

November 5, 2020

The Hon. Lisa Bender, President, & Members of the City Council
Minneapolis City Hall – Suite 307
350 South Fifth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear Council President Bender:

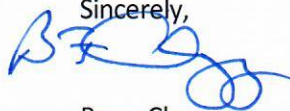
I write on behalf of the Minneapolis Charter Commission to inform you and the City Council that, by formal action at its regular meeting on November 4, the Charter Commission has rejected the proposed amendment proposed by the City Council related to public safety creating a new Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention, contained in LIMS File No. 2020-00668.

As you are aware, the Charter Commission took the additional amount of time authorized under statute to give serious consideration to this proposal. During our evaluation, the Charter Commission—through its Public Safety Work Group—interviewed several key stakeholders about this proposed amendment, including the Council Members who authored the proposal, the Mayor, the Chief of the Police Department, and several other department leaders whose work intersects with the general subject of public safety.

The Charter Commission will issue and share with you its full written report, with its analysis and findings, in the next 30 days.

The Charter Commission stands ready to partner with the City Council and the Mayor if a similar or new proposal in this regard is brought forward in 2021. The Charter Commission has an important role to play in evaluating proposed amendments initiated by the City Council, a role that is set forth under both the constitutional and statutory instruments establishing and defining home rule authority. The Charter Commission takes that role seriously and believes it has performed and continues to perform that important role to the benefit of all residents of Minneapolis.

Sincerely,



Barry Clegg
Chair