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Welcome

The Neighborhood & Community Relations (NCR) Department is excited to host the 7th Annual Community Connections Conference. This year's conference theme – **Aspire.Collaborate.Transform** – promotes building broad-based efforts among all segments of the city. The aim is to inspire collective action that influences positive change across the city's increasingly diverse neighborhoods and communities.

Today's conference is truly a collaborative community effort. NCR worked with community members to plan the conference and its program, all of which cover issues that impact the lives of residents every day. The Exhibit Space features over 100 organizations in the Twin Cities. Conference workshops are led by community experts from organizations across Minneapolis, including youth, community organizations, City of Minneapolis staff, local government agencies, representatives from Minneapolis neighborhood organizations, and the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission.

About NCR

The Neighborhood and Community Relations department strives for equitable access and the opportunity for equal input by addressing and removing barriers to civic participation and meaningful engagement. We connect the community to the City and the City to the community.

"When residents are informed, connect to their community, and feel represented in City government they are empowered to influence decision that impact their lives."

NCR sees value in gathering neighborhoods and communities on an annual basis to discuss broader City goals, objectives and opportunities. We hope this annual conference will provide a forum to support broader discussions and alignment between neighborhoods, the City and cultural communities. The conference is an important step in exploring how the City's key partners – neighborhoods and community organizations – can help us create a city that works for all. We hope you leave today's Community Connections Conference with practical tools and resources that you can apply within your community.

Sincerely,

David Rubedor

Director,

Neighborhood & Community Relations

Conference Schedule

7:30 am	Exhibit Hall Opens & Check-In Starts
8:45 am	Opening Remarks
9:15-10:15 am	Opening Plenary Panel
10:30-11:45 am	Morning Workshop Sessions
Noon	Lunch
1:15-2:30 pm	Afternoon Workshop Sessions
2:45-3:45 pm	Community Round Table

Aspire

Creating outcomes through capturing your ideas and visions of what the city can become.

Collaborate

Coming together to develop strategies to achieve these outcomes.

Transform

Creating and impacting change as a community.

Accessibility & Inclusion

Your participation in the Community Connections Conference is greatly encouraged. The Neighborhood and Community Relations Department is committed to providing a rich, accessible and inclusionary experience.

On-site interpreters are available for American Sign Language, Spanish, Somali and Hmong, throughout the day.

If you are in need of assistance, interpreters, or accommodations to participate, please visit the registration table near main entrance.

Opening Plenary Panel

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Envisioning Change and Leadership Exhibit Hall - Ballroom B

Envisioning Change and Leadership features an all-women panel of transformative leaders from diverse sectors and backgrounds. Each panelist brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in organizing to create systems change in their respective fields. The panel will include an interactive conversation on equity and transformative leadership.



ANDREA JENKINS

Andrea is a writer, performance artist, poet, and transgender activist. She is the first African American openly trans woman to be elected to office in the United States. She has experience working in community development in North Minneapolis, and in delivering social services in South Minneapolis. Andrea moved to Minnesota to attend the University of Minnesota in 1979 and was hired by the Hennepin County government, where she worked for a decade. Andrea worked as a staff member on the Minneapolis City Council for 12 years before beginning work as curator of the Transgender Oral History Project at the University of Minnesota's Jean-Nickolaus Tretter Collection in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Studies.



PATINA PARK

Patina is executive director at the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, a 30-year-old nonprofit dedicated to providing culturally-appropriate holistic programming to heal, preserve and strengthen Native American women and their families. She is Cheyenne River Sioux and an adult-adoptee. Patina has enjoyed working throughout Indian Country and with state and county government agencies nationwide, training on topics including Federal Indian Law, working with Native communities, historical trauma and poverty and the impact on families. Patina is also co-author of Best Outcomes for Indian Children, Child Welfare Volume 91(3)(2012).



JENNIFER SREY

Jenny is a social worker by profession, who was directly impacted by the deportation process after her husband was detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in August 2016. Her husband, along with seven other Cambodian Minnesotans were abruptly taken from their families. Through this crisis, Jenny, along with other family members, organized a grassroots community campaign called, Release MN8,

in efforts to save families. Fortunately, Jenny and her husband are now reunited. They are hurt by seeing the families continue to be separated and have committed themselves to doing the work necessary to dismantle systems harming the community. Jenny is a lead organizer for Release MN8, which continues to grow, serving the same purpose of protecting the community from harmful deportation policies.

