



February 21, 2024

Dear Chair Carlson and Members of the Elections Committee,

On behalf of the League of Minnesota Cities I am writing to support the local option to establish Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) contained in SF 3868. The League supports the option for local jurisdictions to determine if RCV is the appropriate voting system for their communities.

Current law allows charter cities to consider and adopt RCV as an alternative voting method in local elections. State statute does not extend this authority to statutory cities. The League supports legislation that would give statutory cities the same authority given to charter cities to consider and adopt RCV. Proposed language should address and resolve any challenges with administering RCV elections that run concurrently with other elections through legislation or rulemaking and provide statewide standards and certification for voting systems for those cities that choose to adopt RCV.

I appreciate your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Hassel", written in a cursive style.

Alex Hassel  
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