Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Office of the Mayor

Date: December 10, 2009

To: Council Member Gary Schiff, Chair, Zoning & Planning Committee
Anissa Hollingshead, Committee Clerk, Zoning & Planning Committee

Subject: Appointment(s) to Planning Commission

Recommendation: Approve the following Mayoral appointments

Appointee Name and Category if any	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward: Indicate Home and/or Work	Number of years of term	Term Beginning/ Ending	Replacing or fulfilling the term of another member: Name, Expiration Date
Erika Carter	Mayor	7 (home)			Lara Norkus Crampton (resigned 7/09), expires 01/31/10

Previous Directives: NA

Prepared by: Cara Letofsky, Policy Aide, 673-2109
Approved by: Mayor R.T. Rybak
Presenters in Committee: Cara Letofsky, Policy Aide, 673-2109

Financial Impact: No financial impact. Action is within current department budget.

Background/Supporting Information Attached

Application for Appointment to a
City of Minneapolis Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force

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Title of the Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force this application is for
Minneapolis Planning Commission

Name: Erika Delaine Carter	Ward: 7
Signature:	Date: 13 Nov 2009

Occupation: Senior Policy Advocate	Employer: Target Corporation
Employer's Address: 1000 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403	

Describe your background related to any required or desirable qualification listed in the Notice. Include applicable experience with civic, professional or volunteer organizations and other city boards or commissions. List any awards or special recognition.

I am currently a senior policy advocate with Target Government Affairs. Specifically, I am responsible for local issue management and civic relationship development for senior store executives in Target's South and East Coast major markets. I also support strategic public/private partnership development at the local and national level. I hold a Master's degree in Public Policy, with an emphasis in public sector management, from the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota.

I spent four years in Washington, D.C. as a senior policy analyst with the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). I was responsible for the evaluation of efficiency, effectiveness and execution of federal agency programs, and general stewardship of federal tax dollars. In December 2007, I received the Managing Director's award, and a letter of appreciation from the Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, for my supervision of a high-profile testimony on the readiness and cost-effectiveness of a proposed DHS radiation detection system.

I am proficient in strategic planning and analysis, critical thinking, and project management.

I currently represent Target with the Regional Council of Mayors and as a steering committee member of the 2010 Partners, a public-private partnership committed to thoughtful and sustainable design and development of the district surrounding Target Field. I am also a participant in the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Twin Cities program focused specifically on the examination of critical issues currently facing the region from blended public, private and non-profit perspectives.