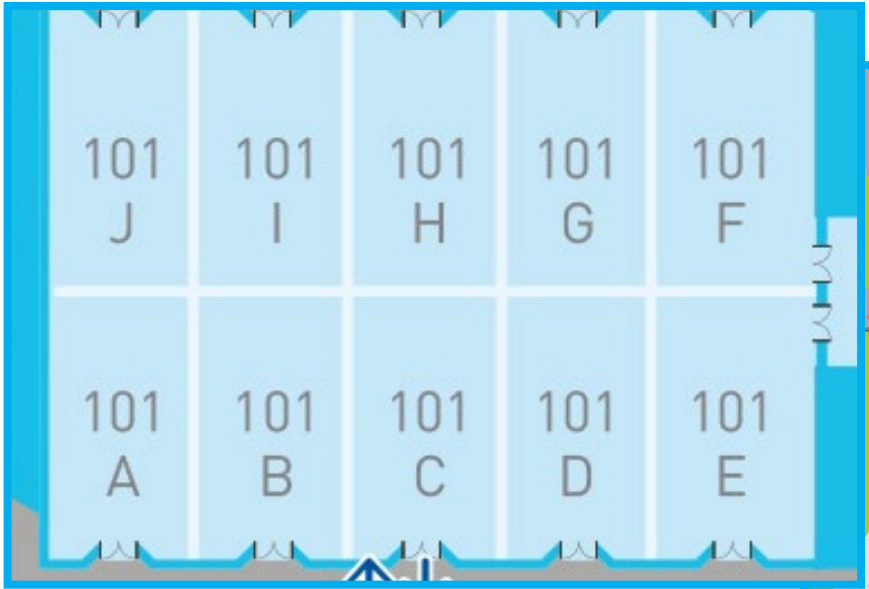


TERRI BANASZEWSKI

Terri is responsible for growing Sunrise Banks' business, retail and residential mortgage loan and deposit portfolios through business development activities, involvement in community events and neighborhood outreach. She also builds and enhances relationships with potential and existing clients and bank partners. Terri joined Sunrise Banks in 2000 to focus on establishing relationships, marketing and assist with growing the

community bank. Terri sits on the Board of Directors of the St Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and the Towerside Business Alliance, and is a Gala Committee member for the Midway Chamber of Commerce, a past Board member of Women Venture, and a current member of the Business Finance Advisory Committee.

