

**C** Community Development Committee  
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 25, 2011

Item: 2011-142

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date May 17, 2011  
Prepared:  
Subject: Resolution 2011-11 Supporting Participation in *"Anchoring Equity to Achieve Sustainable Outcomes"* An Event Planned by the Corridors of Opportunity Community Engagement Team

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolution supporting the opportunity for the Council members and the Corridors of Opportunity policy board to participate in a discussion of racial and economic equity with national experts Angela Glover-Blackwell and John Powell.

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

Chair Cunningham presented the background and purpose of the resolution. While support was expressed by several Committee members for the opportunity to hear from these national experts on equity, an issue was raised by one member about the appropriateness of the Council acting on a resolution to support a specific non-Council event. The resolution was adopted with one dissenting vote.

# C Community Development Committee

Meeting date: May 16, 2011

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: May 11, 2011  
Subject: Resolution 2011-11 Supporting Participation in *"Anchoring Equity to Achieve Sustainable Outcomes"* An Event Planned by the Corridors of Opportunity Community Engagement Team  
District(s), Member(s): All  
Policy/Legal Reference:  
Staff Prepared/Presented: Gary Cunningham, Metropolitan Council Member, District 7, Committee Chair  
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Division/Department: Community Development Division

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolution supporting the opportunity for the Council members and the Corridors of Opportunity policy board to participate in a discussion of racial and economic equity with national experts Angela Glover-Blackwell and John Powell.

### Background

In June, two of the nation's foremost experts on race, racial justice and equity, and on new and innovative approaches to advance social and economic equity, Angela Glover-Blackwell, CEO of PolicyLink, and John Powell, Executive Director of the Kirwan Institute at Ohio State University, will be in the Twin Cities to participate in the 2011 PolicyLink Equity Summit.

### Rationale

This visit provides an opportunity for Council members and the Corridors of Opportunity policy board and their staff to hear from and dialogue with these experts on how the regions' work on our transitways and transit system can incorporate and reflect equity principles.

### Funding

None

### Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-11**

Resolution Supporting Participation in *“Anchoring Equity to Achieve Sustainable Outcomes”* An Event Planned by the Corridors of Opportunity Community Engagement Team

**WHEREAS**, the Corridors of Opportunity initiative led by the Metropolitan Council and a broad consortium of policymakers, foundations, community organizations and leaders is seeking to promote sustainable, vibrant and healthy communities in the region’s transit corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corridors of Opportunity initiative offers the region a catalytic opportunity to learn about and practice new frameworks for incorporating equity principles into regional planning; and

**WHEREAS**, two of the Corridors of Opportunities goals are to align transit planning and engineering with land use planning, affordable housing, and workforce and economic development, and to engage historically under-represented communities in this planning and decision making; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corridors of Opportunity initiative has formed a Community Engagement Team to advise and educate the Policy Board on issues of equity, and to identify, develop and support targeted strategies to engage these typically under-represented communities;

**WHEREAS**, this Community Engagement Team has arranged for two of the nation’s foremost thinkers on issues of economic and social equity – Angela Glover-Blackwell and John Powell - to share their perspectives on equity issues with the Corridors of Opportunity decision makers;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Metropolitan Council:

That the Metropolitan Council endorse and support the opportunity arranged by the Community Engagement Team for Council members and members of the Corridors of Opportunity policy board and their staff to participate in a discussion of equity issues on June 28, 2011 from 9:00 to 10:30 in the Cowles Auditorium at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Susan Haigh, Chair

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Dawn Hoffner, Recording Secretary