



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations**

Date: Nov. 21, 2006

To: IGR Committee

**Subject: Plan to End Homelessness**

**Recommendation: Acceptance of report**

**Previous Directives: Plan presented at City Council Study Session**

Prepared by: Cathy ten Broeke

Approved by: Gene Ranieri \_\_\_\_\_

Presenters in Committee: Cathy ten Broeke and staff from city departments

**Community Impact**

- Neighborhood Notification – Plan has been reviewed by community members during public comment period.
- City Goals – One of the sustainability indicators is ending homelessness.

**Supporting Information**

See copy of attached report and resolution.

**Proposed Resolution  
of the  
City of Minneapolis**

By Hodges

**Accepting the plan entitled "*Heading Home Hennepin: The Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County.*"**

Whereas, 40% of people experiencing homelessness are children, with over 4,000 students in the Minneapolis Public School system homeless or highly mobile over the course of a year; and

Whereas, persons experiencing homelessness disproportionately use crisis services at great cost to the public, and research has found that providing stable housing and support services greatly reduces the need for costly crisis care; and

Whereas, best practices such as prevention, outreach, and supportive housing have proven to be effective in reducing homelessness in Minneapolis, Hennepin County and communities across the nation; and

Whereas, over 200 states, counties, and cities nationwide, including the State of Minnesota and Ramsey County, have committed to ending homelessness by developing ten-year plans; and

Whereas, in March of this year, seventy members of our community from all levels of government, non-profit, faith and business, came together to form the Minneapolis/Hennepin County Commission to End Homelessness, with the belief that we could change the paradigm from *managing* homelessness to *ending* it; and

Whereas, the Commission, with the help of over 200 individuals representing the faith, business, government, and philanthropic sectors, nonprofit service providers and people experiencing homelessness, developed a ten-year plan to end homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County called *Heading Home Hennepin* that contains six broad goals, thirty recommendations, and over fifty concrete action steps; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has adopted a city goal of ending homelessness; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis has housing, job training and employment services that can be used to implement the plan and has allocated resources for a program coordinator to direct planning and implementation;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Minneapolis City Council accepts *Heading Home Hennepin: The Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness in Minneapolis and Hennepin County*, and directs staff to work with our community partners on implementation of this plan.

Be It Further Resolved that City staff annually report to the City Council on the progress of the plan and note specific implications on the forthcoming city budget.