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SUBJECT: Public forums to focus on building trust with police

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The Duluth Task Force for Improved Community Police Accountability invites area citizens to attend one of a series of public forums on "Building Trust Between the Community and the Police." At the forum, people will be able to share their perspectives on how to build trust between the community and police.

Those attending the forum will also be able to meet Eileen Luna-Firebaugh, a professor at the University of Arizona and consultant on issues related to community –police relations and civilian oversight. Ms. Luna-Firebaugh is currently in the process of developing a report with recommendations for improving trust between the Duluth Police Department and all aspects of the Duluth community. As well, participants learn about the work of the Duluth Task Force for the Improved Community Police Accountability.

The forums will be held as follows:

Good Fellowship Club, 1242 88th Avenue West

May 15 - 6 - 8 pm

Central Hillside Community Center, 12 East 4th Street

May 18 - 6 - 8 pm

Peace Church, 1111 N. 11th Ave East

May 20 - 6 - 8 pm

Holy Family Catholic Church, 2430 West 3rd Street

May 16 - 6 - 8 pm

Portman Community Center, 4601 McCulloch Street

May 19 - 6 - 8 pm

The Task Force consists of representation from the Duluth Police Department; People's Institute North; Peace UCC Dismantling Racism Team; Lake Superior College Multicultural Services; Duluth American Indian Commission; Community Action Duluth; Duluth Human Rights Office; Duluth YWCA; and Community Members. The work is carried on in memory of Anthony LaDeaux who was an original member of the Task Force.

For more information on this project, visit: www.digiterp.com/DTFICPA

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