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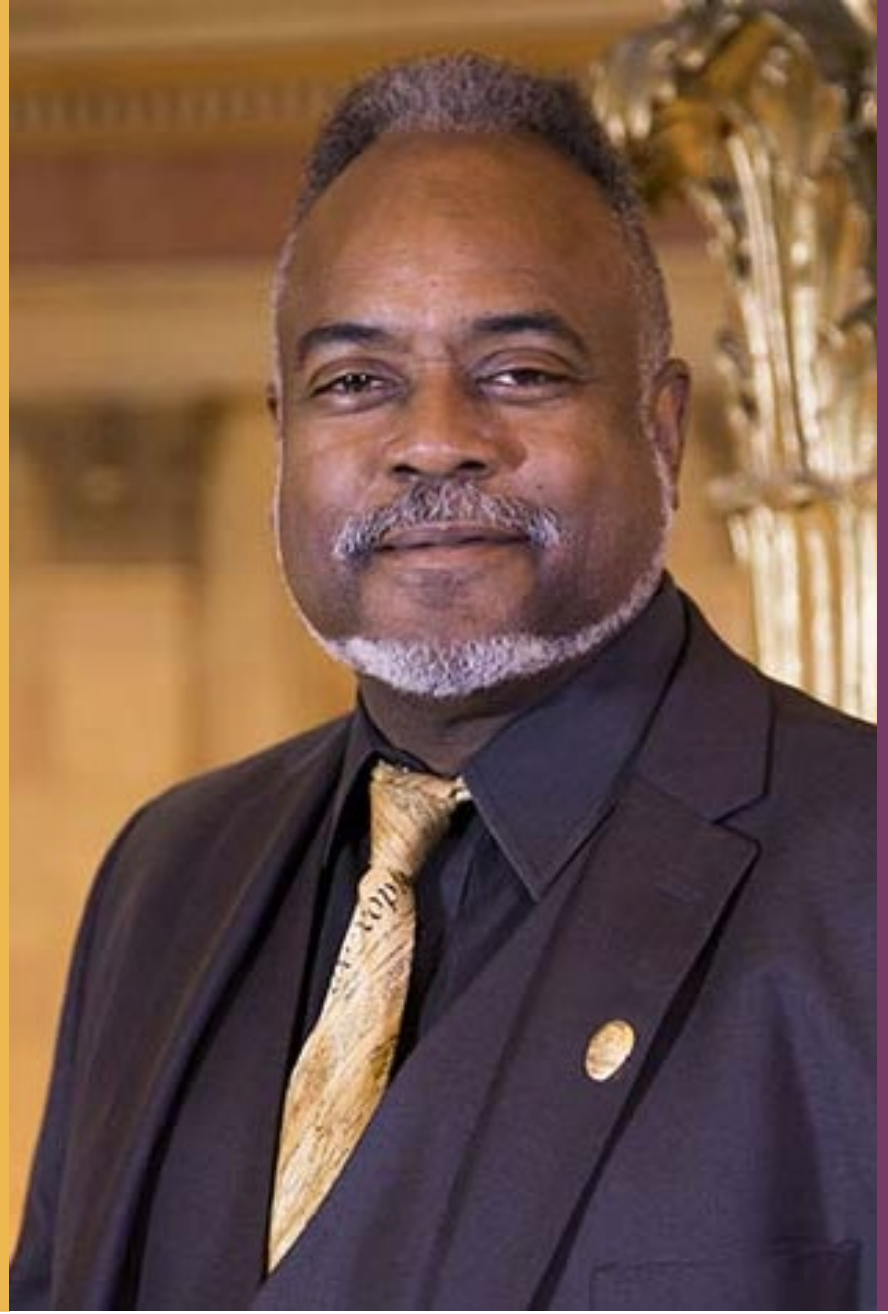

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2022 Election Analysis and Recap

Bradley Peterson and Ania McDonnell

November 17, 2022

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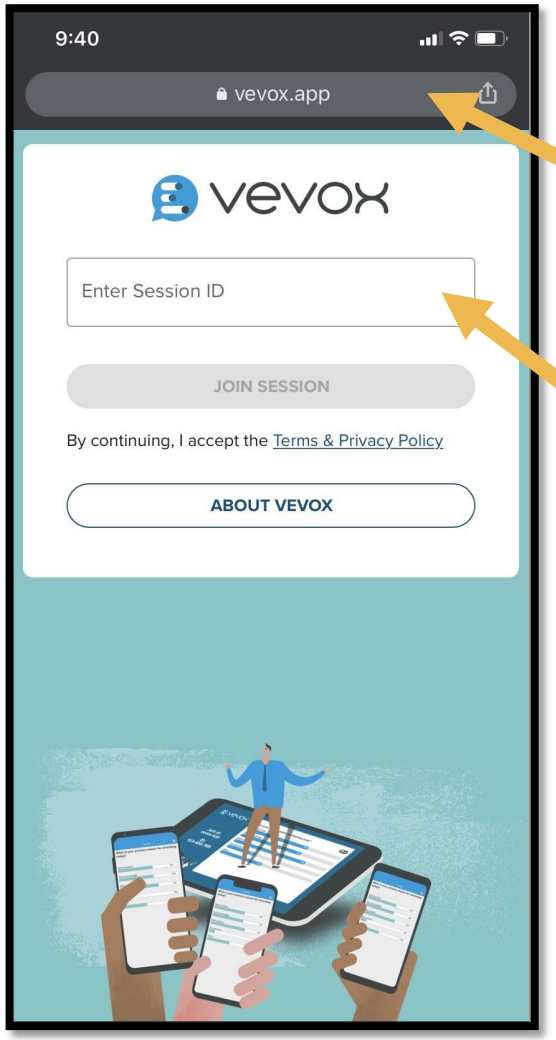

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POLL OPEN

Are you surprised with the election results?

1 Yes

2 No

3 I didn’t pay attention

What surprised you most about the election results?

POLL OPEN

1 DFL keeping control of the Minnesota House

2 DFL winning control of the Minnesota Senate

3 GOP failing to win a statewide office

What were the top two factors you think played into the election in Minnesota? (select up to 2)

POLL OPEN

Vote for up to 2 choices

1. Health of our democracy
2. Highest inflation in decades
3. Supreme Court abortion decision
4. Public safety and guns
5. Candidate quality

In your opinion, how would you characterize the 2022 election for Greater Minnesota?

POLL OPEN

1 Good

2 Bad

3 Unsure

Do you have a new Senate or House member?

POLL OPEN

1 New House member

2 New Senate member

3 Both members are new

4 My House and Senate members are the same

What is your opinion of your new or returning State House member?

POLL OPEN

1 They do great work

2 I am willing to give them a chance

3 They were my second choice for a reason

What is your opinion of your new or returning State Senator?

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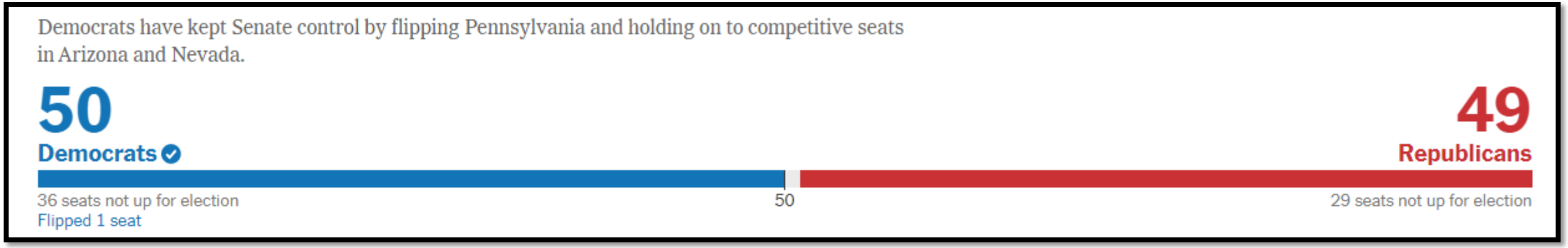
National Election Results

Republicans did not sweep the midterms as they had anticipated

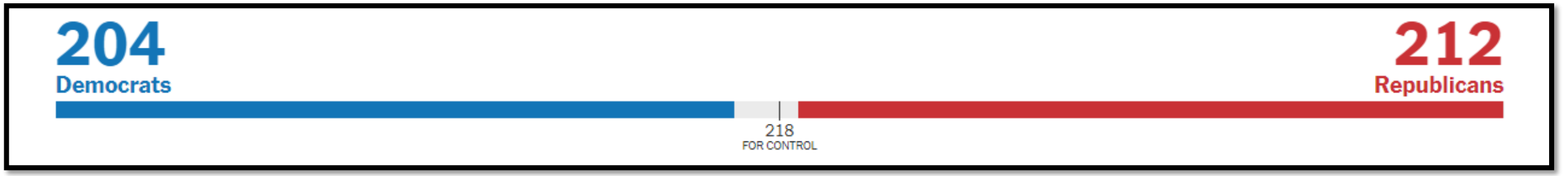
Conventional wisdom and pre-election narrative

- Biden unpopular
- President's party does bad in midterms
- Economy and crime are winning issues for GOP
- Energy around reproductive rights waning from summer highs

Democrats take hold of US Senate



US House control still unclear, likely Republican



National exit polling (CNN)

- 68 percent of respondents said that democracy in the US is threatened
- Nearly a third of respondents said inflation was the issue that mattered most in deciding how they voted for US House candidates
  - More than 7 in 10 of those respondents opted for Republicans
- More than 25 percent of voters listed abortion as a top issue
- About 61 percent said they were unhappy with the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade
  - 7 in 10 of the voters unhappy with the decision backed a Democratic House candidate

