

2015 Citizens League Met Council Task Force

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Committee on Area Affairs Organized

A committee on metropolitan affairs, which will make recommendations to the 1967 Minnesota Legislature, has been formed by the Citizens League of Minneapolis and Hennepin County.

Charles H. Clay, Edina,

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has been named chairman. Clay says the committee will study "the need for structural changes in the government of the metropolitan area, concentrating especially on problems involving areas larger than just city or county."

Among proposals to be considered, Clay says, will be those for an areawide government with directly elected representatives, a supercounty, and a council of municipal governments

Overview & Purpose

- Citizens League's unique history with the Met Council
- Why a Citizens League Task Force in 2015, and who was a part of it?
- What was the scope, what did we learn, and what did we recommend?

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Key Findings

- **Met Council continues to be an important regional advocate.**
- **The current governance structure inhibits the Met Council's ability to effectively plan for the long-term and act as an independent advocate for the region.**
- **Challenges in the region have expanded and will continue to evolve due to changing demographics and the growth in poverty in the region.**

Key Findings cont'd

- **There are questions and concerns related to transportation governance including accountability and transparency, efficiency and effectiveness, and equity.**
- **Water quality and supply becoming regional concern with overlapping responsibilities with local and state government and Council's planning authority.**

Recommendations

- **Four-year, staggered terms for Council members. All appointed by the Governor. Chair appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor.**
- **Strengthen the member selection process.**
- **Fully exercise the Council's current authority in statute to reduce concentrations of poverty and foster increased connections to social and economic opportunities.**

Thank you

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