

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: February 5, 2018

Subject: Livable Communities Act Discussion

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes, Section 473.25

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Division/Department: Community Development/Regional Planning

Proposed Action

None, information and discussion only

Background

Several months ago, MetroCities reached out to Council staff about conducting a policy-level review of the impact and implementation of the Livable Communities Act programs. Late in 2017, MetroCities conducted an informal survey of cities about their experiences with the program. Working with Council staff, MetroCities has convened a set of three meetings of a workgroup of city staff to discuss their perceptions of how well the Livable Communities Act programs are meeting their needs. Council Members Wulff, Barber and Elkins are representing the Community Development Committee at these meetings. Ten communities are represented.

At the first meeting on January 29th, Council and Metro Cities staff presented background on the programs and responses to their survey.

Rationale

Council and Metro Cities staff will present a summary of the meeting and provide an opportunity for additional Council Member discussion of issues before the Livable Communities Act programs.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The Livable Communities Act programs represent one of the Council's primary financial tools to advance and encourage development and redevelopment that advance Livability, Equity and Prosperity.