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4TH STREET MARKET OPEN HOUSE

AICHO INVITES COMMUNITY TO SHARE INPUT FOR THE FUTURE OF THE BUILDING

DULUTH, MN - Join us on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. for AICHO's "4th Street Market Open House: Envisioning the Future." The free event will begin with an opening ceremony which will include an Anishinaabe traditional blessing, a vision statement from the American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO), welcomes from city leaders, community partners/leaders, tribal leaders, and entertainment. We will also have art and educational activities on healthy and Indigenous foods, vendors, community interactive feedback activities to allow us to be informed on what the community would like to see happen with the Market, and family fun games. *Note: this is JUST an open house and NOT the opening of the market.* Event is co-sponsored by AICHO and the American Lung Association.

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Background: The 4th Street Market had served the Hillside for decades as a food market/deli, and when it closed down two years ago, it created a food desert in one of the poorest neighborhoods in the city. AICHO plans to renovate the building creating 4 units of housing on the second floor (2 currently exist) and on the main level will be an Indigenous Food Market, Coffee Shop/Deli and Gift Shop. The lower level will house our new Coffee Roasting Business.

The purchase of this building holds a lot of significance for our region's Indigenous population. Duluth is in the heart of Indigenous territory and holds strong spiritual and cultural significance to our people. While the land ceded in the treaty process (the northern half of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota) built immense wealth for others, including the agricultural, timber, mining and shipping industries that propelled Minnesota to economic prosperity, the Indigenous community in Duluth is at ground zero with high poverty.

AICHO is changing the narrative in our community, by asserting our political and cultural ties to the land and forging a commitment to build sustainable, community-owned practices. AICHO's goal is to become economically self-sufficient. To reach this level of social impact, AICHO is engaged in new and exciting economic development activities. Our philosophy of economic development is embedded in the values driven by collective health and vitality, sovereignty, and sustainable solutions that start at home and also speak to the whole world.

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