Minnesota Election Results

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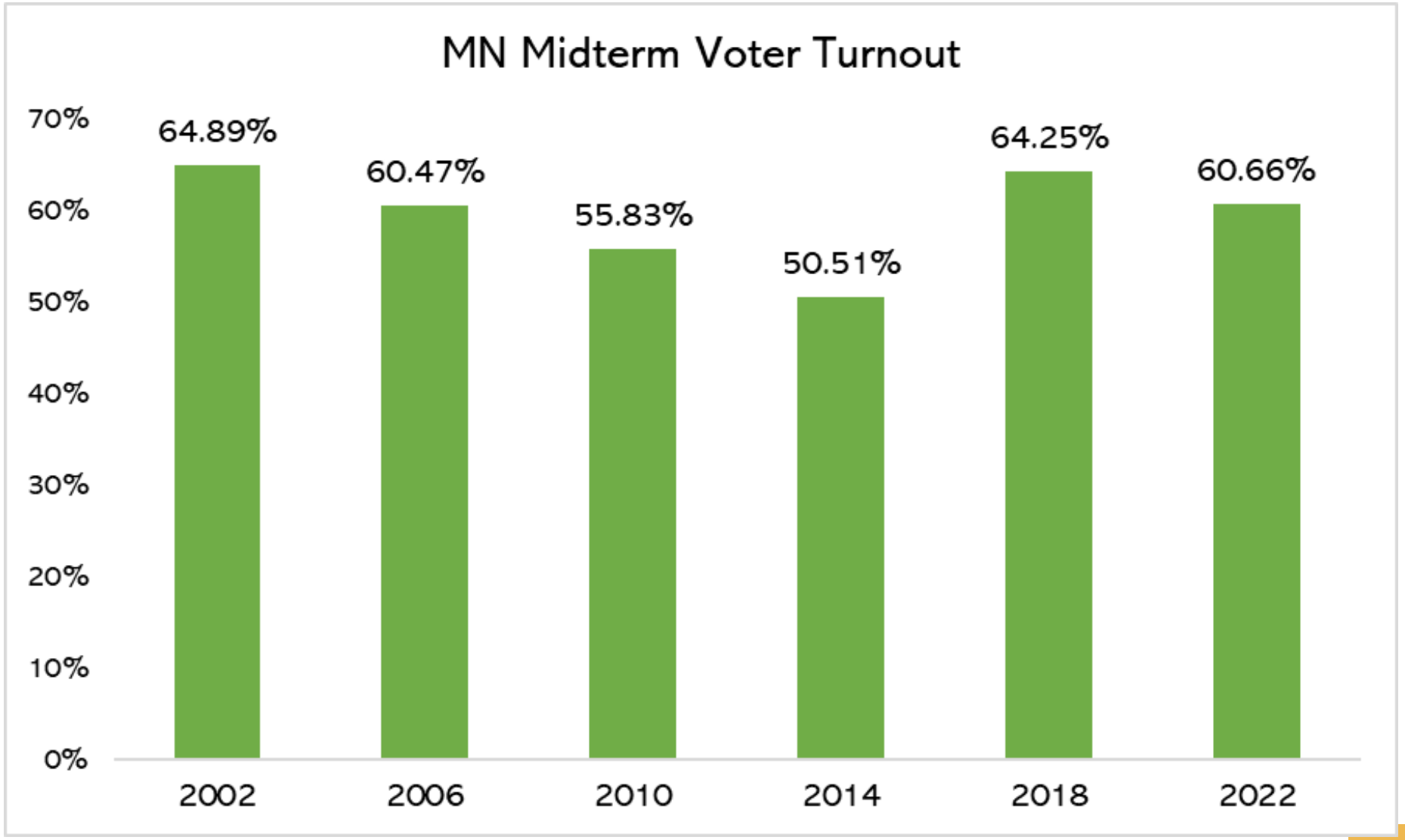
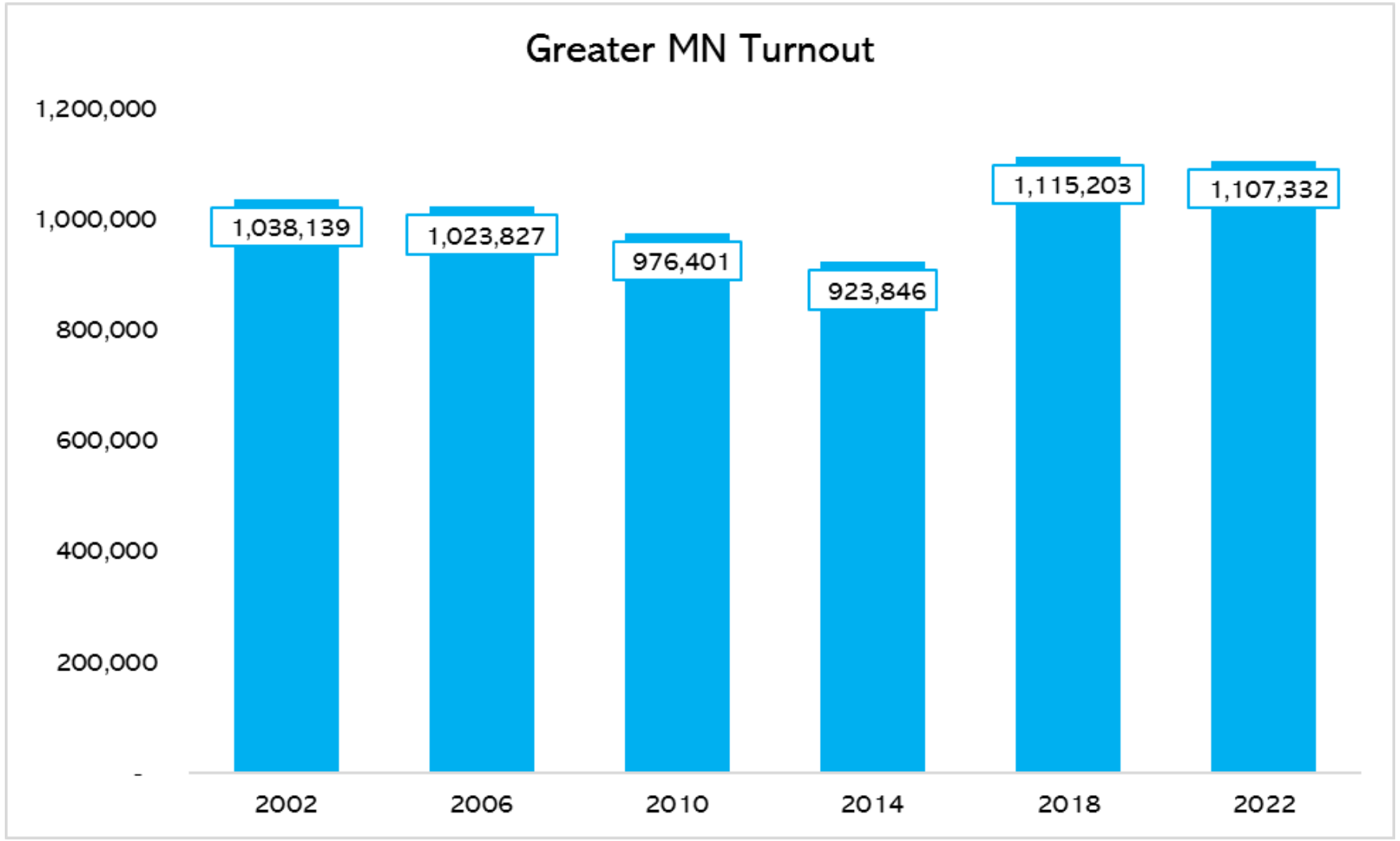
Conventional wisdom failed in Minnesota as well

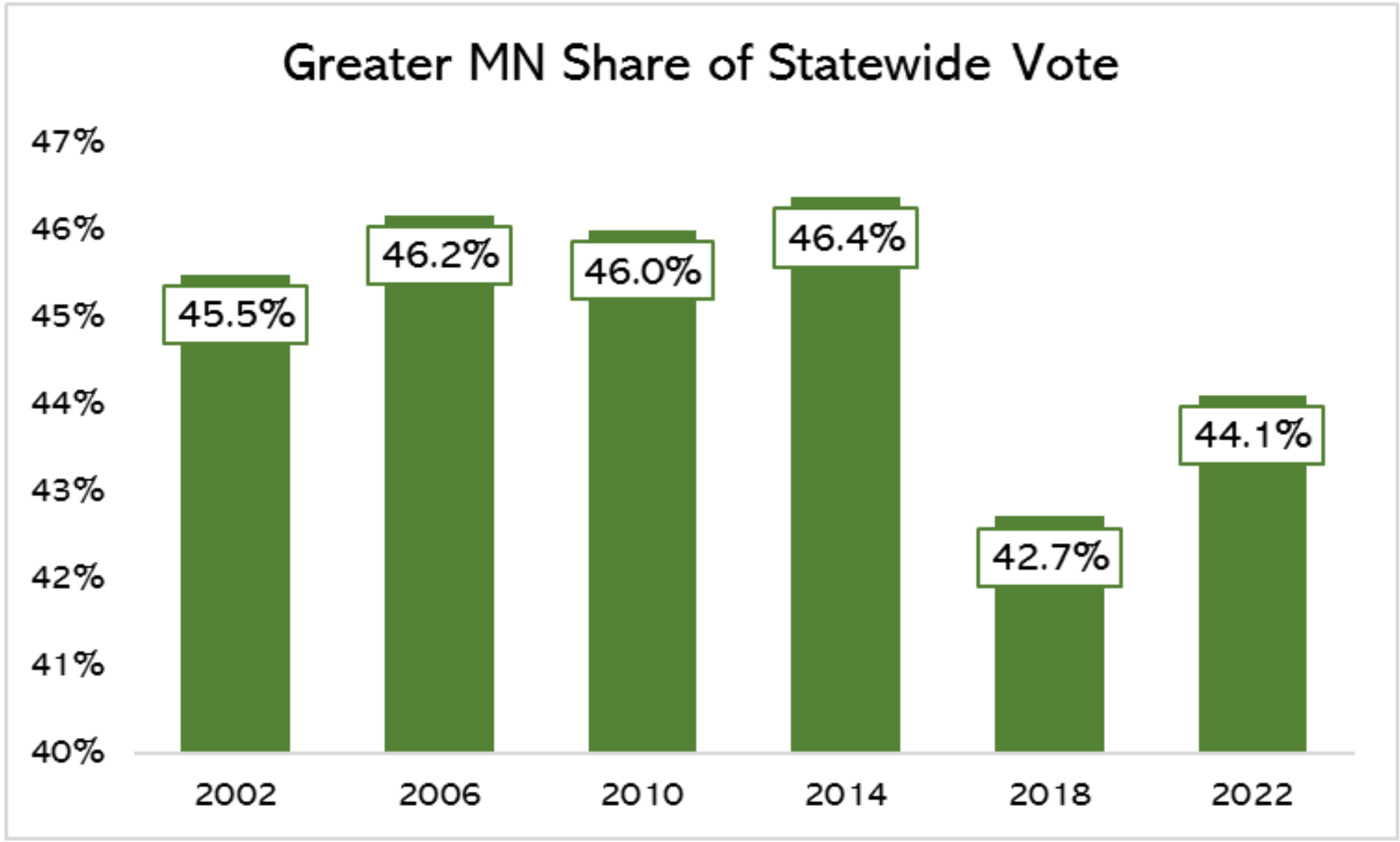
- Lots of predictions that the GOP would hold the Senate and likely flip the House to GOP control
- There were also predictions that the GOP may win one of the statewide races for the first time since 2006
- Political insiders were fooled!

