

Committee of the Whole

For the meeting of December 2, 2020

Subject: ULI MN's Navigating Your Competitive Future Developers Panel

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Proposed Action

None. Information only.

Background

At the December 2, Committee of the Whole meeting, Cathy Capone Bennett from the Urban Land Institute of Minnesota (ULI MN) will moderate an interactive workshop with Council members and volunteer real estate professionals to focus on the current challenges of development and redevelopment. Committee members will hear how factors such as COVID-19, the stay-at-home policies, and the re-opening of economies will impact development in cities. Developers participating on the panel include:

- D'Angelos Svenkeson, NEOO Partners
- Nawal Noor, Noor Companies
- David Wellington, Wellington Management

ULI MN has completed 85 similar workshops in the region and across the state. These workshops, called Navigating Your Competitive Future (NCF), are designed to foster a meaningful dialogue among the public and private sectors to strengthen a mutual understanding of today's economic reality, market preferences and demographic shifts ensuring that there is equitable, prosperous development. The purpose is for public officials to better understand the importance of effective partnerships and learn strategies to position communities to be competitive, equitable and resilient, and to attract the best quality development particularly in these uncertain and evolving economic times.