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## Dear city official,

Greetings from the Board of Directors and staff at the League of Minnesota Cities. We are writing to let you know that, after careful and deliberate discussions, the Board has adopted a 3% final dues schedule increase for the League's 2022 fiscal year. This is only the second dues increase in the past five fiscal years and reflects the evolving needs of our members in a post-pandemic environment.

Even though membership dues were held flat in fiscal year 2021 because of COVID-19 related concerns, we are pleased to report the League's operating and capital budgets were not significantly impacted by the effects of the pandemic. Our financial position remains healthy, backed by reasonable and stable fund balances and careful and deliberate planning for unforeseen expenses all reflected in positive audits.

As we noted in a letter to you in June, the past year has certainly been unique and challenging for all of us. Though the COVID-19 pandemic impact is not over yet, we are proud of our role in helping cities maintain budget stability over the past year through our advocacy for federal and state financial relief for our members, and through our efforts to keep League membership costs affordable. Our adopted budget does more than maintain the status quo by supporting expanded online learning for our members and broadens the League's capacity to respond to emerging issues and trends of our members.

You might recall that earlier this summer the League Board approved the staff recommendation to adopt a preliminary 4% dues schedule increase. The one percent reduction reflected in the final total was due to two primary considerations: 1) an increase in estimated 4M fee revenue; and 2) a reduction in the amount set aside for salary adjustments.

Attached is your 2022 membership dues invoice effective September 1. Please note that despite the fact that the scheduled dues increase for the coming year is 3%, a shift in your city's population might have an additional effect on the total dues your city pays for the coming year. To learn more about how your dues are calculated, visit <a href="www.lmc.org/dues">www.lmc.org/dues</a>.

Thank you for your continued support of League services and your partnership with our 830+ members to keep our association fiscally healthy and relevant. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time if you have questions about your city's dues or your League membership.

D. Love - President David Unmacht - Executive Director