



# Message and Strategy for 2019

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# New Gov, New House, New Friends!

- Significant new staff in administration
- Now through early part of session (February) will be spent introducing CGMC to administration
- Outreach has already started
- Engage with Metro House Leadership
- Engage with metro legislators, especially Mpls and St. Paul who are most likely to support LGA



# Can't Forget Old Friends

- GOP still in control of Senate and will have much to say about outcomes
- 34-33 means that we need to outreach to rural members of BOTH parties
- Senate GOP will likely be against much of Walz/DFL agenda
  - MN Care buy-in
  - Gas tax



# CGMC Priorities May Represent Policy Sweet Spot

- LGA, Rural Economic Development, and Water Infrastructure hold promise as spots of agreement between legislative bodies and Governor
- ...If parties don't let disagreement on other things get in the way.



# Messages for Legislators

- Tax bill must include LGA
- Water infrastructure must be a priority
- Pass a comprehensive transportation package that does not endanger the General Fund
- Child care crisis can't wait



# Action Items for Cities

- Your engagement is critical!
- Communicate with your legislators about CGMC priorities
  - LGA increase of \$30.5M
  - Bonding bill with \$128M for clean water infrastructure
  - Permanent funding for city streets
  - Child care
- Pass LGA resolution ASAP!
- Plan on coming to Legislative Action Day on Jan. 30 in St. Paul



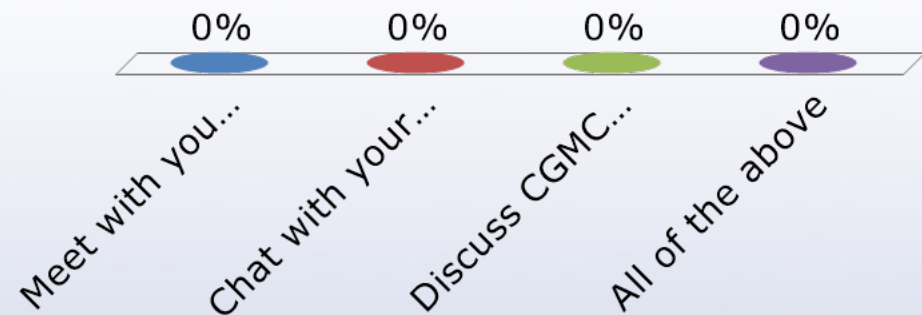
# Final Thoughts

- Exciting time
- Lot's of possibilities and opportunities for Greater Minnesota
- **BUT ONLY IF WE ARE ON OUR GAME!**



# Between now and the beginning of session, you will:

- A. Meet with you legislators about CGMC priorities
- B. Chat with your legislators about CGMC priorities
- C. Discuss CGMC priorities with your legislators
- D. All of the above





# Questions and Discussion