Minnesota turnout drops by 3.6%



Greater MN turnout




Greater MN Share of Statewide Vote
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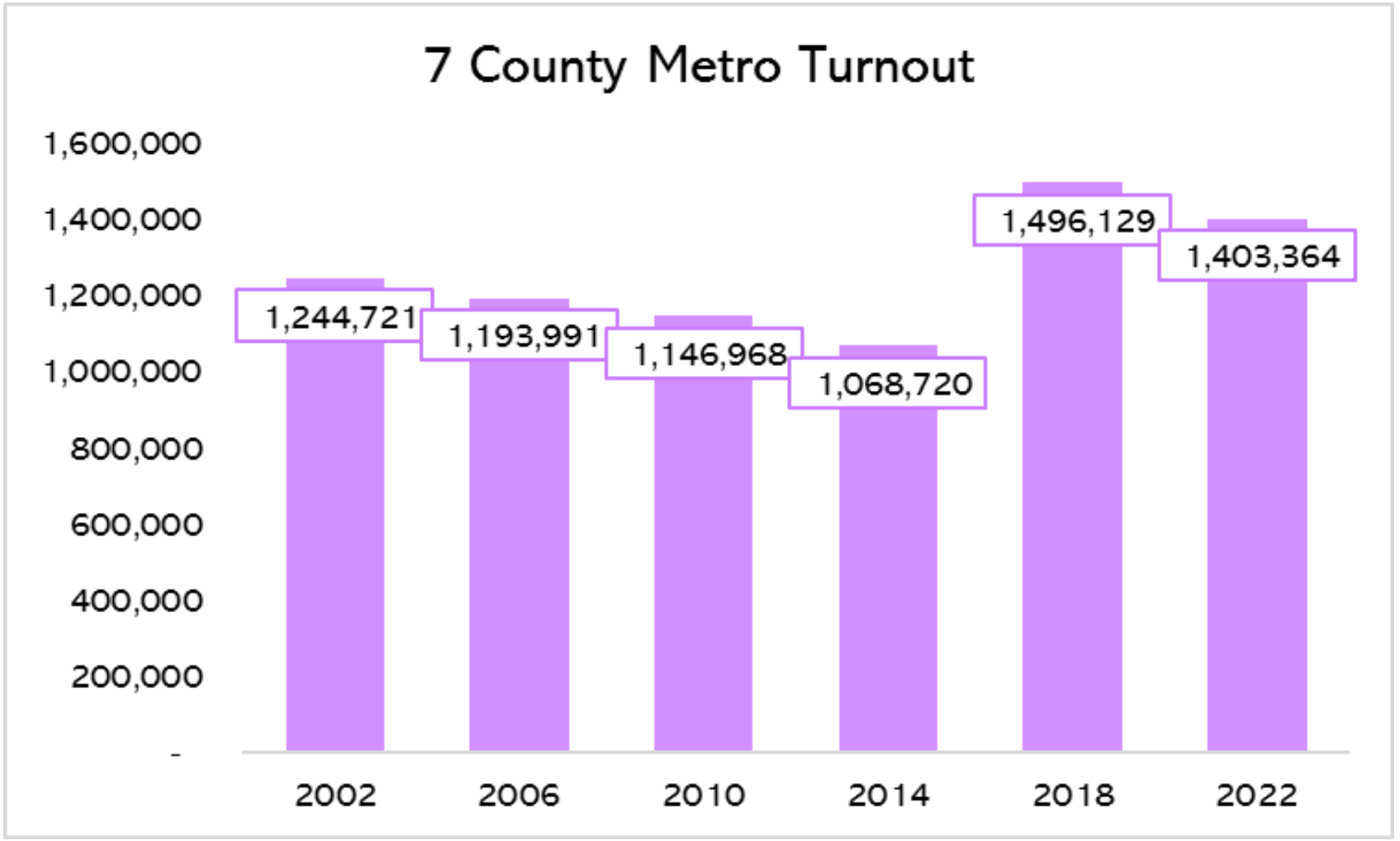
2022

Metro turnout remains strong



Race for Governor

Tim Walz

Scott Jensen

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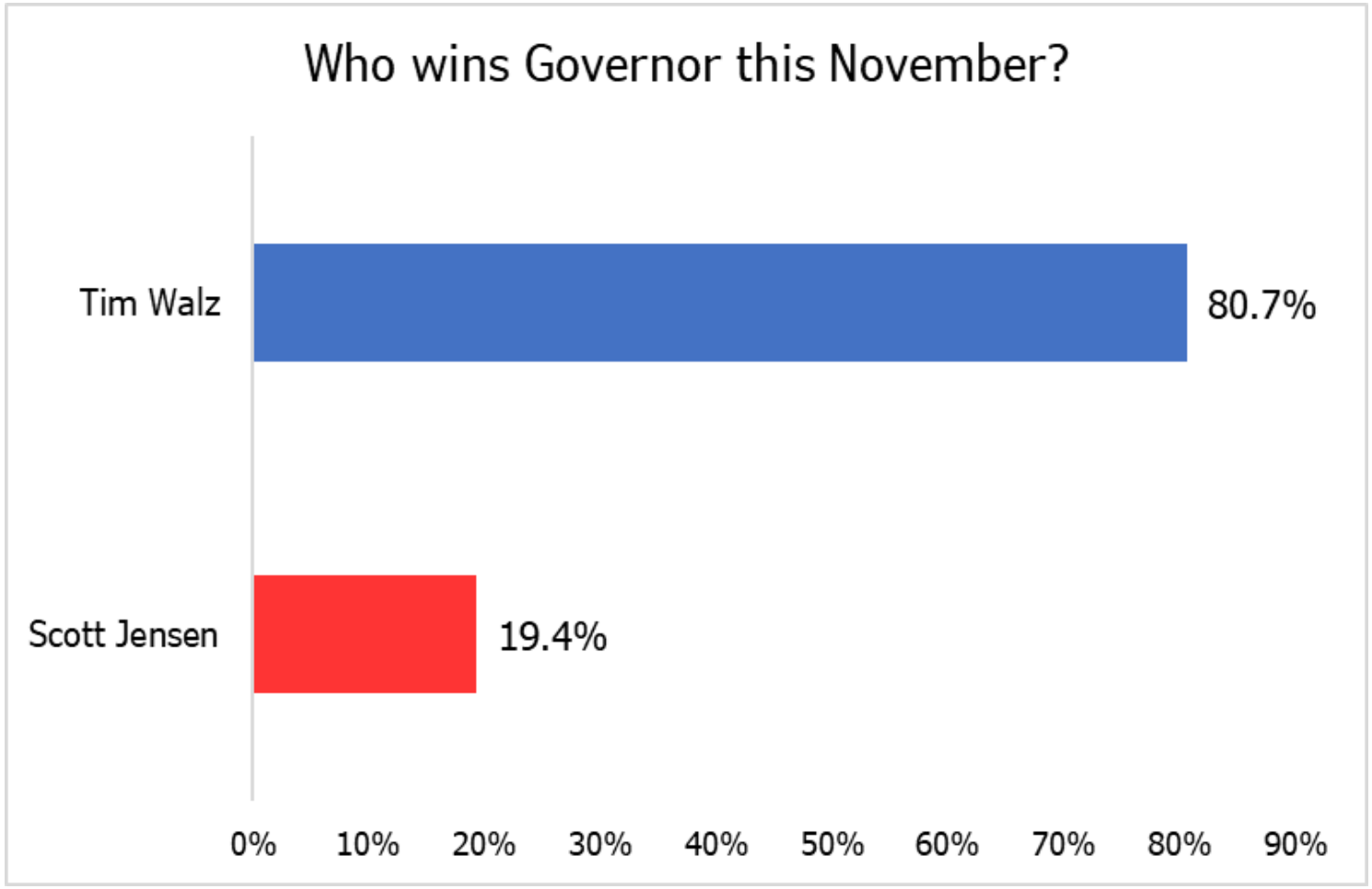
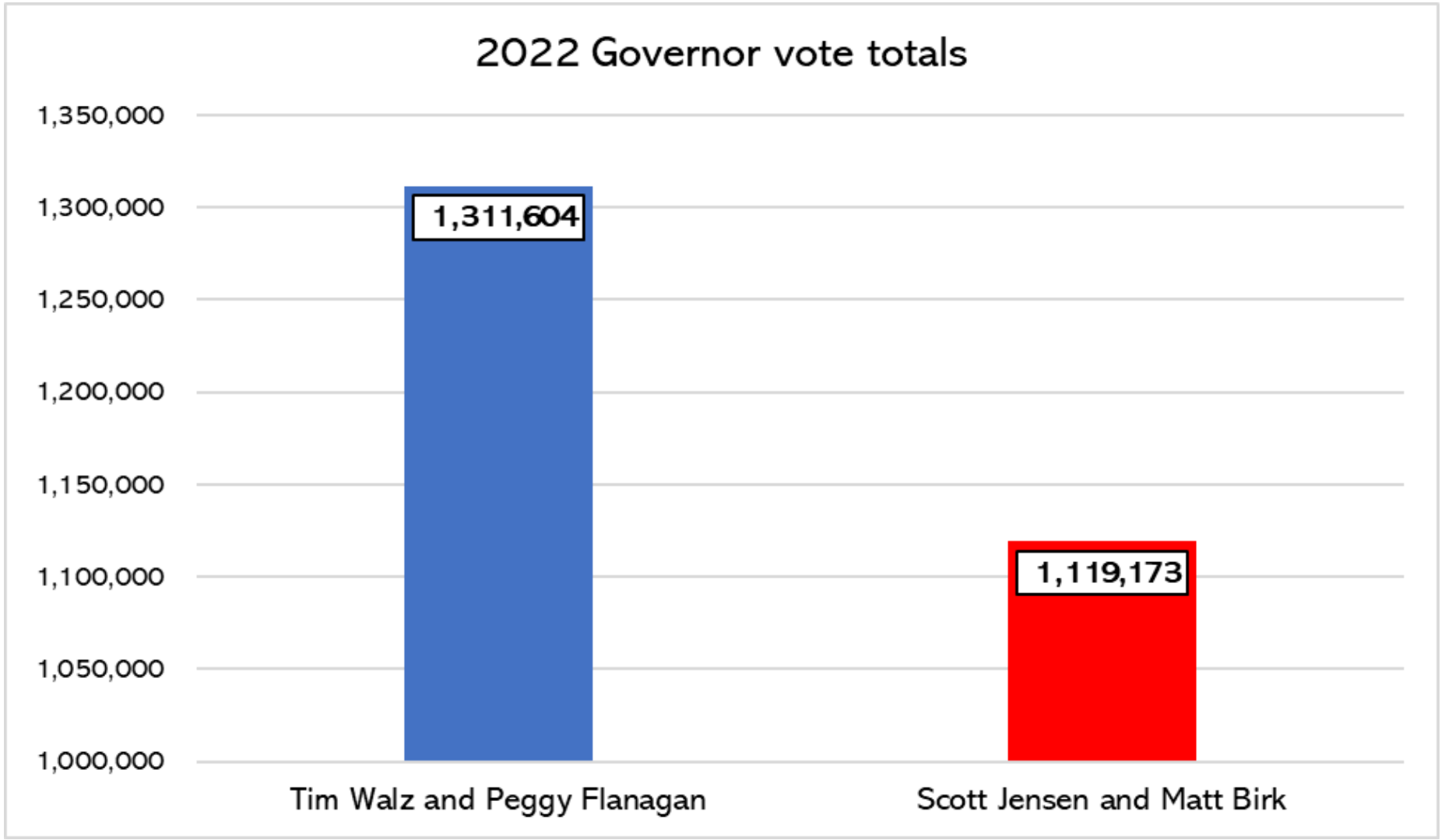
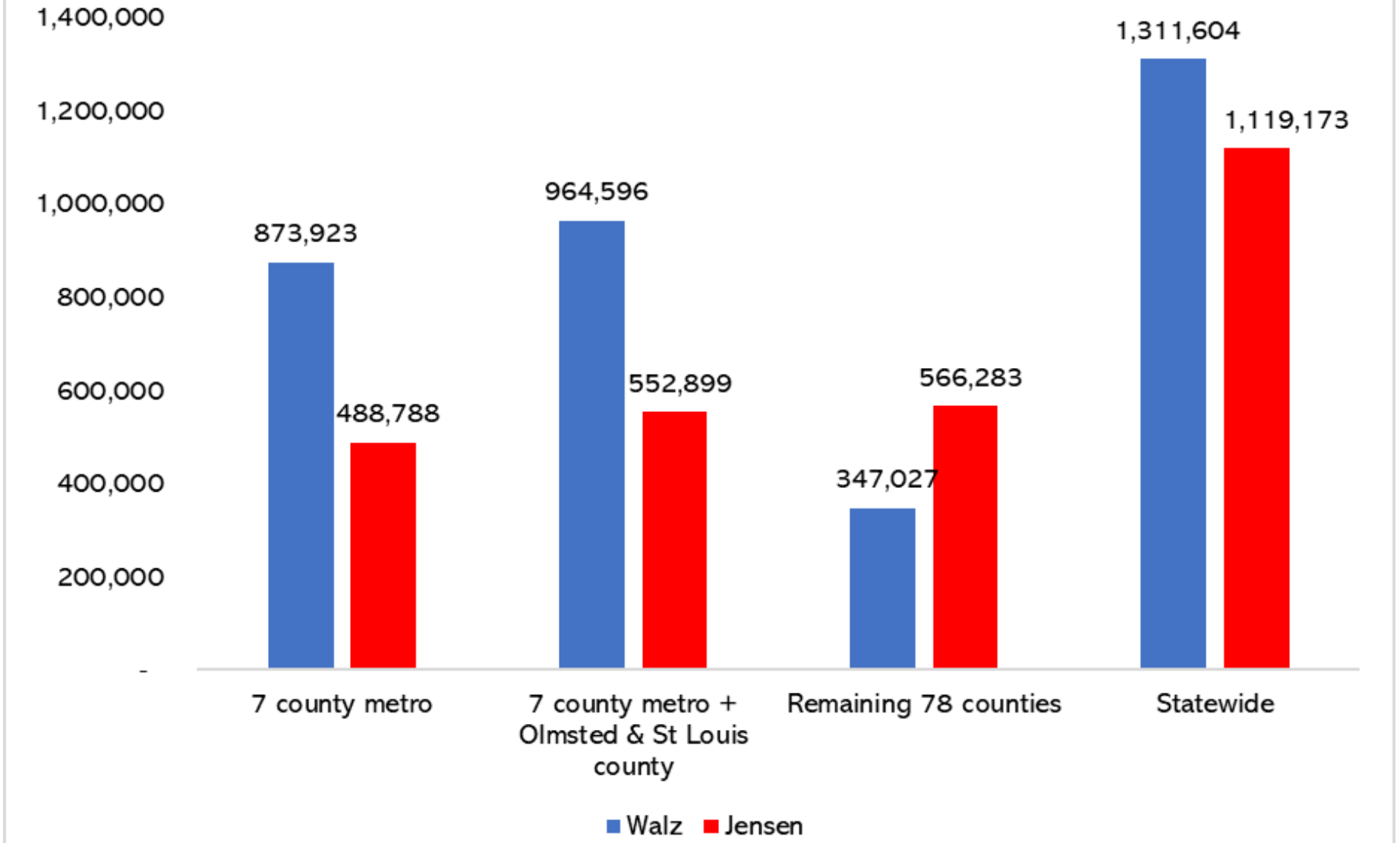


