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***Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation Welcomes
Pahoua Yang Hoffman as Senior Vice President of Community Impact***

Nonprofit executive brings expertise to advancing community-led solutions in Minnesota

St. Paul – April 23, 2019 – [The Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation](#) (the Foundation) today announced that Pahoua Yang Hoffman will join the organization on May 18 as senior vice president of Community Impact. Hoffman is currently the executive director of the St. Paul-based Citizens League.

“Pahoua’s leadership and experience embodies the Foundation’s strategies and values,” said Eric J. Jolly, Ph.D., president and CEO of the Foundation. “She’s convened diverse groups of citizens to inform rich, community led-solutions. In the advancement of equity, she’s worked tirelessly to cultivate a Minnesota where all voices are counted, heard and appreciated. Her vision has inspired generosity and contributions of all kinds. We couldn’t be more excited to welcome Pahoua to the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation, and look forward to advancing our community impact work with her bold guidance.”

At the Foundation, Hoffman will serve as a member of the executive leadership team and as chief strategist for grantmaking and community impact. She will also manage relationships with the organization’s two client foundations, F.R. Bigelow and the Mardag Foundation.

“I’m excited to join an organization with such a strong commitment to the idea that we best serve the community by listening and learning,” said Hoffman. “This is a continuation of how we approached the work of the Citizens League, supporting community members to be their own agents of change. I look forward to leveraging my relationships with leaders and organizations in St. Paul and across the state so that, together, we can create a Minnesota where people and communities thrive.”

Hoffman is the seventh executive director of the Citizens League, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that empowers people to engage in civic life and public policy. She is the first woman and first person of color to hold the position in the organization’s 68-year history. Hoffman also served as the organization’s policy director, contributing to Metropolitan Council reform and later as executive director, she led the community-focused minimum wage study committee for the City of Saint Paul that led to its final ordinance. She helped found the Capitol Pathways program for college students of color that provides legislative training and access to the Minnesota State Capitol through paid internships. Earlier, Hoffman was manager of government affairs and content administration for Twin Cities PBS and led government relations while also working with production teams to develop local media projects.

Pahoua holds a bachelor’s degree in history from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and a master’s degree in business administration from the University of St. Thomas. She was a 2013-2015 Humphrey School of Public Affairs Policy Fellow and was recognized as a “TCB 100: The People to Know in 2020” by Twin Cities Business magazine.

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