of community leaders who will attend the luncheon, the full Minnesota Meeting program will be broadcast live on the *Midday* program of Minnesota Public Radio, with a broad audience throughout the Upper Midwest. The address is also broadcast live on the Web sites of the Minnesota Meeting, MPR and the *StarTribune* newspaper. We also anticipate additional media coverage, particularly of the Citizens Summit.

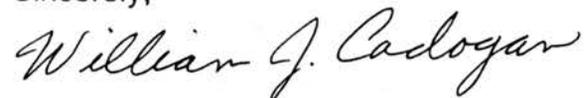
The Summit will convene at 8 a.m. The Minnesota Meeting luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. and your address and a Q&A session will be held from 12:05 to 1:00 p.m. You'll be free for any number of afternoon flights that day.

We will gladly cover your travel and lodging expenses. The Minnesota Meeting cannot, by organizational charter, provide a speaking fee, but I understand that the organizers of the Summit are prepared to offer you a speaking fee of \$2,000.

On behalf of the Minnesota Meeting Board of Directors and our many members, I hope you will accept our invitation to address the Minnesota Meeting and participate in the Citizens Summit. Please feel free to contact Gloria McLenighan or Ken Darling, of the Minnesota Meeting staff, with any questions. They can both be reached at 612.617.1117.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



William J. Cadogan
Chair, Minnesota Meeting
Chairman, President and CEO, ADC Telecommunications

CC: Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton
Matthew Little, President, Education & Housing Equity Project
Dick Little, Executive Director, Education & Housing Equity Project

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February 28, 1997

Mr. George A. Garnett
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Dear George:

Thanks for the very productive meeting earlier this month. It is a great pleasure to work with funders who are not only supportive of our work but also eager to offer new ideas and to actively help shape projects. You and Paul Williams are both great assets to our work and we thank you.

This letter is to outline the elements of a "Citizens Summit" on creating better schools and affordable housing for every resident of the Twin Cities. The project is designed to bring some closure to the "Community Circles" meetings now, or about to be, underway: to honor the work these dedicated citizens have undertaken, to provide a forum for further exchange of ideas (now in the form of more concrete solutions and next steps) among these diverse citizens, to further build connections among citizens metro-wide to *act*, and, finally to generate attention for those ideas among local and national policy leaders, the media and the public.

As we discussed, our plan is to hold a major public forum featuring a speaker of national stature. The program will be co-hosted by the Community Circle partners and the Minnesota Meeting. I've had a long conversation with George Latimer and he agrees that Andrew Cuomo, the new Secretary of HUD, would be an ideal speaker. Mr. Cuomo has expressed a keen interest in what we are doing – and George thinks we have a good chance at getting Cuomo within our May timeline.

The Citizens Summit with Mr. Cuomo will have two parts:

1) A Citizens Forum with the 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. The session will be fully interactive, with the participants having the ability to electronically vote on or rate the various ideas presented. The forum will be moderated by Mr. Latimer and co-facilitated by Jayne Marecek, president of EXPRESS.

In addition to Mr. Cuomo, the forum will be attended by a number of local policy makers/elected officials, from suburban, urban, metropolitan, school, county and state government – all the key officials working on or influencing these issues. The goal of the meeting will be to have these policy makers present to listen to citizens, and to understand the depth of support for their ideas. Our plan is to have 150-200 citizen participants from the study circles join us for the sessions, as well as several dozen policy makers.

2) **A Minnesota Meeting address.** In conjunction with the forum, the Minnesota Meeting will also host an address by Mr. Cuomo. The larger group of community leaders – largely from business and the professions – will join the 200 or so participants from the morning forum for the Minnesota Meeting, which will likely be held just after the forum. It will be very easy for the forum participants – and the elected officials – to stay on for the luncheon, which will be broadcast live on the stations of Minnesota Public Radio. The Minnesota Meeting will also give Mr. Cuomo an excellent opportunity to relate to this larger audience his understanding of the work that happened that morning. Our target date remains late May.