Walz vote total



Where did Walz win?



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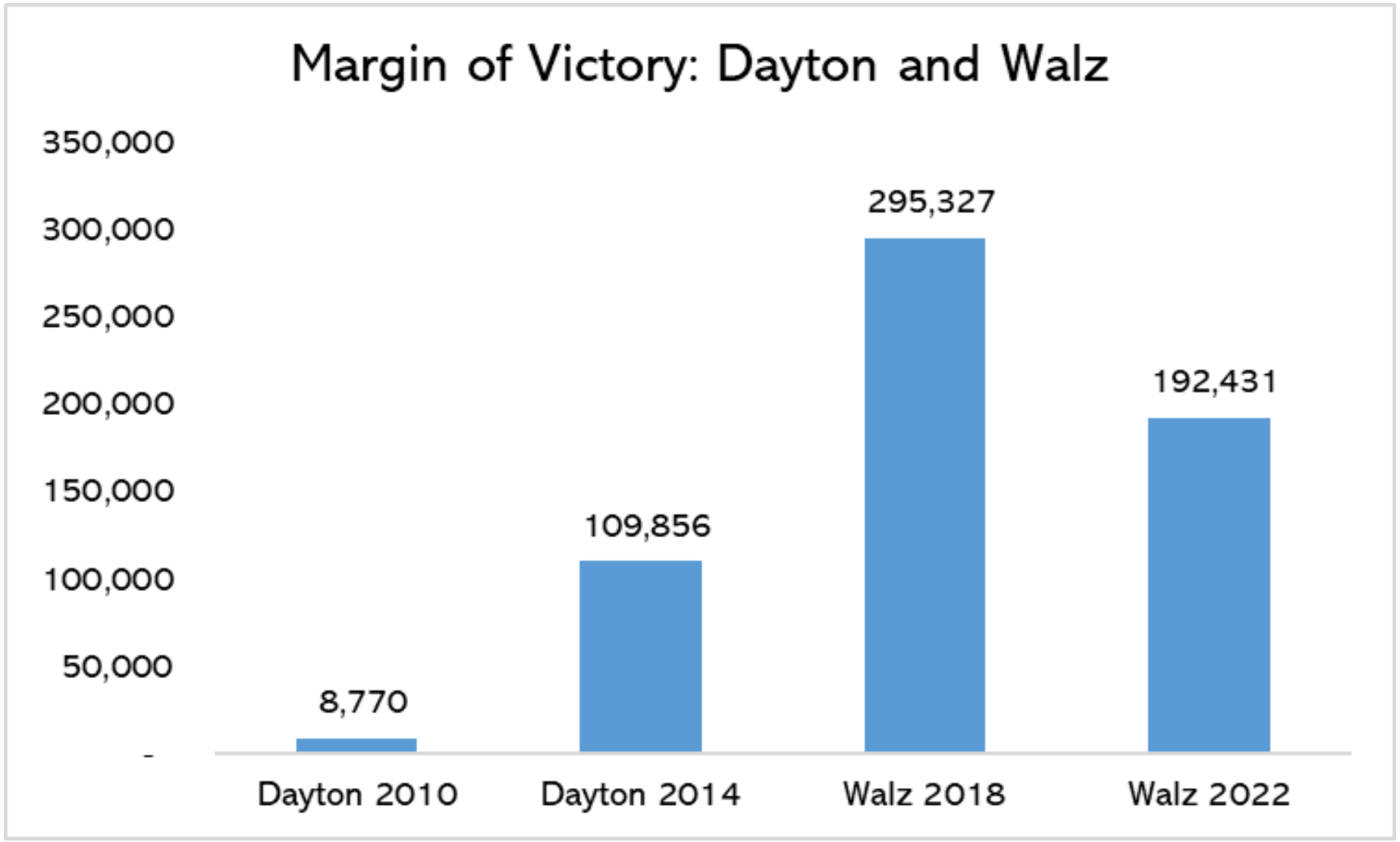
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Dayton 2010
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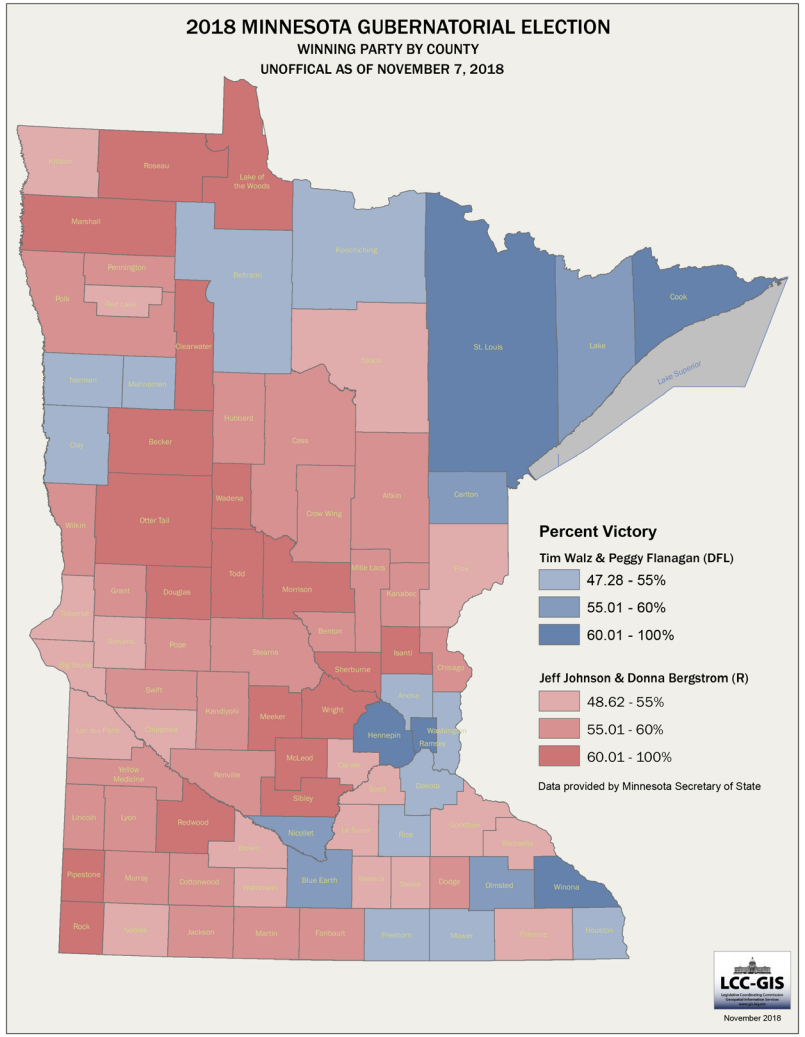
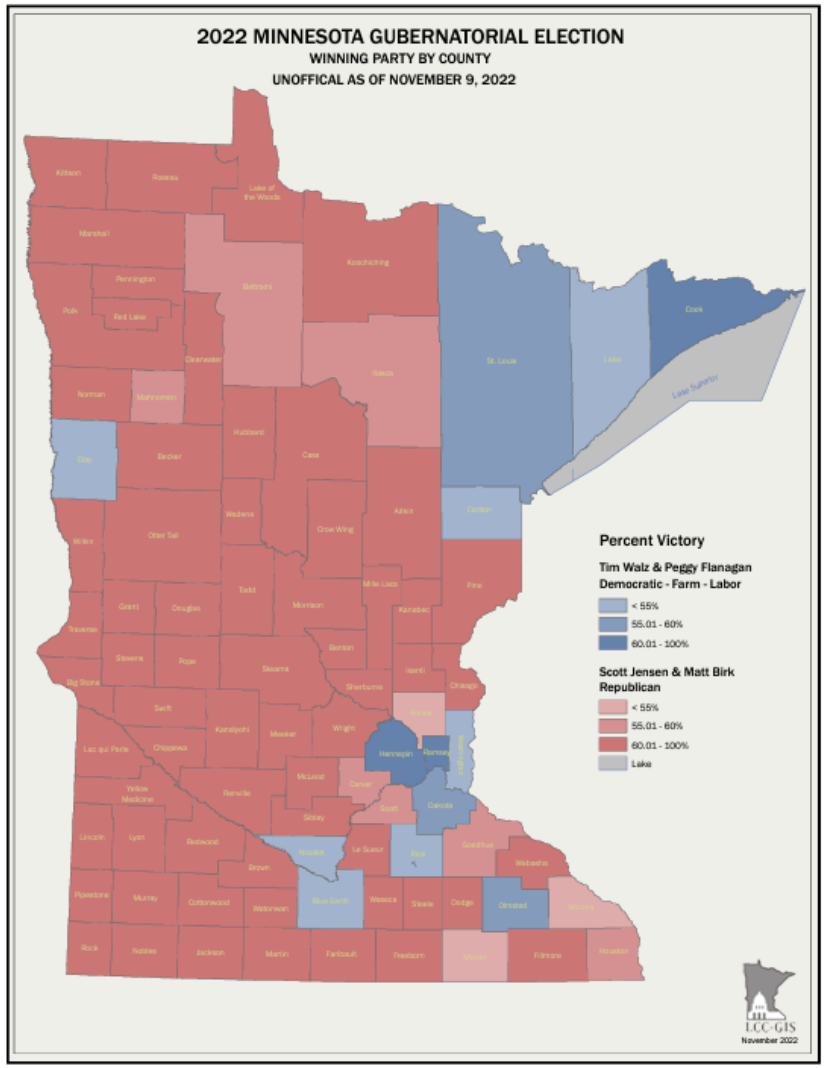
Walz 2018
Walz 2022

