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We are Equity in Place. A diverse group of strategic partners from place-based, housing, and advocacy organizations, rooted in communities of color. We believe that everyone in the Twin Cities region deserves to live where they want to live and have access to opportunity. Equity in Place engages organizations with constituencies in low-wealth communities of color in influencing the planning and investments that will shape the future of the Twin Cities region.

Equity in Place endorses the Defend Glendale Campaign and their vision and goals to remain a stable, vibrant, and empowered, affordable housing community. This community contains 184 families and 600 people, half of whom are children. We strongly support their main mission, to secure all the needed and long overdue home repairs with zero displacement of their current residents.

Core to Equity in Place's work is the belief that people are experts in their own lives and are best equipped to know the interests and needs of their families and communities. We believe that the only path towards racial equity and justice is one in which people of color and low wealth people have self-determination in shaping their communities. We also believe that gentrification and displacement of people from their homes, their cultural spaces, their familial connections, and their broader communities is a most egregious injustice and a perpetuation of many historical trends of taking of place and land that communities of color, immigrants, and indigenous communities, have faced historically in this country and abroad.

We support Defend Glendale leaders work to ensure that the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) ends its neglect of these homes and its failure to listen to Glendale Townhomes' residents' voices regarding planning, decisions, and conversations around demolition and redevelopment of their homes.

We join with Defend Glendale leaders and their diverse coalition of allies to create and preserve affordable publically owned housing development in Minneapolis and throughout the region. We support Defend Glendale's efforts to continue to meet with City officials, U.S Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), allies, MPHA, the local neighborhood association, and various organizations to protect and preserve Glendale Townhomes.

We stand with Defend Glendale's right to organize against racial inequity, housing injustices, gentrification, and displacement. Glendale residents must have the right to stay in their homes, protect their families and children's future in safe and healthy affordable housing near transit options for low-income and working class families.

We support Defend Glendale's demands of MPHA becoming fully accountable to the City of Minneapolis Housing Division, staff and leadership that is accountable to Glendale residents, and a signed City of Minneapolis enforceable deliverables agreement between MPHA and Defend Glendale for 100% repairs of Glendale Townhomes with NO displacement completed by December 31, 2017.

Signed,

Equity in Place

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