

Expecting more from Target

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Following announcement of annual shareholders' meeting date and location, coalition to release report and details of ongoing campaign for accountability

Recently, Minneapolis-based Target Corporation announced plans to hold its annual shareholders' meeting on June 12, 2013 in Denver, Colorado. This is the eighth-straight year that the retail giant has held its meeting outside of the Twin Cities. This year, other large corporations such as U.S. Bank and Wells Fargo have followed Target's lead holding their shareholders' meetings in locations other than their home base.

Community leaders in Minnesota who have been working together to hold Target accountable for actions which **they allege** shortchange the state's communities of color **held** conference call with reporters to release a report which highlights

their

concerns.

They said

"Target has always been viewed as a leader in Minnesota. A homegrown success story, the company was founded by the esteemed Dayton family over a century ago. Today, Target is the state's fourth-largest employer and most recognized brand. It is a brand the company takes very seriously. Unfortunately, there is much behind the brand that shoppers don't see. Target isn't a leader in all areas of its business. Indeed, the company could choose to lead in critical ways that would improve not only Minnesota's economy but the daily lives of thousands of workers in the state—especially lower-wage workers of color."

Organizers of the conference call included: Justin Terrell, Justice 4 All Campaign Manager, TakeAction Minnesota; Veronica Mendez, Organizer, Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en Lucha (CTUL); Maricela Flores, Retail Cleaning Worker at a Target Store in the Twin Cities; Joy Marsh Stevens, ISAIAH, **and** Eric Fought, Communications Director, Minnesotans for a Fair Economy.