



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Civil Rights

**Date:** July 7, 2015

**To:** Council Member Blong Yang, Chair  
Public Safety, Civil Rights & Emergency Management  
Committee

**Subject:** Action Research Team on Sex Offender Concentration Report

**Recommendation:** The Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights respectfully requests that the City Council receive and file the Action Research Team on Sex Offender Concentration Report

**Previous Directives:** Resolution Supporting Actions to Prevent Concentration of Sex Offenders in Minneapolis (RESOLUTION 2013R-109)

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### Supporting Information:

The Action Research Team on Sex Offender Concentration Report highlights key research results from the study of concentration of predatory offenders in Hennepin County and Minneapolis.

In March 2013 a Minneapolis City Council resolution authorized a research project to study concentration of predatory offenders in Hennepin County and Minneapolis, the reasons for it, and possible recommendations to mitigate it.

The Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights approached the University of Minnesota's Urban Research Outreach- Engagement Center (UROC) in 2013 to conduct research on the concentration of sex offenders in socioeconomically disadvantaged Minneapolis neighborhoods. This inter-organizational partnership formed what is now the Action Research Team on Sex Offender Concentration (ARTSOC). The team is comprised of a diverse set of local leaders working in various local agencies, nonprofits and community organizations.

ARTSOC's primary objective is to identify the patterns of predatory offender concentration in Minneapolis neighborhoods, understand the policies of offender release and supervision, and assess the impact of offender concentration on Minneapolis communities.