Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues of Women Voters

Governor Waltz' Blue Ribbon Committee

October 26, 2020

C.M.A.L.

- Inter-League Organization under auspices of LWVUS and LWVMN
- Membership Organization
- Political but Nonpartisan
- Focus on Government Issues of the Metropolitan Area

Study of Metropolitan Council Governance

- August December 2018
- Held Public Forum
- Conducted a Literature Review
- Coordinated Interview Teams
- Conducted Interviews of Relevant Stakeholders

LWV Positions are based on Consensus

Consensus means...

Report to Members in January 2019

- 19 Local Chapters held Consensus Meetings
- The Pros & Cons of the Proposed Positions on the Governance Structure of the Metropolitan Council were discussed by the Membership
- Members Voted on Positions Statements
- Members' Votes were Tallied
- Positions Statements were Adopted

Through Consensus the C.M.A.L. Members
Overwhelmingly Supported the following Positions:

Metropolitan Governance Positions

- Metropolitan Council Members should be appointed by the Governor
- Members should be appointed to fixed, staggered terms and removed only for cause
- Members should have a regional perspective, knowledge of regional issues, demographic diversity and the ability to meet the time requirements of service
- Members should not be local elected officials
- Members should not be directly elected to the Metropolitan Council
- A Nominating Committee should recommend a slate of candidates for the Metropolitan Council to the Governor