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Minneapolis City Council
Barbara Johnson, President
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Council President Barbara Johnson and Members of the City Council,

I have vetoed the Council action that directs one-time 2011 funds from other departments to the Fire Department. As I wrote earlier this week, I am strongly opposed to using additional one-time funding to plug a systemic budget gap in the Fire Department. The Action that I vetoed also does not take into account the costs that these shifts impose on other departments. I agree with the sentiment of several members who supported this Action that it is a terrible way to do business.

The Council passed several related Actions that I support and have signed. I have signed the use of contingency funds to mitigate State funding cuts to the Police and Fire Departments in a way that is responsible and balances the need to provide high-quality emergency fire/medical response with the need to control taxes and spending. I have signed the direction that requires the Fire Chief to report monthly on his efforts to cut back on the use of sick leave and overtime and repeals the Standard of Coverage. I have signed the direction that staff prepare an application for SAFER grant, which would require Council review and approval before it is submitted.

In our work together over many years, we have largely avoided the budget shifts and gimmicks that the state and federal government have used to address their budget challenges. However, the use of short-term fixes in the Fire Department budget over the years has made the situation worse, and I do not want us to push an even larger challenge onto the 2012 budget or future years. We have a tough job to do that both saves people's jobs and uses public resources responsibly. Unfortunately, the Action adopted by the Council does not accomplish that goal. Therefore, I have vetoed it.

Sincerely,

Mayor R.T. Rybak
City of Minneapolis

W&M/Budget - Your Committee, having under consideration the City's 2011

adopted budget, as amended on April 25, 2011; and having received a report from staff on the service implications resulting from the impact of the State's recent budget actions, now recommends passage of the accompanying resolution, amending the 2011 General Appropriation Resolution, by directing specified departments with vacant positions to transfer funds in 2011 salary savings to the Fire Department budget.

Certified as an official action of the City Council: *act*

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE (X INDICATES VOTE)													
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	NOT VOTING	ABSENT	VOTE TO OVERRIDE	VOTE TO SUSTAIN	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	NOT VOTING	ABSENT	VOTE TO OVERRIDE	VOTE TO SUSTAIN
Reich	X						Glidden	X					
Gordon	X						Schiff	X					
Hofstede	X						Tuthill	X					
Johnson	X						Quincy		X				
Samuels		X					Colvin Roy	X					
Lilligren		X					Hodges		X				
Goodman		X											

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ATTEST *[Signature]*
CITY CLERK

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MAYOR RYBAK
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2011R- 434
RESOLUTION
of the
CITY OF
MINNEAPOLIS

By Colvin Roy and Schiff

Amending The 2011 General Appropriation Resolution.

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:
That the above-entitled resolution, as amended, be further amended as follows:

Directing departments with the following vacant positions to transfer at \$25,000 per position in 2011 salary savings to Fire Department budget, increasing its appropriation (00100-2800400) on a one-time basis by \$300,000:

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| Assessor | Assessor I-C |
| City Clerk | Asst City Clerk-C |
| Communications | Office Support Specialist II-C |
| Finance | Controller-C |
| Health & Family Support | Family Support Spec 3 YouthDev |
| Neighborhood & Community Relations | Neighborhood Support Spec-C |
| PW – Traffic & Parking Services | Engineering Technician II – C |
| PW – Transp Maintenance & Repair | Office Support Specialist I-C |
| Reg Svcs | Director Regulatory Services-C |
| Reg Svcs | Manager Staff Services - C |
| Reg Svcs | Manager Green Bldg Pcly Dev – C |
| Reg Svcs | Manager License Consumer Srv – C |

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Goodman		X											

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ATTEST *Daisy K. [Signature]*
CITY CLERK

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