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City Announces New Housing Policy and Development Director

January 22, 2008 (MINNEAPOLIS)—Mike Christenson, Director of the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED), has named Tom Streitz as the City's new Housing Policy and Development Director. Streitz will lead the housing policy and development division which includes single family housing, multi-family housing and real estate development services.

Streitz has served as Deputy Executive Director of the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) since 2001, managing and providing strategic leadership to the largest provider of affordable housing in Minnesota. Prior to his service at MPHA, Streitz was a government relations attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, advocating and lobbying on behalf of low-income clients and nonprofit organizations. He was the co-counsel and lead implementation attorney in the *Hollman v. Cisneros* civil rights lawsuit and resulting Consent Decree. That decree ultimately established Heritage Park, the model development in north Minneapolis. Streitz also served for six years as legislative counsel for the U.S. Senate. The position reports to Christenson.

"Tom has programmed and managed affordable housing in Minneapolis for more than a decade, and he's a passionate advocate. Tom understands housing markets and is uniquely prepared to translate the nationally-recognized policies of the City into housing that attracts solid citizens and investors," said Christenson.

Streitz lives in Minneapolis and was a Humphrey Policy Fellow at the University of Minnesota, earned a Master's degree in law from Georgetown University, a J.D. from Seattle University and a B.S. from the University of Nebraska. He's a longtime resident of southwest Minneapolis where he lives with his wife and twin boys. He begins his new position with the City on February 19.

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