



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: June 25, 2007
To: HEALTH, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Subject: PRESENTATION ON STEPS TO A HEALTHIER MINNEAPOLIS
EFFORTS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOODS

Recommendation:
Receive and file

Previous Directives:
None

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Approved by: _____
Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Not Applicable X
Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee: Patty Bowler, Director of Policy and Community Programs
Angela Dawson, Northside Food Project

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

Background/Supporting Information Attached

Steps to a Healthier Minneapolis is a five year federally funded initiative focused on the prevention of diabetes, obesity and asthma by addressing related risk factors of poor nutrition, physical inactivity and tobacco use and exposure. One of Steps goals has been to support community based programs in the Phillips and North Minneapolis neighborhoods to increase access to nutritious foods. A brief overview of this activity will be presented highlighting the successes and challenges of these efforts and the role that the city can play to increase access to high quality foods in low-income neighborhoods.