



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

**Date:** March 24, 2010  
**To:** PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE  
**Subject:** PRESENTATION ON HOMEGROWN MINNEAPOLIS  
INITIATIVE – REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS

**Recommendation:**  
Receive and file report.

**Previous Directives:**  
June 26, 2009 Council directive for the Homegrown Minneapolis Implementation Task Force to return to Committee with a proposal for implementing recommendations from the Homegrown Minneapolis report

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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:** Julie Ristau (Community Member, Homegrown Minneapolis Phase 1 tri-chair)  
Cara Letofsky (Mayor's Office)  
Karin Berkholtz (CPED)  
Kristen Klingler (Health & Family Support)

**Financial Impact (Check those that apply)**

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

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

The Homegrown Minneapolis Implementation Task Force was directed to return to Committee no later than the first quarter of 2010 with a proposal for implementing recommendations from the Homegrown Minneapolis report, including but not limited to the:

- Formation of a City advisory committee on food policy
- Draft policy of a community garden program that allows organizations to lease non-developable city-owned property for community gardens
- Suggestions relating to the City's State legislative agenda
- Development of a Sustainability Indicator for sustainably and locally-grown foods
- Creation of a citywide topical plan on community gardens and urban agriculture
- Inventory of community kitchens and processing and distribution of sustainably and locally-grown food
- Improved coordination of farmers markets
- Equity of access and food security, including the use of EBT at farmers markets.

The full progress report on implementation efforts is attached.