The cost of the above is \$8,000. That cost will cover complete use of the EXPRESS Communications interactive meeting technology at the forum, and provision of the firm's expertise on meeting design, agenda-setting, media relations, and planning of such events. That amount includes \$1,000 to cover all miscellaneous costs associated with the forum (mailing, copying, etc.) and to purchase lunches for some participants. The Minnesota Meeting will cover all travel and lodging costs for Mr. Cuomo, will provide its staff for making all logistical arrangements and coordinating the large-scale meeting itself, will allow all participants to attend the Minnesota Meeting at the membership rate of \$18 and will provide luncheon scholarships for lunches of some non-profit and low income participants (with the project picking up some, too, on a needs basis).

The Community Circles project will handle all communications with the participants and the elected officials (with professional communications advice and support from EXPRESS, which has handled many similar public policy programs) and will actively recruit diverse participants.

As we stated at the meeting our goal is to bring together a group of diverse people who are all committed to moving ahead on these important issues, to "change how we do business" on these issues (schools, housing and segregation), to quote George Garnett. The group will include diversity by race, gender, income, geographic location and political perspective – and profession. We want new people in this discussion – including business owners and a very good mix of suburban and urban people.

We also desire to provide an evening forum for Community Circle participants, especially for those participants who will not be able to attend the daytime forum coupled with the Minnesota Meeting.

This forum will be moderated by Mr. George Latimer and Ms. Vivian Jenkins Nelsen and will use an interactive process modeled after the public deliberations of the Kettering Foundation's National Issues Forums and the Study Circles Resource Center. It will be held prior to the Minnesota Meeting forum, to enable the fullest possible input into the Citizens Summit. The cost of doing that forum is \$2,000. Accordingly our total request from the Minneapolis Foundation (and its partnering funders) is for \$10,000.

We think it would be ideal to have the project jointly funded by the Minneapolis Foundation and the Saint Paul Foundation (or another major St. Paul-based funder). Please do not hesitate to call me – or any of us – with questions. Thanks, again.

Sincerely,

Dick Little, Coordinator

cc: Paul D. Williams, Project Manager, *Building Better Futures*, The Minneapolis Foundation
 Mike Anderson, Board Member, Education and Housing Equity Project
 Jayne Maracek and Ken Darling, EXPRESS Communications/Minnesota Meeting
 Leonard Witt, Minnesota Public Radio Civic Journalism Project
 George Latimer, Professor of Urban Studies, Macalester College

Community Circles: 1997 - 1999 Sponsors

Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, St. Paul (1999)

Ascension Catholic Church - Minneapolis Circle (1997)

Ascension Catholic Church - Brooklyn Center/Brooklyn Park Circle (1997)

Apple Valley Foundation (2000)

Augsburg College, Minneapolis (1999)

Bloomington Human Rights Commission (1999)

Bloomington Jefferson High School & Galaxy Youth Center (2000)

Central Neighborhood Improvement Association, Minneapolis (1999)

Champlin Community Library (1997)

Commonbond Communities, Oak Terrace Residents Association, Oakdale (1997)

Courage Center, Golden Valley (1998)

Crystal Human Rights Commission (1999)

District Five Teen Council, Saint Paul (1999)

Edina Community Education, Edina School District (1997)

First Universalist Church of Minneapolis (1997)

Frogtown Family Center, Frogtown Pluralism Circle, Saint Paul (1999)

Greater Minneapolis Day Care Association (1997)

Golden Valley Black History Month Committee (1997)

Hamline/Midway Coalition Alliance for a Prejudice-Free Community, Saint Paul (1999)

Hennepin County Children and Family Services (1997)

Hiawatha YMCA & Longfellow-Nokomis Family and Community Resource Center, Minneapolis (1999)

Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs, Metro Urban Studies Term, Hamline University (1998 & 1999)

Hmong American Partnership, Saint Paul (1999)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church & Longfellow United for Youth and Families, Minneapolis (1997)

