



August 2, 2023

Mayor Robert Nelson  
1301 81st Ave NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432-2116

Representative Erin Koegel, who represents your city at the state legislature, has been selected as a League of Minnesota Cities Legislator of Distinction for 2023. The League's Board of Directors recognized a total of 35 legislators this year, including 20 House members and 15 Senate members, for their actions and leadership on a wide variety of legislative issues of importance to cities across our state. **The enclosed letter describes the specific reasons your legislator was chosen for this recognition.** A copy of this letter, and printed certificate, has been sent to your legislator as well.

Please share this recognition with your city council and the public at your next council meeting. We also encourage you to share this information with your local newspaper. Publicly acknowledging legislators for their support of city-friendly legislation helps to continue strengthening the partnership between state and local government officials in Minnesota.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ted Bengtson, IGR Coordinator at the League of Minnesota Cities at [tbengtson@lmc.org](mailto:tbengtson@lmc.org), (651) 281-1242. To read the complete list of all 35 legislators who received this designation, see the *Cities Bulletin* article online at [www.lmc.org/lod](http://www.lmc.org/lod).

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and your support of the League's Legislators of Distinction recognition program.

Enclosure



July 27, 2023

The Honorable Erin Koegel  
445 State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-1298

Dear Representative Koegel,

On behalf of the League's 838 member cities, I want to thank you for your efforts this past legislative session and to recognize you as a League of Minnesota Cities 2023 Legislator of Distinction.

League staff and member city officials appreciate your accessibility and your consultation with us on legislation impacting cities. Specifically, as chair of the House Sustainable Infrastructure Committee you consistently sought out League expertise on the needs of less-resourced cities to access federal and state grant funding for infrastructure and sustainability projects. From the beginning of session, you met with the League frequently to ensure the legislature placed a priority in helping less-resourced and smaller cities have an equitable opportunity to access the myriad of state and federal programs that will support local infrastructure and took cues from existing League initiatives to form impactful legislation that will help all cities with state resources compete for state and federal infrastructure funding. You also championed a bill to provide a medical exception in Minnesota's Open Meeting Law that will help local officials manage their official duties when they are dealing with personal or family health issues. League staff appreciate your efforts on behalf of cities and look forward to working with you in the future on issues impacting local units of government.

Our members know that to be successful in serving our common constituents, state and city officials must work together as partners to reach solutions that meet the unique needs of rural, suburban, and urban communities across Minnesota. City leaders also understand that without the support of legislative leaders like you, this state-local partnership would not be possible.

To acknowledge your contributions last session, mayors of each city in your legislative district will receive notification of your recognition. A press release will also be issued to media in your area. City officials and League staff look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jenny Max".

Jenny Max,  
City Administrator, Nisswa  
President, League of Minnesota Cities