Walz Victory by County: 2018 and 2022





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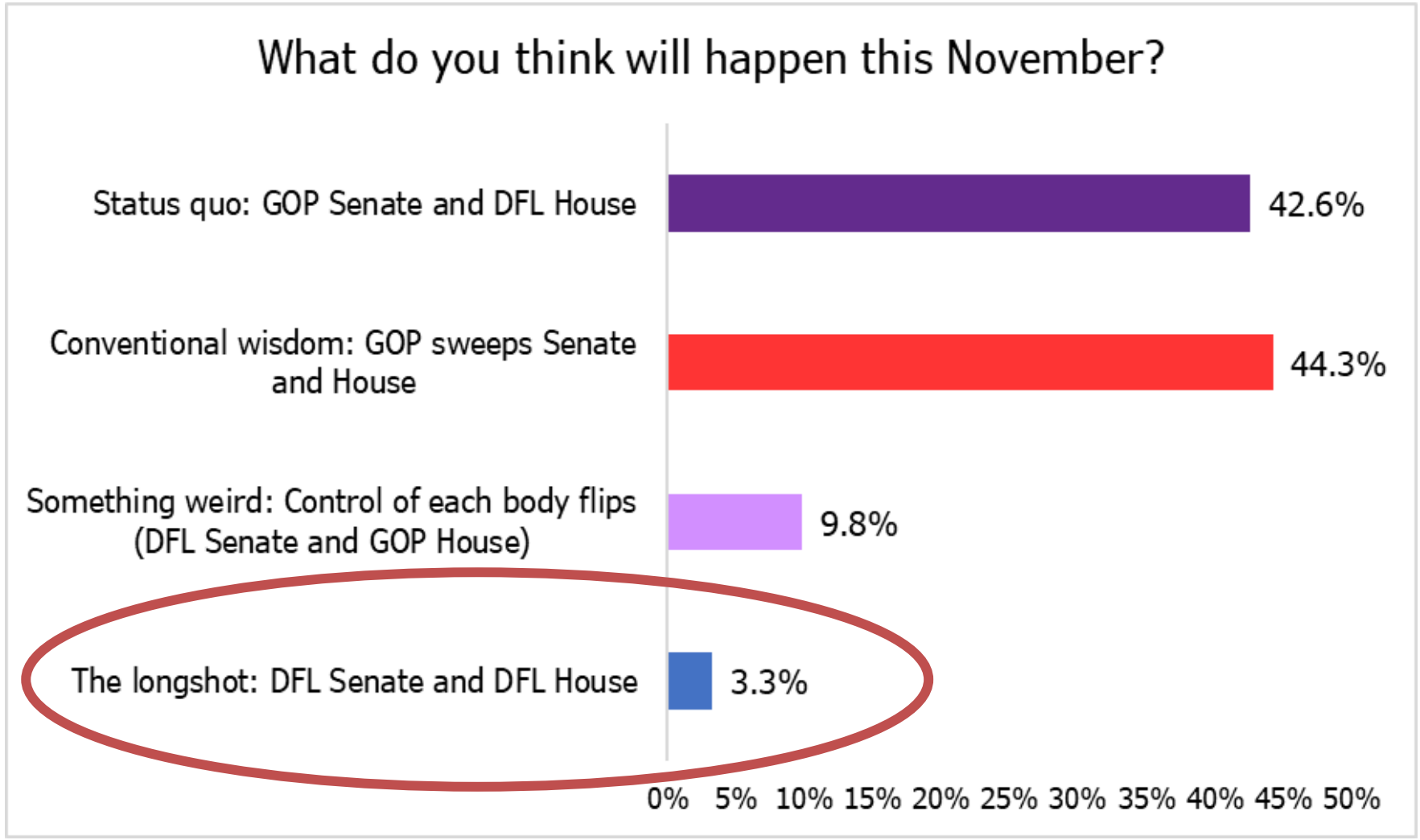

We were all wrong: DFL has full control of the Minnesota Legislature

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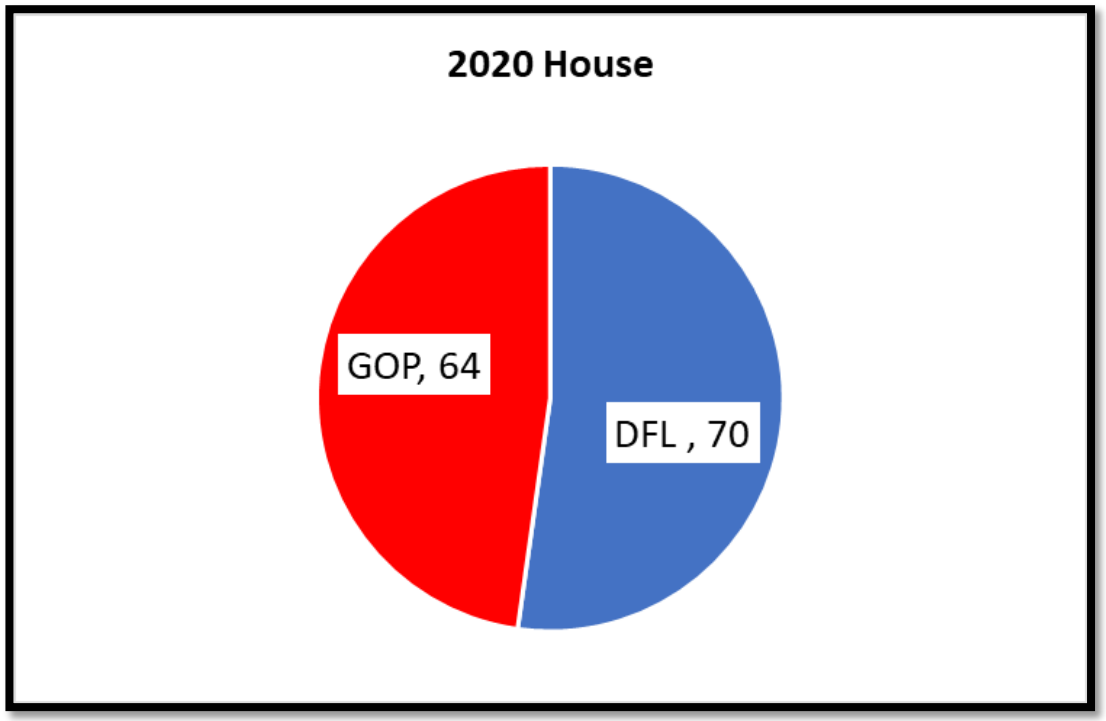
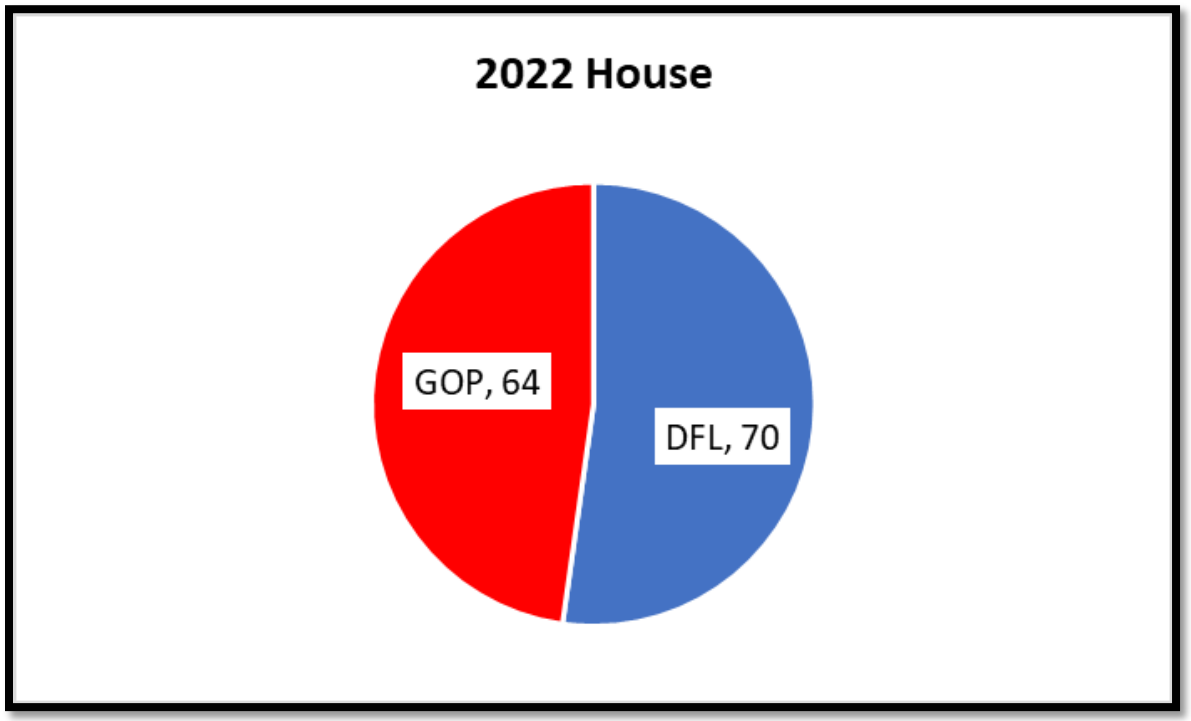
DFL Maintains control of the MN House





Mn house maps

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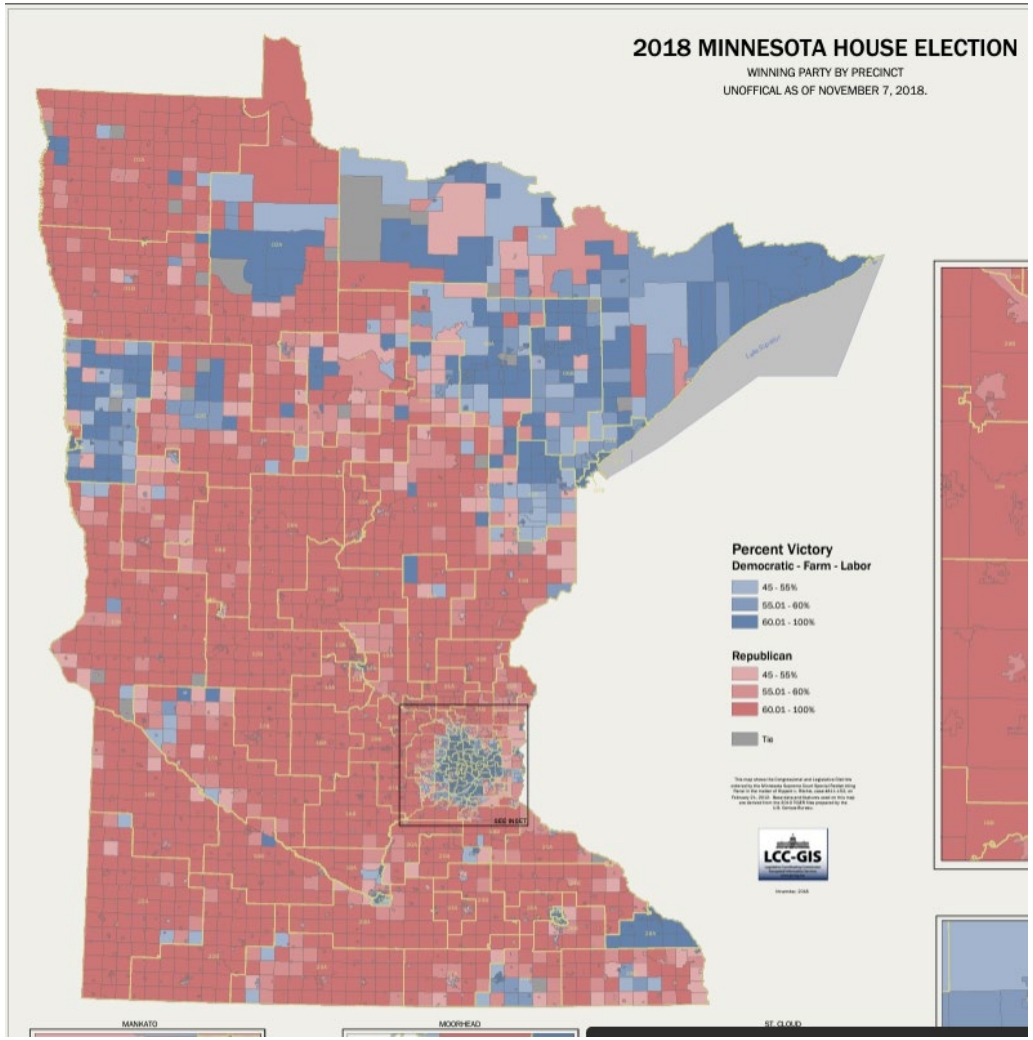