Hopkins School District (1997)

Interdistrict Downtown School, West Metro Education Program (2000)

J.J. Hill Montessori Magnet School, Saint Paul (1999)

League of Women Voters of Minneapolis (1999)

Lexington/Hamline Community Council, Saint Paul (1999)

Maple Grove residents group (1997)

Mayflower Community Congregational Church, Minneapolis (1999)

Merriam Park Community Council & Goodwill/Easter Seals, Saint Paul (1999)

Minneapolis School District, Southwest Area & Minneapolis NRP - Barton Open School (1998)

Minneapolis School District, South Area & Minneapolis NRP - Bryant Square Park (1998)

Minneapolis School District, East Area & Minneapolis NRP – East Lake Library (1998)
 Minneapolis School District, North Area & Minneapolis NRP – Northstar Elementary School (1998)
 Minnesota Fair Housing Center & Project Foundation, Minneapolis (1997)
 Minnesota Public Interest Research Group, University of Minnesota (1999)
 Neighborhood Economic Development Alliance, Saint Paul (1999)
 Partnerships for Tomorrow and City of Burnsville (1999 – 2000)
 People’s Congregational Church, Bayport (1997)
 Project for Pride in Living (two circles), Minneapolis and Saint Paul (1999)
 Ramsey Action Program, Saint Paul (1999)
 Ramsey International Fine Arts School, Minneapolis (1999)
 Richard R. Green Central Park School, Minneapolis (1997)
 Richfield Diversity Connection (1998)
 Richfield Human Rights Commission (1999)
 Richfield School District & Richfield Community Council (1997)
 Roseville Human Rights Commission (2000)
 Sabathani Community Center, Minneapolis (1997)
 Saint Joan of Arc Interfaith Action Team & Southside Neighborhood Housing Services, Minneapolis (1997)
 St. Louis Park leaders circle (1997)
 Saint Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral, Minneapolis (1999)
 Saint Paul Central High School (1997)
 Saint Paul Neighborhood Network (1999)
 Saint Paul School District (multiple circles) (2000)
 Seward Montessori School & Matthews Community Center, Minneapolis (1997)
 South Anoka County Community Consortium (2000)
 Southwest Area Roundtable, Minneapolis (1998)
 The Saint Paul Companies & East Metro Women’s Council (1999)
 Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, Minneapolis (1998)
 University of Minnesota, Newman Center (1997)
 University of St. Thomas, Political Science Department, Saint Paul (1999)
 University of St. Thomas, Theology Department, Saint Paul (1999)
 Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis (1999)
 Westside Family Center, Saint Paul (1999)
 Wooddale Lutheran Church, Saint Louis Park (1999)
 Young Leaders Caucus, Women’s International League for Peace & Freedom, Twin Cities Chapter (1999)

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.

Sponsored by: ***The Minnesota Meeting, the Minnesota Public Radio Civic Journalism Initiative and the Education & Housing Equity Project***

Funded by: ***The Minneapolis and the Saint Paul Foundations***

Metropolitan Citizens Summit
Education, Housing and Race in the Twin Cities Area
December 1999 (date, time and place to be determined)

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

This event will be designed to bring "closure" to the Community Circle Dialogues and to move the community forward on education, housing and race in the Twin Cities:

- to honor the work that dedicated citizens have undertaken in the community circles;
- to provide a forum for further exchange of ideas among these diverse groups of 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 and recommendations among local, state and national policy leaders, the media and the public.

The ultimate goal is to begin to "change the way we do business" as an economically and racially diverse metropolitan community.

The Citizens Summit will have two parts:

- 1) **A citizens forum with participants from the Community Circle Dialogues**
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 and prioritize the various ideas presented. The forum will be moderated by a known and trusted community leader in the Twin Cities.

