

Resolution
Of the
City of Minneapolis

By Reich, Gordon, Hofstede, Johnson, Samuels, Lilligren,
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Honoring Mike Christenson for his service to the City of Minneapolis.

Whereas, Mike Christenson has served the City of Minneapolis for eight years as the Director of Economic Policy and Development and the Director of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED); and

Whereas, Mike's leadership skills and dedication contributed to the successful planning and implementation of a multitude of housing, commercial, industrial and riverfront development projects; and

Whereas, Mike's vision and achievements in the development of Midtown Exchange, Midtown Global Market, Plaza Verde, Coloplast, the MacPhail Center for Music, Gold Medal Park and Riverside Plaza, and the revitalization of commercial corridors through the Great Streets program are especially noteworthy; and

Whereas, Mike's leadership and tireless efforts in the areas of workforce development, the historic closing of the unemployment gap between the City of Minneapolis and the metropolitan region, and the development and expansion of the Minneapolis Promise and STEP-UP programs have and will continue to provide immense benefits to the people of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, Mike's work for the City of Minneapolis has been deeply rooted in his passion for social and economic justice and has resulted in his helping to establish and implement innovative efforts to lift the economic and housing conditions on the North Side, including the Northside Home Fund, the Hawthorne EcoVillage, the East Gateway Partnership, the City's response to the May 22, 2011 tornado and many other initiatives; and

Whereas, Mike's leadership and his ability to forge strategic partnerships have earned him the respect of his colleagues and the community; and

Whereas, Mike's service to the City of Minneapolis and its people has been a continuation of a life of community and public service that includes leadership of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, the Allina Health Systems Foundation and the Citizens League and membership on a variety of local civic and foundation boards; and

Whereas, Mike will leave employment with the City of Minneapolis on January 13, 2012 to continue his career in community service in a new capacity; and

Whereas, the City Council wishes to recognize Mike's dedication and contributions to the City of Minneapolis during his tenure as Director of Economic Policy and Development and Director of CPED;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That on behalf of the people of the City of Minneapolis, the City Council honors, commends and thanks Mike Christenson for his leadership and dedicated service.

Be It Further Resolved that the members of the City Council wish Mike much happiness, good health, professional success and personal fulfillment in the years to come.