



March 10, 2020

Representative Mike Nelson  
Chair, State Government Finance Division  
585 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St Paul, MN 55155

Dear Rep. Nelson and Committee Members:

The League of Minnesota Cities (LMC), representing 833 member cities across the state, would like to express support for H.F. 983 which would extend the option of adopting a ranked-choice voting system to a broader range of local governments.

Current law allows charter cities to consider and adopt rank-choice voting as an alternative voting method in local elections. LMC has adopted a policy that supports legislation that would give statutory cities the same authority. LMC also supports implementing statewide standards for those cities that choose to adopt rank-choice voting in order to ensure the elections are consistent throughout the state and that voters have confidence in the fairness of the alternative process, as well as confidence in the outcome of such elections.

As H.F. 983 addresses both of these issues, the League of Minnesota Cities is supportive of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig A. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig A Johnson  
League of Minnesota Cities