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The Advocates for Human Rights Welcomes Minneapolis Action on Immigration

Minneapolis / St. Paul, MN (1/24/13) – The Advocates for Human Rights welcomes today’s action by the Minneapolis City Council adopting principles for federal immigration reform that respect human rights. The principles emerged out of the city’s efforts to engage the Latino community in public policy decisions.

The Advocates’ Michele Garnett McKenzie, director of advocacy, says, “The Advocates welcomes the Minneapolis City Council’s action, which recognizes that immigration policy must reflect the core American idea that all people have rights, no matter what they look like or where they come from. While there have been increased calls on both sides of the aisle for immigration reform, we applaud Minneapolis for including the voices of communities most affected by the punitive and unaccountable enforcement policies of recent years in the conversation.”

Earlier this week, The Advocates joined local colleagues in calling on Congress to create a common-sense and welcoming immigration system that includes a roadmap to citizenship. The group’s statement also urged Congress to make a return to fairness, discretion, and due process a part of any immigration reform agenda.

The Advocates has led national efforts to call for immigration reform that reflects American values of equality, due process, and accountability. In December, 125 organizations joined in a letter to the White House calling for an immigration policy based in fundamental human rights. The Reform Enforcement Caucus, which continues working on ensuring that human rights values will publicly launch its principles the week of February 4. For more information please contact:

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