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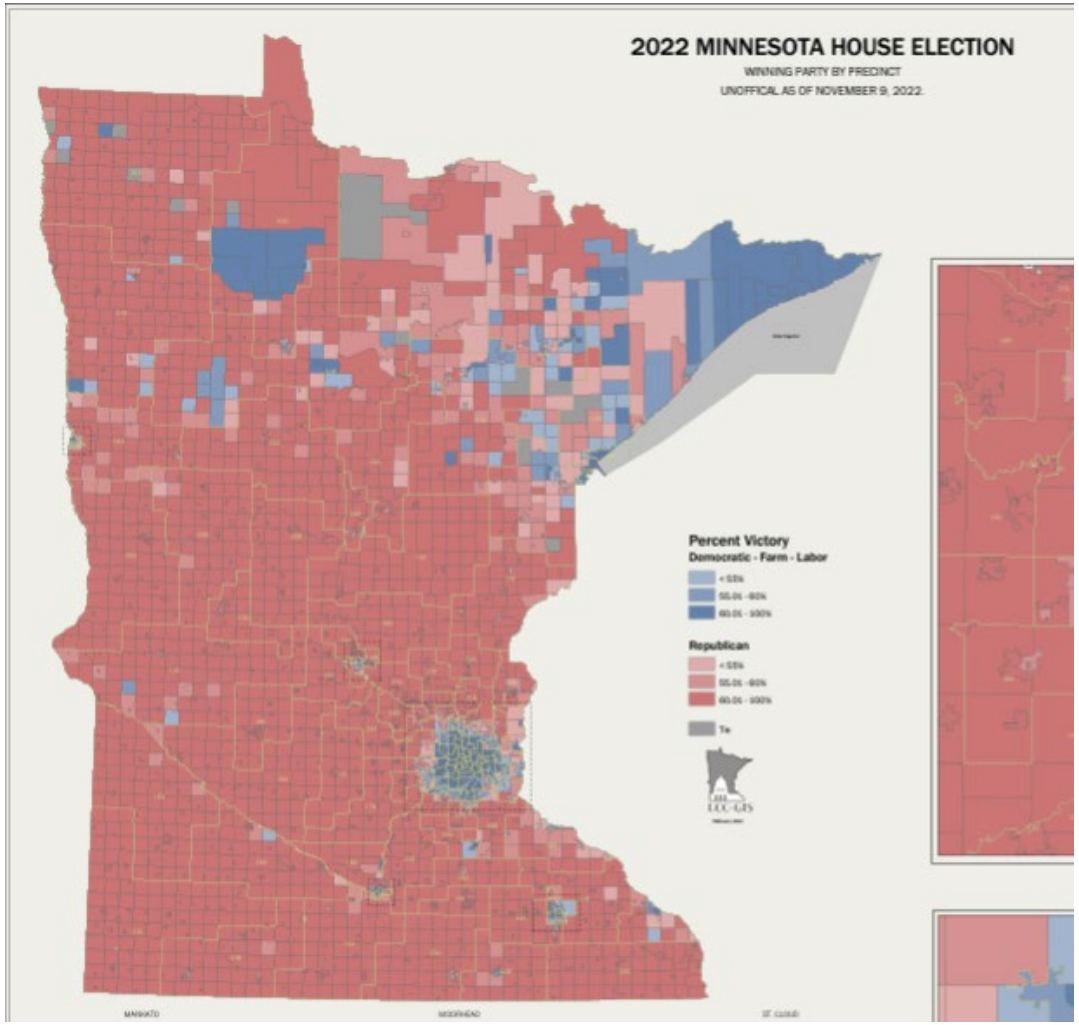

MN house metro maps

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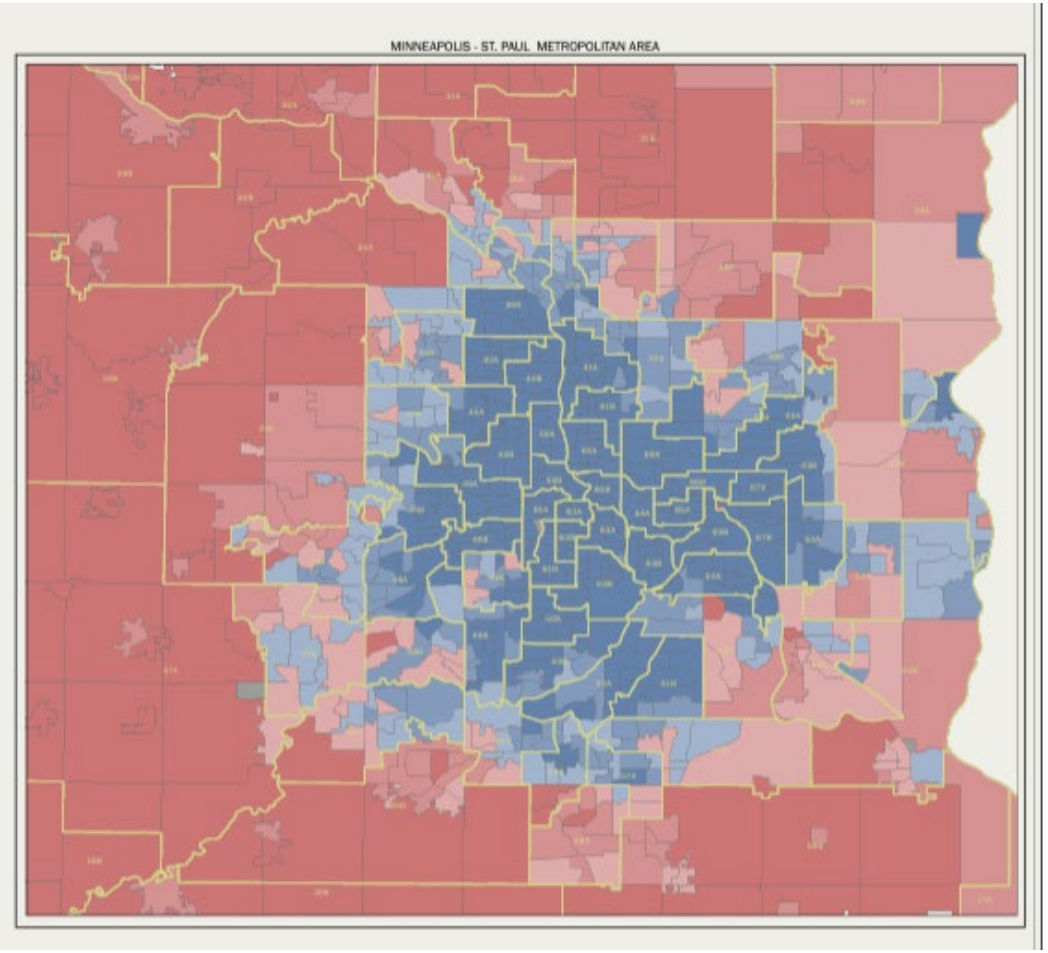

