



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: March 3, 2022

Subject: Resolution Supporting Housing and Local Decision-Making Authority

Legislation is being introduced this session that could take away certain aspects of a city's land use authority, particularly regarding zoning and planned use developments. Housing industry groups have recently attacked city land use tools such as zoning and planned unit developments. They claim incorrectly that these basic regulatory functions are prohibiting the building of more affordable housing stock, when market factors such as labor costs, land and materials are creating the market failures we see today.

Local officials are in the best position to make land use, zoning and housing decisions in Minnesota communities.

This resolution is consistent with the League of Minnesota Cities' legislative policies and Metro Cities legislative policies. Once approved, this resolution will be sent to our legislators, the LMC and Metro Cities.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.