



March 16, 2021

Re: HF 89 – Support of Ranked-Choice Voting Option

Chair Masin and members of the House Local Government Division:

The League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to comment on HF 89. We thank the author, Rep. Elkins, for his work on this issue and support the changes to election options for cities enabled in HF 89.

The League of Minnesota Cities, through the adoption of policy *SD-73. Rank Choice Voting* by our Board of Directors in its 2021 City Policies, supports the creation of an optional ranked-choice local election system being made available for all cities, with a statewide system that ensures consistency and a statewide certification process. Those components are all addressed in this legislation. The option to use multiple ballots in a state general election where ranked-choice voting for local races is occurring is also partially addressed in the bill.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Craig A. Johnson'.

Craig A. Johnson
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League of Minnesota Cities