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Executive Committee  
Room 331 City Hall  
350 South Fifth Street  
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**RE: Nomination of Jeremy Hanson Willis to Director of  
Community Planning and Economic Development**

Dear Executive Committee Members;

I am submitting the name of Jeremy Hanson Willis as my nomination for the position of Director of Community Planning and Economic Development, to complete the term ending in December of 2013. I request that you appoint Jeremy Hanson Willis as Director of Community Planning and Economic Development and forward this action to the Community Development Committee for a public hearing.

Since his appointment as interim director in April of 2012 he continues to have the support of top leadership in the department and the confidence of external partners at every level. In the weeks since Jeremy began as CPED director, he has proven himself to be an able and skillful leader. As director, Jeremy has managed the development of CPED's 2013 budget with both innovation and discipline, sought to improve internal staff engagement and communications, including meeting with every CPED employee and has provided important transitional leadership as we assume new responsibilities on the Vikings stadium and Target Center.

I believe he is the right person to lead this critically important department to even greater accomplishments. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor R.T. Rybak  
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