

Meeting: Operations and Programs Committee

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Item type: Discussion

Title: 2023 Election Summary and Legislative Update

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#### **Summary:**

At the December 14, 2023, Operations and Programs Committee (OPC) meeting, Outreach staff will provide a summary of the outcomes of 2023 municipal elections within the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD or District) and provide a legislative update with assistance from MCWD's government relations consultant, Joel Carlson.

#### **Purpose:**

To ensure the Board and staff are tracking broad trends and specific changes among key audiences of the District, Outreach has developed an election snapshot that provides a high-level scan of election results within the District.

### **Election Snapshot:**

Several municipalities within the watershed district held elections in 2023, including the Cities of Hopkins, Golden Valley, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, and St. Louis Park. Across the Twin Cities area, voter turnout was lower than in past years. Key issues across the watershed were public safety, housing, and sustainability.

See Attachment 1 for the results of each of the municipal elections held within the watershed.

#### **December 14, 2023, Operations and Programs Committee Meeting:**

At the December 14, 2023, OPC meeting, staff will summarize this 2023 election snapshot and cover the following:

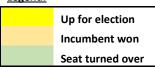
- Purpose of the election snapshot within the context of MCWD's mission, strategy and outreach
- Approach and methods used to develop the Fall 2023 Election Snapshot
- Summary of municipal results
- Overview of recent and upcoming policymaker engagement
- Update on the legislative session

#### **Supporting Documents:**

Attachment 1: Municipal Election Details

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## Legend:



<sup>\*</sup>Incumbent did not seek re-election for that seat.

City	Pre-Election Pre-Election			Post- 2023 November Elections		
	Title	District/Ward	Name	Title	District/Ward	Name
Minneapolis	Mayor		Jacob Frey	Mayor		Jacob Frey
	Council Member	1	Elliot Payne	Council Member	1	Elliot Payne
	Council Member	2	Robin Wonsley	Council Member	2	Robin Wonsley
	Council Member	3	Michael Rainville	Council Member	3	Michael Rainville
	Council Member	4	LaTrisha Vetaw	Council Member	4	LaTrisha Vetaw
	Council Member	5	Jeremiah Ellison	Council Member	5	Jeremiah Ellison
	Council Member	6	Jamal Osman	Council Member	6	Jamal Osman
	Council Member	7	Lisa Goodman*	Council Member	7	Katie Cashman
	Council Member	8	Andrea Jenkins	Council Member	8	Andrea Jenkins
	Council Member	9	Jason Chavez	Council Member	9	Jason Chavez
	Council Member	10	Aisha Chughtai	Council Member	10	Aisha Chughtai
	Council Member	11	Emily Koski	Council Member	11	Emily Koski
	Council Member	12	Andrew Johnson*	Council Member	12	Aurin Chowdhury
	Council Member	13	Linea Palmisano	Council Member	13	Linea Palmisano
	Mayor		Patrick Hanlon	Mayor		Patrick Hanlon
Hopkins	Council Member		Brian Hunke	Council Member		Brian Hunke
	Council Member		Alan Beck	Council Member		Ben Goodlund
	Council Member		Heidi Garrido	Council Member		Heidi Garrido
	Council Member		Gerard Balan	Council Member		Gerard Balan
Golden Valley	Mayor		Shep Harris*	Mayor		Roslyn Harmon
	Council Member		Sophia Ginis	Council Member		Sophia Ginis
	Council Member		Maurice Harris	Council Member		Maurice Harris
	Council Member		Denise La Mere- Anderson	Council Member		Denise La Mere- Anderson
	Council Member		Gillian Rosenquist	Council Member		Gillian Rosenquist
	Mayor		Brad Weirsum	Mayor		Brad Weirsum
Minnetonka	Council Member	At Large A	Deb Calvert	Council Member	At Large A	Deb Calvert
	Council Member	At Large B	Kimberly Wilburn	Council Member	At Large B	Kimberly Wilburn
	Council Member	1	Brian Kirk*	Council Member	1	Patsy Foster-Bolton
	Council Member	2	Rebecca Schack	Council Member	2	Rebecca Schack
	Council Member	3	Bradley Schaeppi*	Council Member	3	Paula Ramaley
	Council Member	4	Kissy Coakley	Council Member	4	Kissy Coakley

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	Title	District/Ward	Name	Title	District/Ward	Name
St. Louis Park	Mayor		Jake Spano*	Mayor		Nadia Mohamed
	Council Member	At large A	Yolanda Farris	Council Member	At large A	Yolanda Farris
	Council Member	At Large B	Nadia Mohamed*	Council Member	At Large B	Paul Baudhuin
	Council Member	1	Margaret Rog	Council Member	1	Margaret Rog
	Council Member	2	Lynette Dumalag	Council Member	2	Lynette Dumalag
	Council Member	3	Sue Budd	Council Member	3	Sue Budd
	Council Member	4	Tim Brausen	Council Member	4	Tim Brausen