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## **MNJRC to Host Public Town Hall With Hennepin County Attorney to Discuss Community Priorities as Moriarty Transitions Out of Leadership Role**

**MINNEAPOLIS—** In light of Hennepin County Attorney Mary Moriarty's [recent announcement that she will not seek a second term](#), the Minnesota Justice Research Center (MNJRC) is partnering with the Minneapolis NAACP to host a town hall with Moriarty and her office to discuss the future of justice in Hennepin County. Community members are invited to the University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) [on Thursday, August 21, 2025 from 6-8pm](#) to enjoy dinner, learn about the role of the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, voice priorities, and get questions answered as Moriarty prepares for this transition. [RSVP here](#).

Regarding the decision, the MNJRC issued the following statement:

As an organization dedicated to driving meaningful change to Minnesota's criminal legal system, the MNJRC deeply respects Hennepin County Attorney Mary Moriarty's decision not to seek re-election. We want to recognize and acknowledge the burden of public office in the current environment and share our appreciation for her demonstrated commitment to administering justice.

During her time as HCAO, Moriarty has established multiple policies that align with our vision for a more equitable, accountable, and restorative criminal legal system, including an early-intervention approach to youth auto theft and the institution of a Conviction Integrity Unit within the office. We appreciate Attorney Moriarty's focus on evidence-based approaches to public safety and her commitment to fair prosecution.

We encourage future candidates for Hennepin County Attorney to prioritize their relationship with the community in order to best understand and meet their needs. The residents of Hennepin County, especially people from communities who have been disproportionately impacted by the criminal legal system, deserve

leadership that is committed to equitable and data-driven decision making while in pursuit of justice.

#### About the Minnesota Justice Research Center

The Minnesota Justice Research Center (MNJRC) is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to driving meaningful change to Minnesota's criminal legal system through rigorous and community-centered research, education, and policy development. The MNJRC works with people with a wide range of knowledge and experience in the criminal legal system, including scholars, practitioners, students, survivors, and those who have served time in prison. For more information, go to [www.mnjrc.org](http://www.mnjrc.org).

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