

## Community Development Committee

Meeting date: July 15, 2013

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**Subject:** 2012 Population Estimates

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minnesota Statutes 473.24

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**Division/Department:** Community Development, Regional Policy and Research

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### Proposed Action

Information item only.

### Background

Since 1971, Metropolitan Council annually prepares local households and population estimates for cities and townships in the Twin Cities seven-county area. Metropolitan Council has administrative responsibility for preparing the estimates, distributing them for local government review, receiving comments or challenges, revising estimates as warranted, and certifying final estimates. Between decennial censuses, these estimates are the official households and population estimates for State government purposes (Minnesota Statutes 473.24).

Metropolitan Council employs a locally-detailed, housing-based methodology to estimate households and population. The process has been updated and improved in recent years in order to utilize the best evidence available. Council staff have designed the process and calculations to be transparent and fair -- the same process and rules are applied in the calculations of estimates for all cities and townships in the seven-county metro area.

This presentation will provide an overview of the 2012 population estimates and outline population change within the region since 2010. By July 15, Council staff will have certified the 2012 population estimates, will have delivered the estimates to the Minnesota State Demographer and the Commissioners of Revenue of Transportation, and will have published the 2012 estimates on the Metropolitan Council website (<http://metro council.org/data>).

### Rationale

Information item only.

### Funding

No special funding; annual population estimates are a regular part of Community Development Division's research workplan.

### Known Support / Opposition

Not applicable.