

March 10th, 2025

The Honorable Matt Klein
Chair of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
Minnesota Senate
St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Klein and Members of the Committee,

The City of Minneapolis supports SF 1182, which provides authorization for cities to issue social district licenses. The City of Minneapolis' 2025 Legislative Agenda includes support for the expansion of local authority for cities to create social districts. Allowing cities to determine whether and how to create these districts will supply another tool to activate portions of our communities in new and creative ways.

Current law, which allows for a select few cities to create social districts, has shown positive results and is an ideal model to expand to cities across Minnesota. Local leaders are ready to engage with residents and small business entrepreneurs about the most effective means to activate their unique communities. If this tool is deemed appropriate, then SF 1182 will allow for the implementation of social districts for the benefit of Minnesota residents and guests.

The City of Minneapolis is eager to explore social districts in a meaningful way; this legislation would provide that opportunity. We strongly encourage the committee to pass this bill, giving city leaders another tool to improve their cities. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Mayor Jacob Frey



Council President Elliot Payne