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**SUBJECT: Mayor Emily Larson Announces City Hall in the City Community Listening Sessions for 2017**

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### **Mayor Emily Larson Announces City Hall in the City Community Listening Sessions for 2017**

[Duluth, MN] - Mayor Emily Larson is continuing her commitment to reach out to Duluth residents through City Hall in the City Community Listening sessions that are held in neighborhoods across the city. Mayor Larson started these listening sessions last year in partnership with City Councilors to ensure residents have an opportunity to speak directly to their elected officials one-on-one. City staff are also in attendance and represent Public Works, Parks, Public Safety and Imagine Duluth Comprehensive Plan. The previous year's sessions enabled residents to have open individualized conversations with the Mayor, City Councilors or City staff about various issues or topics of concern.

"I really enjoy these gatherings. It's an easy way for neighbors to connect with me, City Councilors and staff. Equally important, however: these evenings provide us with an opportunity to connect with neighborhoods and to gain critical input. Conversations we have here guide our decision making and help inform our work. City Hall in the City is family friendly, and open to all residents. You don't need to live in the vicinity of the meeting space to attend," said Mayor Larson.

The upcoming City Hall in the City listening sessions will occur on the third Wednesday of the month and run from 5:30-7:00 pm. These events are open to all residents. Children are also welcome to attend. The first set of dates with City Councilors and locations are as follows:

March 15 – Council President Joel Sipress at new location - College of St. Scholastica, 1200 Kenwood Ave, Tower Hall, room 1811, parking in lot 3 by Mitchell Auditorium.

April 19 - Councilor Noah Hobbs at American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO), in Trepanier Hall, 202 West 2nd Street

May 17 – Councilor Zack Filipovich at Piedmont Heights Community Center, 2302 West 3rd Street

The remaining listening sessions will be announced at a later date.

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