Conference Map

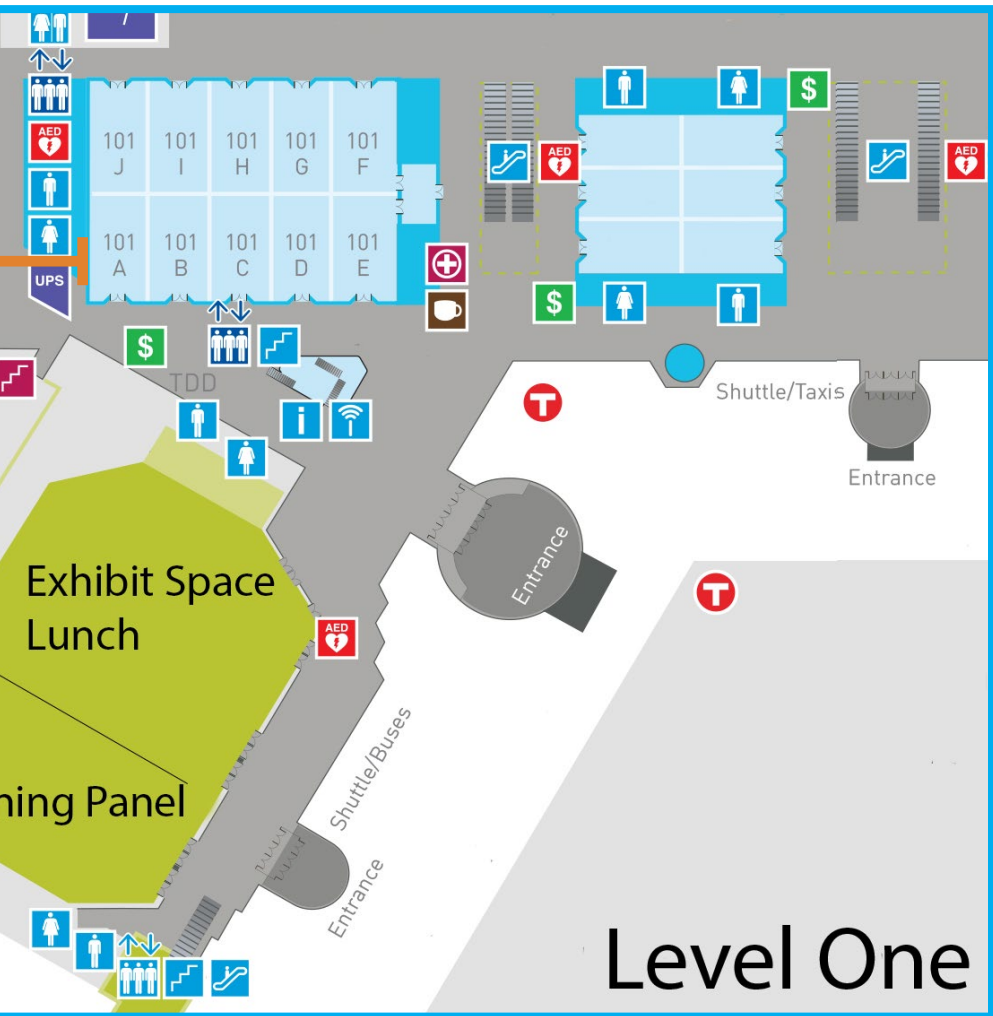


Minneapolis American Indian Center

Gatherings Café - Austin's Catering

Food Vendors

- East Village Grill
- La Mexicana
- Austin's Catering
- White Dragon Catering, Inc.
- Wendy's House of Soul Food



Level One

Awesome Neighborhoods in 120 Seconds or Less

Room 101 A

Join us for a series of fast-paced presentations from multiple neighborhood organizations throughout the city. This engaging workshop will include time to interact and find out more about the great work being done in Minneapolis neighborhoods.

Formalizing Relationships between Community and Government

Room 101 B

In this session, hear how formalized relationships between public entities and communities can lead to success in engagement, reciprocal participation and improved outcomes. An overview and history of the American Indian Memorandum of Understanding with the City and American Indian Memorandum of Agreement with Minneapolis Public Schools will be included.

Tenant Rights, Housing Habitability, & How Communities Can Support Renter Households

Room 101 C

This session will cover the most common rental housing issues—repairs, eviction, deposits, etc. We'll also tackle some of the ways our public policies are falling short. What opportunities and solutions are there for individuals, neighborhoods and community leaders to engage residents and improve the lives of our neighbors?

Understanding Racial Trauma

Room 101 D

Gain a deeper understanding of trauma and its roots and symptoms in communities of color. This session will also explore strategies the City is using to build upon this knowledge in order to foster greater trust and healing as well as shift systems for more equitable outcomes.

All About the Benjamins: Tips for Community Orgs Seeking Government Funds

Room 101 E

Seeking City and federal funding opportunities? This workshop will cover search engines for funding and address misconceptions about the rigor of applying for government funds. The session will conclude with resources that the Promise Zone can offer community organizations and a questions and answers segment. Community organizations, residents and small business won't want to miss it!

Building Immigrant, Refugee and Community Power Room 101 F

Do you know your rights during interactions with immigration authorities? How do communities educate their peers about the US immigration system and fight back against prejudice and misinformation? Join presenters from prominent local advocacy organizations to learn about how they use grassroots strategies to keep families together and protect the rights of immigrants and refugees. Learn how to build power and sustainable structures.

Neighborhoods 2020: Brainstorm Board and Commission Structure Ideas, Elections and Ordinance Changes

Room 101 H

How can we update the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission elections and appointment process? How can we make better use of the NRP Policy Board? What's currently working, and what should be changed? This discussion is for neighborhood leaders, community members and policy makers.

