

March 9, 2022

Re: Support for HF3367/SF 3520

Dear Chair, Hausman and Members of the Housing Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of Aurora St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation, we are writing to express our support for HF3367/SF 3520 bill. We are convinced that your investment in this bill will make a difference in how community challenges are addressed. HF3367/SF 3520 provides support to Model Cities of St. Paul, Inc., a local nonprofit organization. This bill will provide a deeper investment in Model Cities' internal infrastructure, which will position Model Cities, Inc., to develop even more innovative programs, pursue more creative cross-sector collaborations, produce more affordable housing initiatives, and seize new opportunities to accelerate the closure of our state's persistent racial and economic inequities.

Aurora St Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation has a long-standing working relationship with Model Cities, Inc. We strongly support HF3367/SF 3520 and urges its inclusion as part of any finance bill moving forward this session. If you need any additional information, please contact me via email at deborah@aurorastanthony.org or (651) 222-0399.

Sincerely,

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