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Re: Community Connections Conference Report to the Community.

Dear Neighborhood and Community Leaders;

Thank you to all who participated in and attended the First Annual Community Connections Conference that was held on Saturday, February 11th at the St. Mary's University Event Center! We have completed a ***Report to the Community*** summarizing the highlights of the conference, outcomes, evaluation data and next steps. A copy of this report is attached.

The Community Connections Conference was a tremendous success. A total of 430 people attended from across the City. The conference delivered the best value in professional development and opportunity to share experiences, expand collaborative networks, and began to redefine the vision for our neighborhoods. Attendees have described to colleagues, the value of the networking opportunities alone exceeded their expectations.

The conference not only provided a new energy for neighborhood work, but brought together a host of new partnerships with City departments and other community organizations. Participants were given the opportunity to give their feedback both at the conference as well as by email shortly after the event. Overall, 90% of attendees rated the overall conference as good or excellent.

In the ***Report to the Community***, we identify outcomes and next steps. The conference was a significant step forward to find meaningful citywide interaction among neighborhoods that can provide the strategies and tools around equity, diversity and inclusion. The department will use the next steps to continue the work with our neighborhoods and our community partners in realizing our goal of *Many People, One Minneapolis*.

You can also find the Report to the Community online at:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/www/groups/public/@ncr/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-088710.pdf>

Your participation, insights, and energy were critical to getting the work this far and we will be looking to you playing key roles as we move forward. Thanks again to everyone who helped make this a great event!

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