Discrimination 101

Room 101 I

Do you know what discrimination looks like today? Do you know the legal difference between unprofessional behavior and discrimination? Do you know what information you must gather for a claim? Join staff from the Department of Civil Rights for this interactive workshop.

Movin' & Shakin': How the Northside is Transforming the Food System

Room 101 J

Explore the food justice movement in North Minneapolis in this interactive workshop! Northside Fresh Coalition is a network of individuals and organizations that facilitate collaboration and collective voice to strengthen the food system in North Minneapolis. We will examine the food system through a small group activity that will lead into a panel of coalition partners discussing the collaborative work happening on the Northside.

Demand Equity in Representation: Mobilizing for the 2020 Census **Room 101 A**

Anti-immigrant rhetoric has permeated our national dialogue at a critical time. As we approach the 2020 Census, some members of the Minneapolis community may remain uncounted out of fear, and the impact of undercounting lasts a decade. Undercounting would threaten our ability to secure federal and state funding and reduce our political representation. This workshop will focus on the importance of local action to mobilize people of color, immigrants, refugees and non-English-speaking residents to be counted.

Investing in Community: Little Earth Collaborative Public Safety Strategies **Room 101 B**

The Collaborative Public Safety Strategies initiative allowed for community to decide for themselves what public-safety interventions would work best in their areas. This session will provide insight into process, implementation, and types of support that worked best for the Little Earth area. The Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI), the fiscal agent for the Little Earth Area programs, provided assistance to program providers. One of those programs was the young women's mentorship program Oshki-Ikwewag Mino-Bimaadizii, an Ojibwe name meaning "young women leading a good life," that supports Native American girls in making healthy choices.

Homeownership Opportunities **Room 101 C**

Learn about the Minneapolis Homes program, which provides a range of opportunities to build, buy or rehab a home in the City of Minneapolis.

Minimum Wage, Sick and Safe Time Ordinances **Room 101 D**

As of January 1, 2018, Minneapolis businesses with over 100 employees are required to pay employees an hourly wage of at least \$10. This new minimum wage will rise again on July 1, including for smaller employers. Employees across the city now also have the right to sick and safe leave. In this session, the Department of Civil Rights will teach you about enforcement measures and your rights and responsibilities under the new laws.

Doing Business in the City **Room 101 E**

Learn how to start a business, become a vendor for the City and get technical assistance and access to capital. Learn about how the City can help you start, sustain and expand your business in Minneapolis.

DEFENDING IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITIES: DACA, TPS and MUNICIPAL IDs **Room 101 F**

Since the 2016 election, immigrants and refugees have been under attack. One of the new executive orders authorizes ICE to triple its resources, and essentially eliminates the enforcement priorities, targeting more individuals. In this climate, the defense of immigrant communities has become an emergency that must be addressed locally. This session will highlight how the City of Minneapolis is standing up for immigrants and refugees through legal protection funds, welcoming city policies and access to counsel projects and how community based groups are leading these efforts.

Neighborhoods 2020: Findings and Ideas for Policy **Room 101 G/H**

Discuss key recommendations in small groups based on feedback and research from 2017 community forums. Brainstorm ideas for updating the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Policy for 2020 and beyond.

Targeted Universalism **Room 101 I/J**

Understand the complexity of applying a racial equity lens in a policy design process. The session covers the role of privilege and its many forms.

