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TO: Land Use Advisory Committee
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**SUBJECT: ULI MN/Regional Council of Mayors Housing Initiative and
Advisory Services**

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

The ULI MN/Regional Council of Mayors (RCM) Housing Initiative has been a catalyst for a cultural shift in support of a full range of housing choices, and as a result local governments are demonstrating broader acceptance and intentional actions that support affordable housing for existing residents and future generations. Cities recognize the economic imperative of a full range of housing choices to ensure their competitive ability to accommodate income diversity in their communities. The work includes best practices outlined in the online Housing Policy Toolbox and Redevelopment Ready Guide and Navigating Your Competitive workshops and Technical Assistance Panels. The work provides the public officials and private sector partners a chance to step out of the day to day routine and into a new kind of “civic space” where development alternatives can be analyzed in a wider, deeper and more collaborative context.