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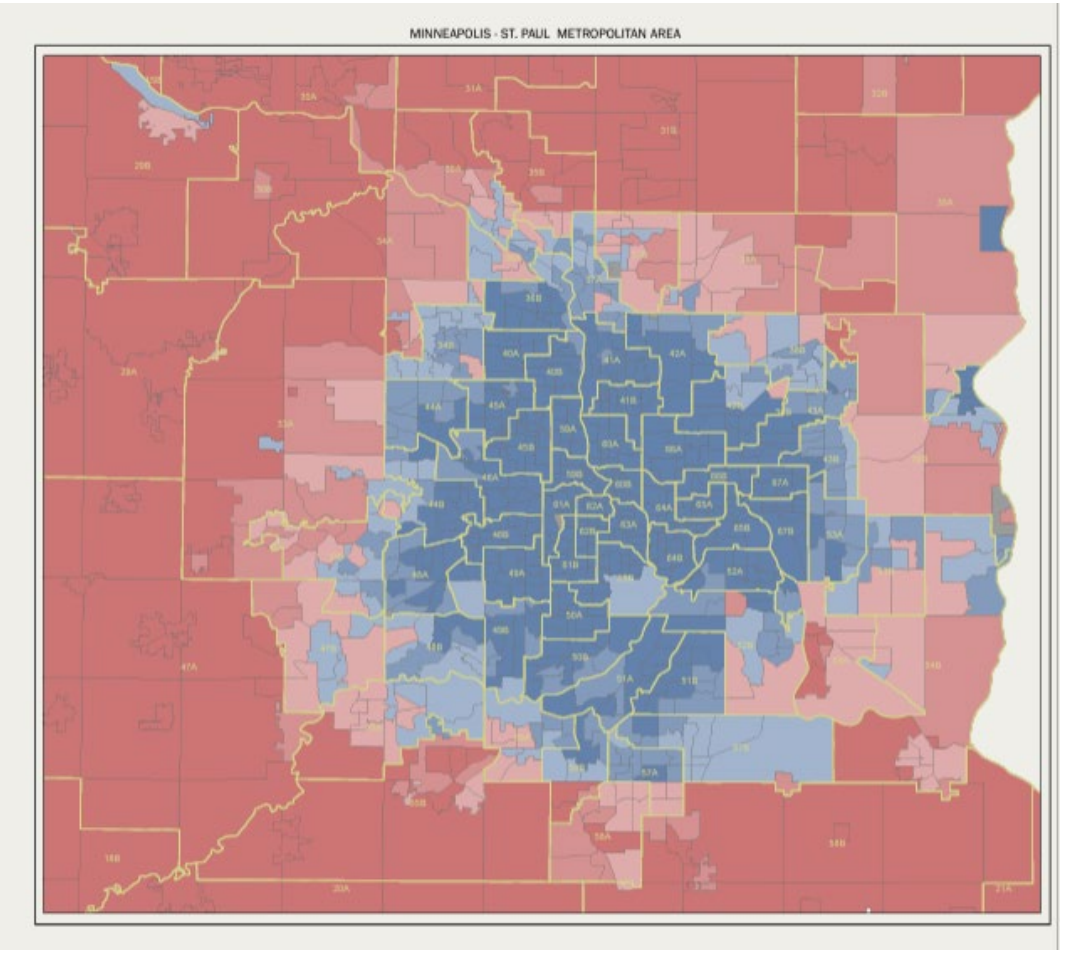
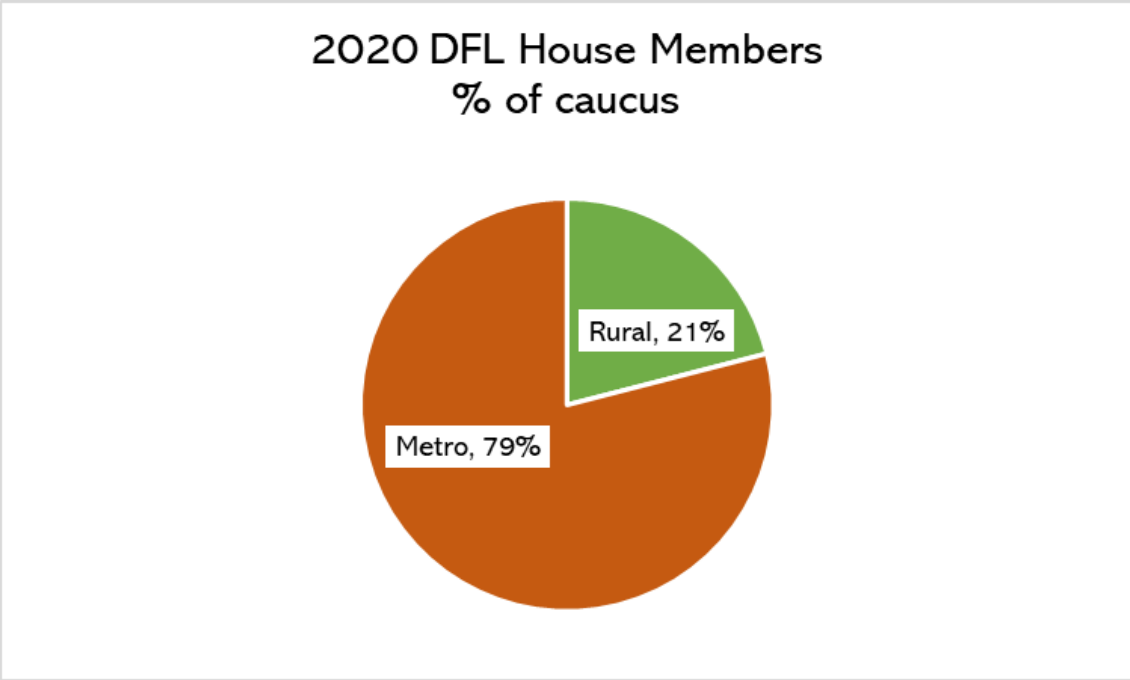
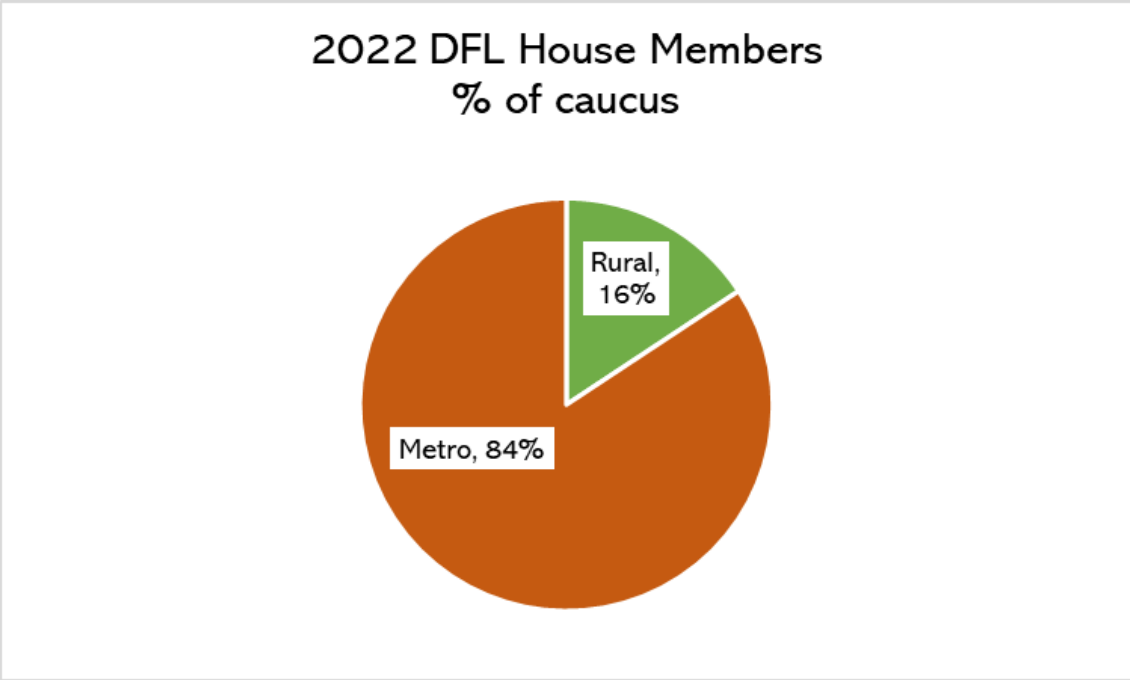
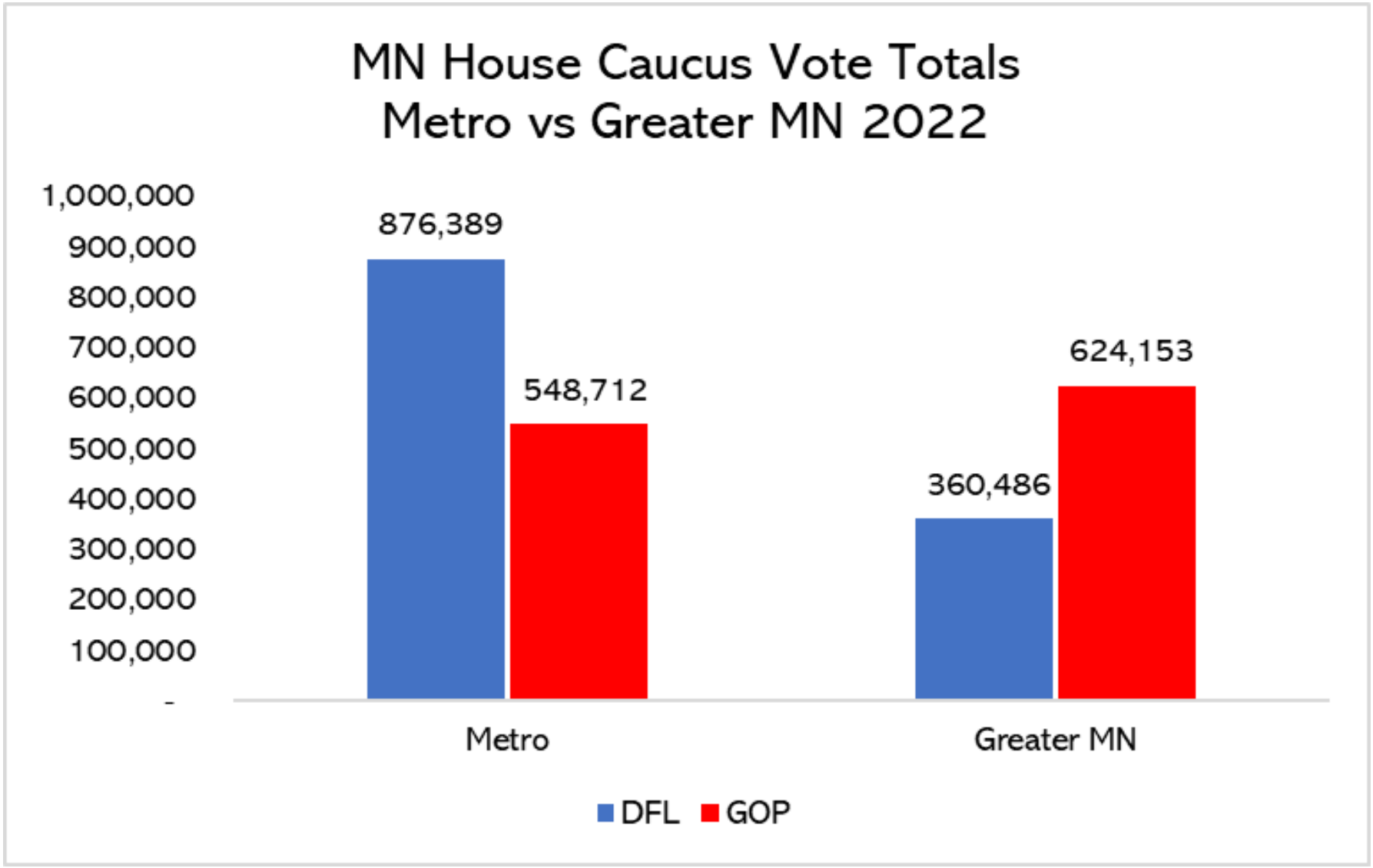


House DFL, Greater MN vs Metro



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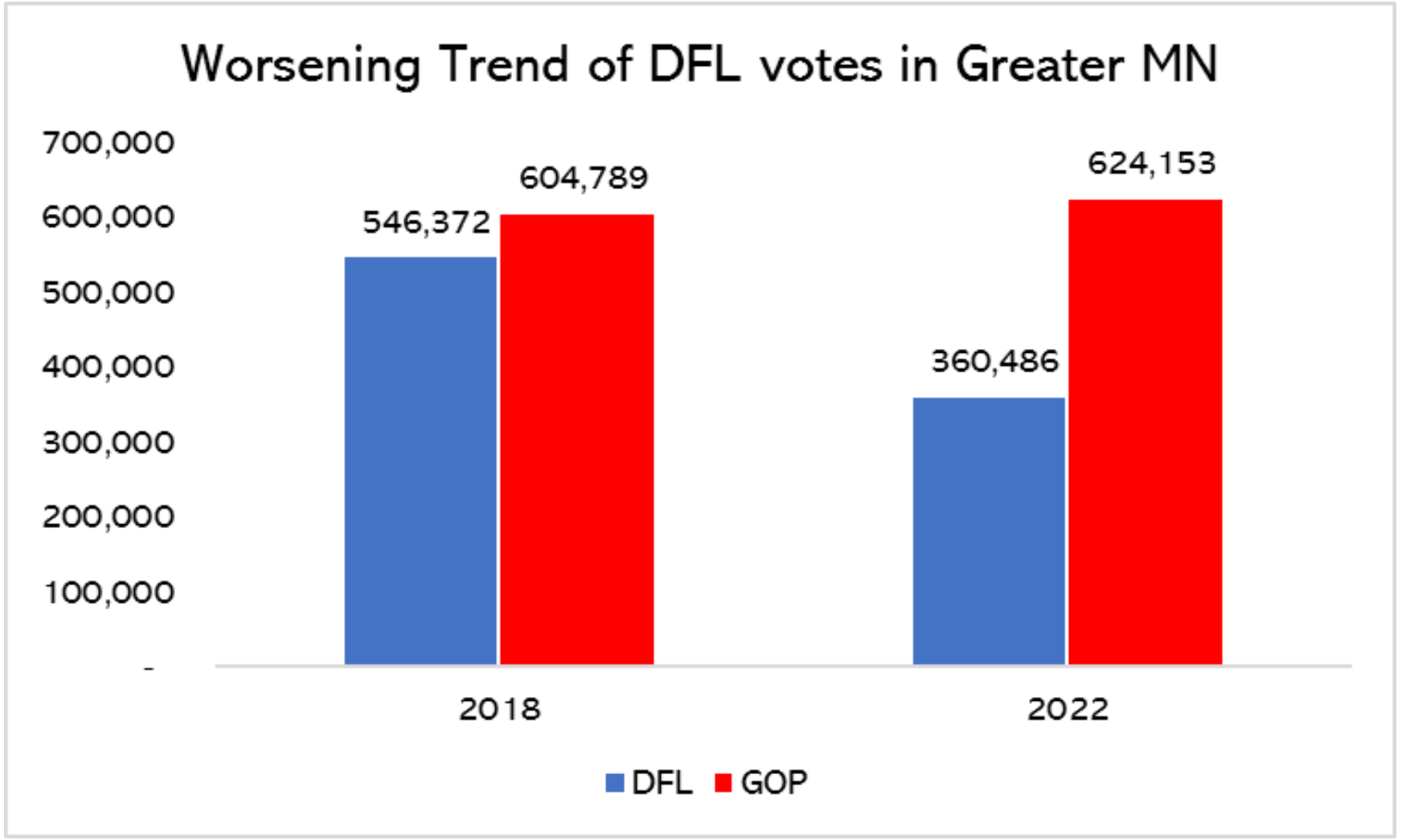