Exhibitors

- 4 - 35W@94 Downtown to Crosstown Construction Project
- 5 - Alliance for Sustainability
- 6 - APAHC - The Housing Consortium
- 3 - Artspace Projects, Inc.
- 3 - Asian Media Access
- 6 - Bassett Creek Cohousing
- 9 - CAIR-Minnesota
- 5 - Center for Energy and Environment
- 3 - Center for Urban Regional Affairs - University of Minnesota
- 9 - CenterPoint Energy
- 6 - City of Minneapolis Assessor's Office
- 1 - City of Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling
- 4 - City of Minneapolis Ward 4
- 4 - City of Minneapolis Website Project
- 10 - Cleveland Neighborhood Association
- 3 - Collaborative Community Law Initiative
- 3 - Communities United Against Police Brutality
- 7 - Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC)
- 9 - Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES)
- 2 - courageous heARTS
- 11 - Diversity Street Dancers
- 7 - East Side Neighborhood Services
- 10 - Field Regina Northrop Neighborhood Group
- 10 - Folwell Neighborhood Association (FNA)
- 5 - Friends of Triangle Park
- 8 - Frogtown Connection
- 10 - Hawthorne Neighborhood Council
- 2 - Heart and Soul Drum Academy
- 4 - Hennepin Downtown
- 6 - Hennepin History Museum
- 10 - Heritage Park Neighborhood
- 2 - Hiawatha Academies
- 7 - House of Charity
- 6 - Housing Stability Mediation Services
- 8 - Human Connectome Project
- 10 - Jordan Area Community Council (JACC)
- 10 - Kenny Neighborhood
- 10 - Linden Hills Neighborhood Council
- 10 - Logan Park Neighborhood Association
- 1 - Metro Blooms
- 9 - Metro Transit
- 6 - MICAH
- 10 - Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.
- 11 - Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour
- 5 - Minneapolis 2000-Watt Society
- 4 - Minneapolis 2040
- 3 - Minneapolis 311
- 4 - Minneapolis 911
- 5 - Minneapolis Climate Action
- 3 - Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights
- 4 - Minneapolis Elections and Voter Services & City Clerk's Office
- 4 - Minneapolis Elections and Voter Services & City Clerk's Office
- 8 - Minneapolis Health Department - Healthy Living Initiative
- 4 - Minneapolis Homes
- 1 - Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board
- 1 - Minneapolis Parks Foundation
- 2 - Minneapolis Public Schools
- 9 - Minneapolis Urban League

Note: Vendors are listed with their assigned Exhibit Hall section numbers.

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- 7 - Minnesota Circles of Support & Accountability - Department of Corrections
- 1 - Minnesota Film and TV
- 9 - Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
- 8 - Minnesota Recovery Connection
- 8 - Minnesota State Demographic Center
- 5 - Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
- 2 - MN Internship Center
- 1 - Move Minneapolis
- 4 - Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission
- 10 - Nokomis East Neighborhood Association
- 11 - North Loop Neighborhood Association
- 8 - NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center
- 7 - Northside Economic Opportunity Network (NEON)
- 5 - Northside Greenway Now!
- 11 - Northside Residents Redevelopment Council
- 6 - One Family, One Community
- 6 - Oromo Cultural Institute of Minnesota
- 5 - Our Streets Minneapolis
- 8 - Phillips Wellness 50+: A Grassroots Movement to Improve Health and Well-Being
- 2 - Project DIVA
- 5 - Project Sweetie Pie
- 11 - Promise Zone
- 10 - Prospect Park Association
- 2 - Public Allies Twin Cities
- 7 - Quorum
- 2 - Ready Go (Springboard for the Arts)
- 7 - Regulatory Services
- 5 - Renaissance Soil
- 6 - Riverside Plaza Tenant Association
- 7 - RSVP - Volunteers of America MN
- 10 - SECIA's Utility Box Project - Southeast Como Improvement Association
- 11 - Shingle Creek Neighborhood Association
- 1 - Sierra Club North Star Chapter
- 7 - Small Business Administration
- 6 - Somali American Leaders and Mediators (SALAM)
- 1 - Special Service Districts & Solid Waste and Recycling
- 3 - State Services for the Blind
- 1 - Sustainable Resources Center
- 2 - Tasho Community
- 3 - The Bakken Museum
- 5 - The Commons
- 6 - The Healing Commons - Holistic Nursing Services, LLC
- 6 - The Non Religious Church
- 7 - The Somali American Chamber Of Commerce
- 5 - Transition Twin Cities
- 11 - Twin Cities Carifest
- 8 - Twin Cities Recovery Social Club
- 1 - Twin Cities Transit Riders Union
- 3 - University Neighborhoods Engagement Zone
- 2 - University of Minnesota Robert J. Jones Urban Research and Outreach Engagement Center
- 7 - UpWorks
- 8 - Volunteers of America - Amicus Services
- 10 - Waite Park Community Council
- 7 - Weaving Cultures, LLC
- 8 - WellShare International

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Notes

Build Community! Make a new friend.

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