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TO: Land Use Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: Mixed Income Housing Feasibility Education and Action Project

The following content to be discussed at the September 15, 2016 Land Use Advisory Committee Meeting:

The Family Housing Fund (FHF) and the Urban Land Institute of Minnesota/Regional Council of Mayors (ULI MN/RCM) have partnered on the MSP Mixed Income Housing Feasibility Education and Action Project which provides tools to help municipalities learn how they can work with the private and non-profit developers to provide mixed income housing in the Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP) Region. This project allows staff to learn, experiment and, if they choose, develop policies to incentivize mixed income housing development in a collaborative environment and includes three parts. 1.) Training - A four-part training series where municipal staff and others learn about mixed income housing. The training attracted 25-30 cities in small, interactive workshops focused on the MSP region, with local and national lessons. 2.) Calculator - Municipalities also were able to use the Mixed Income Housing Feasibility Calculator. This powerful, easy to use tool, is a great instrument for both learning about the concepts involved with mixed income housing, and understanding the economics in different cities in the region. 3.) Technical Assistance - Four cities were provided with funding for technical assistance in exploring and crafting new mixed income policies.