



CITY OF  
**LONG LAKE**

## City Council Agenda Report

### **City of Long Lake**

450 Virginia Avenue, PO Box 606  
Long Lake, MN 55356

**MEETING DATE / February 17, 2026**

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**SUBJECT:** Approve the Greater Lake Minnetonka Area Legislative Coalition Cost Sharing Proposal for Legislative Representation

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**Report Date:** 2/9/2026

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### Recommended City Council Action

Staff recommends the following:

Motion to authorize the City's participation in the 'Greater Lake Minnetonka Area Legislative Coalition'; to approve cost sharing in a proposal from Carnival Berns PA to provide legislative representation for the Coalition, with the City of Long Lake's share of the expense at approximately \$1,927; and to direct staff to work collaboratively with the City Administrator of the City of Deephaven as the Coalition's designee.

### Overview / Background

A series of meetings and discussions between Lake Minnetonka area cities' Mayors has resulted in a group of cities becoming actively interested in pooling their resources and working together to advocate for their priorities at the legislative level. Areas where coordinated advocacy were agreed to be essential are:

- *Protecting local controls.* Maintaining local control over fundamental municipal functions, particularly zoning and land use regulations, is vital to ensure that decision-making reflects the needs and character of individual communities.
- *Regional infrastructure.* Advocating for investment in necessary infrastructure for lake area communities is warranted.
- *Property tax reform.* Aiming to build a statewide coalition to advocate for property tax reform at both the County and State levels, including for transparency on tax assessment services, while focusing on fairness for lake area residents and taxpayers.

The Greater Lake Minnetonka Area Legislative Coalition would be comprised of nine cities - Wayzata, Woodland, Deephaven, Greenwood, Tonka Bay, Long Lake, Minnetonka Beach, Spring Park and Mound. Collaboration as a Coalition of cities would stand to carry significantly more weight and influence with State legislators and County officials than a single city alone. The Coalition is proposing contracting with John Berns and the firm of Carnival Berns PA to serve as the cities' joint advocate and legislative representation.

### Supporting Information

- Greater Lake Minnetonka Area Legislative Coalition overview
- Proposal by Carnival Berns PA - Legislative Representation for Lake Minnetonka Area Cities
- Cost Sharing Calculation