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 luncheon, public address to the Minnesota Meeting, and radio broadcast**
In conjunction with the forum, the Minnesota Meeting will host an address by Lani Guinier, 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 guest speaker the opportunity to relate to a larger public (luncheon guests and radio listeners) her understanding of the work among citizens that took place at the "citizens summit."

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Announcements...News... Updates...Resources...

SCRC receives Oklahoma award –

In March, the League of Women Voters of Oklahoma presented two Making Democracy Work Awards. One was given to SCRC, and the other was presented to the bipartisan committee of the state legislature that led a sweeping reform of Oklahoma's criminal justice system. The new law, which passed by a wide margin, upholds the main policy ideas advanced by the study circles, and mandates new processes for involving citizens in setting corrections policy. From November '96 to March '97, over 1,000 Oklahomans in 13 communities took part in study circles on criminal justice and corrections. In accepting the honor, SCRC executive director Martha McCoy praised the work of the League and their partners throughout the state, whose efforts succeeded in connecting citizen voices with higher levels of policy making: "You should know that you are making history. You have shown that on a difficult and conflictual issue, people of all walks of life and all beliefs will come together to listen

Guinier applauds "Balancing Justice"

In her new book, noted legal scholar Lani Guinier highlights study circles and, in particular, the "Balancing Justice" program in Oklahoma. Guinier notes: "Through study circles, citizens in the United States are inventing methods for resolving difficult community conflicts, providing important input to legislators, and identifying new and innovative ways of thinking about community issues. Even when formed in a sense of crisis, groups quickly move on from airing grievances to probing causes like perceived institutional racism." To Guinier, recent citizen involvement efforts, such as Balancing Justice, suggest that "busy people with no particular expertise can rise to the task of engaged deliberation when given the opportunity to meet and play a role in public life" (pp. 305-306, *Lift Every Voice*, Simon & Schuster, 1998).

to each other, to find ways to work together, and to make change." Keynoter Harry Boyte, author of numerous books on civic renewal, congratulated the League and the State on the program, calling it a "critically important experiment in democracy."

New tools for public involvement in schools –

Reasons for Hope, Voices for Change: A Report of the Annenberg Institute on Public Engagement for Public Education, documents the grass-roots movement that is changing the relationship between the public and public schools. The report lists key characteristics for effective public engagement in education, such as involving citizens from all segments of the community, focusing on changes that will improve the life of the local community, and building broad consensus. For more information, call (401) 863-2018 or fax (401) 863-1290; to download a copy of the report, visit <http://www.aisr.brown.edu>.

A new guide to support local conversations on education in urban areas has been developed by the Annenberg Institute for School Reform in collaboration with SCRC. *Local Conversations on Urban Education* offers four sessions on the challenges facing city schools. (A Spanish-language version of the guide is available from the Annenberg Institute.) If you would like to use this guide to involve large numbers of people in discussion and action to improve the schools in your community, please contact SCRC.

The President's Initiative on Race introduces new guide –

The *One America Dialogue Guide* was developed through a collaborative process led by the President's Initiative on Race and the Community Relations Service of the U.S. Department of Justice. SCRC was one of five national organizations asked to consult on the development of this resource. Others involved were the YWCA of the USA, Hope in the Cities, Days of Dialogue. The National Conference, and the National Multicultural Institute. Included in the guide are four sections which outline ways to organize and lead small-group dialogues on race, as well as appendices with support information, and a resource section. For more information, contact the President's Initiative on Race, The New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503; (202) 395-1066.

HUD launches Community Builders –

HUD has established the Community Builders Fellowship to train leaders in all aspects of housing and community development, teach them innovative solutions, and send them into 81 communities across the nation to work on urban renewal projects. These leaders will form a pool of community development talent that can help communities design effective strategies to address a full range of needs. Watch for an announcement of this project in your community!

New resources on telecommunications technologies –

Three new publications focus on putting new technologies to work in communities. The National Community Building Network (NCBN) has released *The Community Builders' Guide to Telecommunications Technology*. The guide details the lessons of a project undertaken by NCBN and the Center for

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