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**To:** Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

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

**Date:** February 10, 2021

**Subject:** SF 82/HF 185 Resolution of Support

A bill has been introduced at the Legislature to strengthen the penalty for first degree murder attempts on police officers, correction officers, judges and prosecuting attorneys. The minimum sentence under current law is 20 years with release under supervision after two-thirds of the sentence has been served. The proposed legislation (SF 82/HF 185) increases that minimum penalty to 30 years in prison before eligibility for release.

The City Council discussed the bill and the issuance of a resolution of support for the bill at its February 8, 2021 work session. Noting the inherent dangers faced by law enforcement, corrections officers, judges and prosecutors, the City Council felt this was an appropriate effort to deter attempts on the lives of these individuals.

Metro Cities and the League of Minnesota Cities, which represent us at the Capitol, have not taken a position on this bill, so a position of support does not impact their lobbying efforts at the Capitol.

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

