



North Minneapolis Garden

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To the Minneapolis City Council and the Community Engagement Task Force:

The members of the Community Engagement Task Force have put much time and effort into their report, and we thank them. Yet, something important has not been emphasized.

In Minneapolis we are privileged to have one of the best community engagement programs in the world. It is the award winning Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

The NRP is a shining example of what makes Minneapolis great. It is our people, our neighborhoods working together to make our city safe, vibrant, and beautiful. It has been working for over 15 years, and communities throughout the world look to us as an example of what they hope to achieve.

During the community engagement meetings this past winter, the people of Minneapolis said that what they wanted was to strengthen the NRP, and to get more citizens involved in this wonderful program. We therefore ask the Community Engagement Task Force to recommend that the city fully fund phase two of the NRP by stopping the transfer of money to the Legacy Fund, and to ask the legislature to extend funding for the NRP to at least 2029 by re-certifying and extending the Common Project Tax Increment Districts to 2029.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheryl Senkiw'.

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