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Friends and Neighbors,

I am reaching out to you because YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION has been included in **NRP District 3**, along with the six others on the attached contact list.

Minneapolis has been divided into six NRP Districts. Each district will ELECT a DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE to the newly constituted Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Policy Board. In addition, all the districts together will elect two AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES, for a total of EIGHT representatives from the neighborhoods in Minneapolis.

Hopefully you have received a letter last week from Steven Gallagher of NCR, announcing these upcoming elections and the process for participating in the selection process.

But, time is not our friend in this process. A lot has to happen in the next eight weeks!

FIRST, to become a CANDIDATE, each interested person must register with NCR. It is to our advantage to have a very qualified person as our DISTRICT 3 representative on the NRP Policy Board. The DEADLINE for applying to be a CANDIDATE is January 20, 2024.

SECOND, each neighborhood organization will decide how it will choose their ELECTOR, the person who will attend the conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center on February 17, and “submit” your votes to elect your DISTRICT and AT-LARGE representatives.

BETWEEN NOW AND JANUARY 20...

I would strongly recommend that all neighborhood organizations in our District PROACTIVELY recruit CANDIDATES before NCRs filing deadline for candidates.

BETWEEN JANUARY 20 AND FEBRUARY 17...

Arrange time for us to get to know the candidates, and then get together to CHOOSE who our electors will “submit” as our choices for DISTRICT and AT-LARGE representative.

If we wait...

for the list of CANDIDATES released by NCR only ten days before the conference, neighborhood organizations LOSE ANY REAL INPUT in determining who are **nominated** candidates.

CALL TO ACTION -

Step 1. Recruit Our Own DISTRICT 3 CANDIDATE

Let's get together and identify someone who will be our candidate for the NRP Policy Board

Step 2. Choose your neighborhood organization ELECTOR.

Each Board should appoint an elector, with the expectation that they will show up on February 17 at the conference and “submit” the choices made by the neighborhood organizations for DISTRICT and AT-LARGE candidates.

Finally...

NCR is sharing its version of the NRP Policy Board and what it does. However, this description is incomplete and really doesn't describe the full role of what the NRP Policy Board **could** do. More to come very soon.

Please invest your time and energy NOW, to find and elect EIGHT representatives to the NRP Policy Board who will represent our neighborhood organizations and the work we believe in.

Thank you. I hope to hear from you soon.

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