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House Majority Leadership

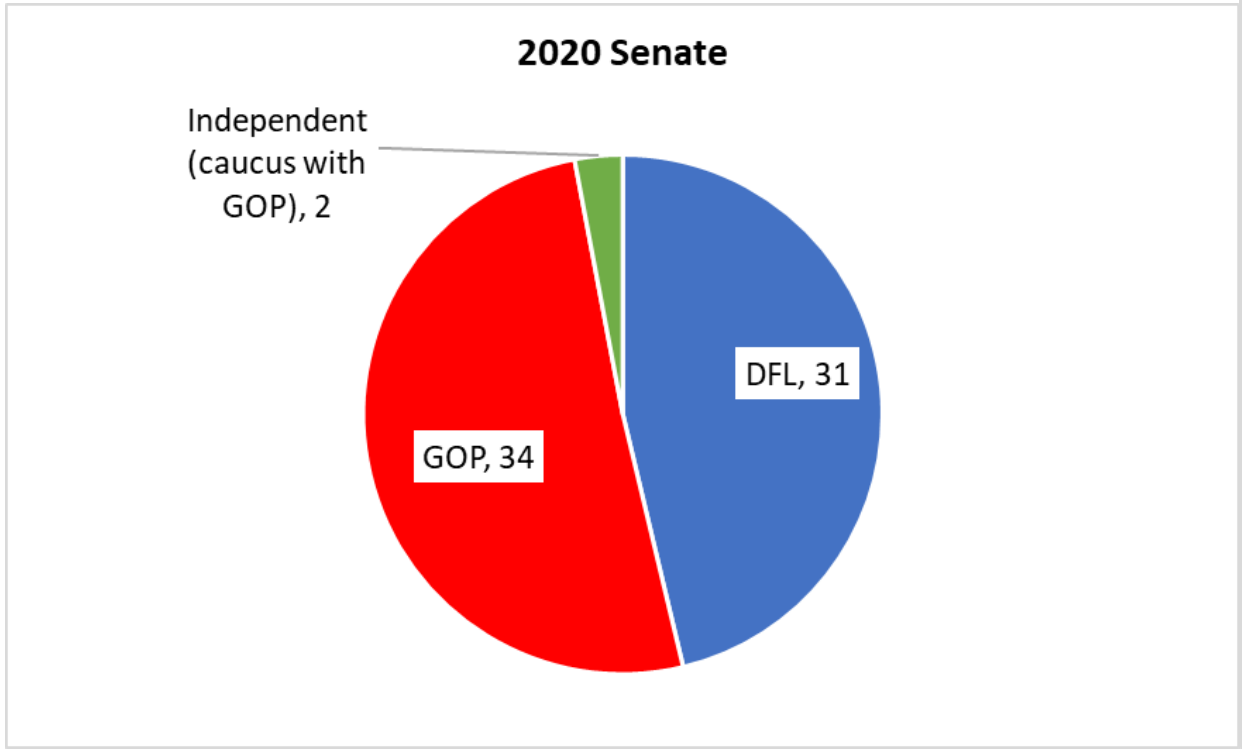
Speaker of the House:
Melissa Hortman

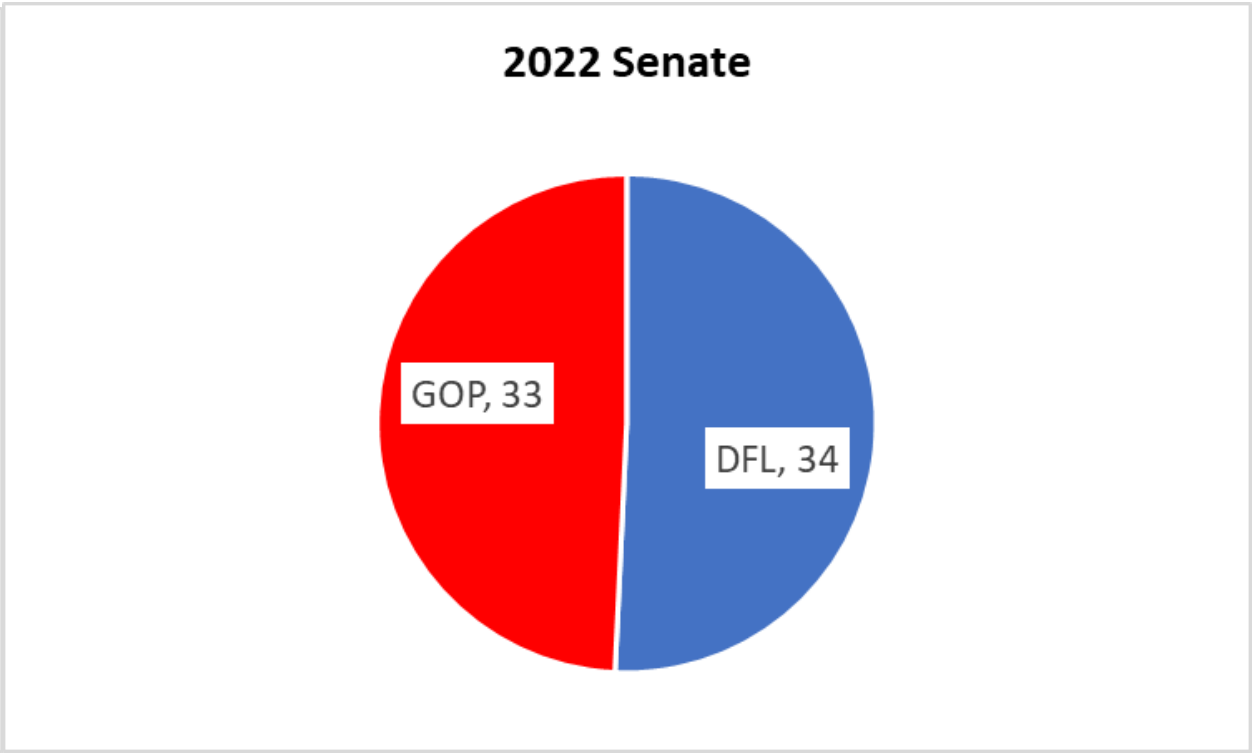
House Majority Leader:
Jamie Long

House Minority Leader

Lisa Demuth

DFL takes control of the Senate by one seat





Major wins for DFL in MN Senate to win control

- Grant Hauschild: SD3 (Northern MN)
- Rob Kupec: SD4 (Moorhead, Detroit Lakes)
- Aric Putnam: SD14 (Saint Cloud)
- Liz Boldon: SD25 (Rochester)
- Heather Gustafson: SD36 (Lino Lakes, Vadnais Heights, White Bear Lake)
- Judy Seeberger SD41 (Lake Elmo, Afton, Cottage Grove)

Senate maps

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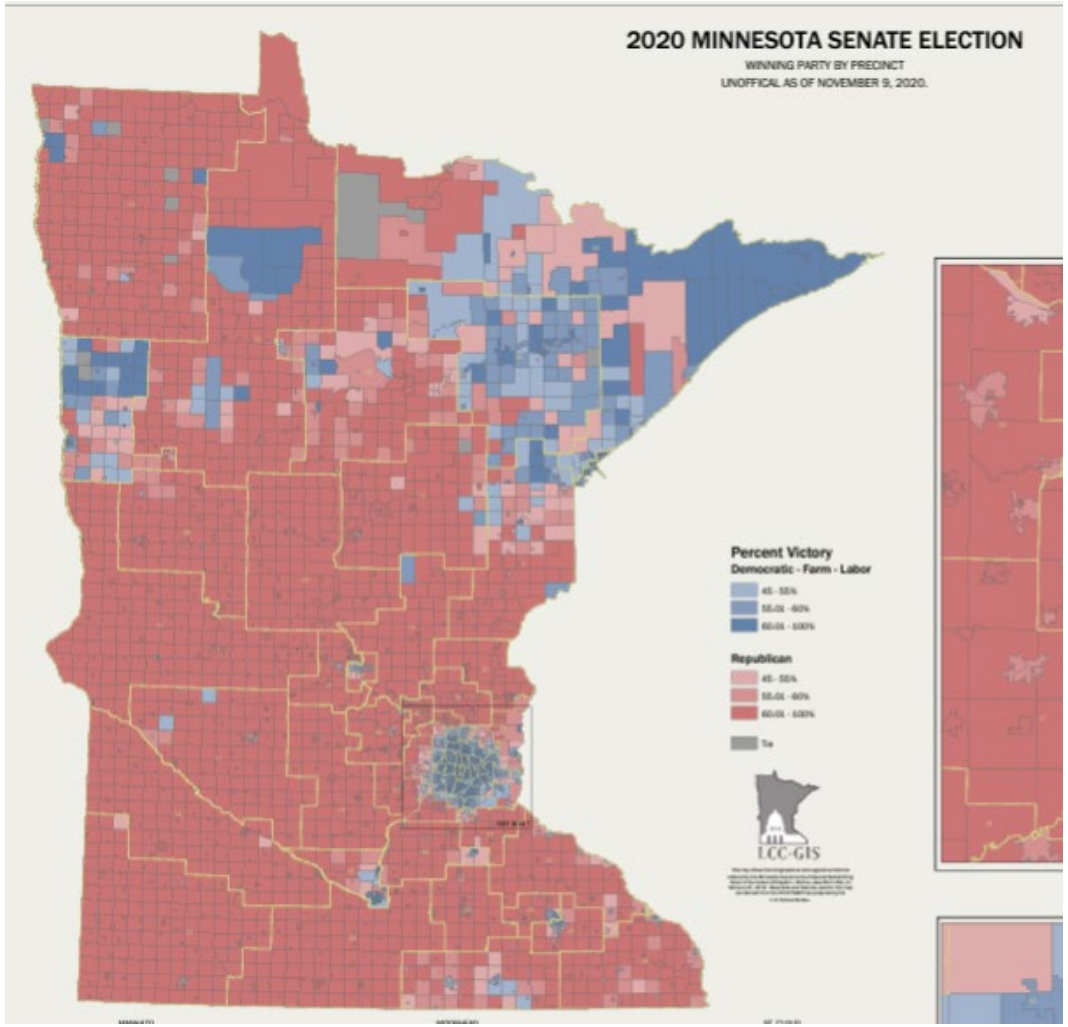

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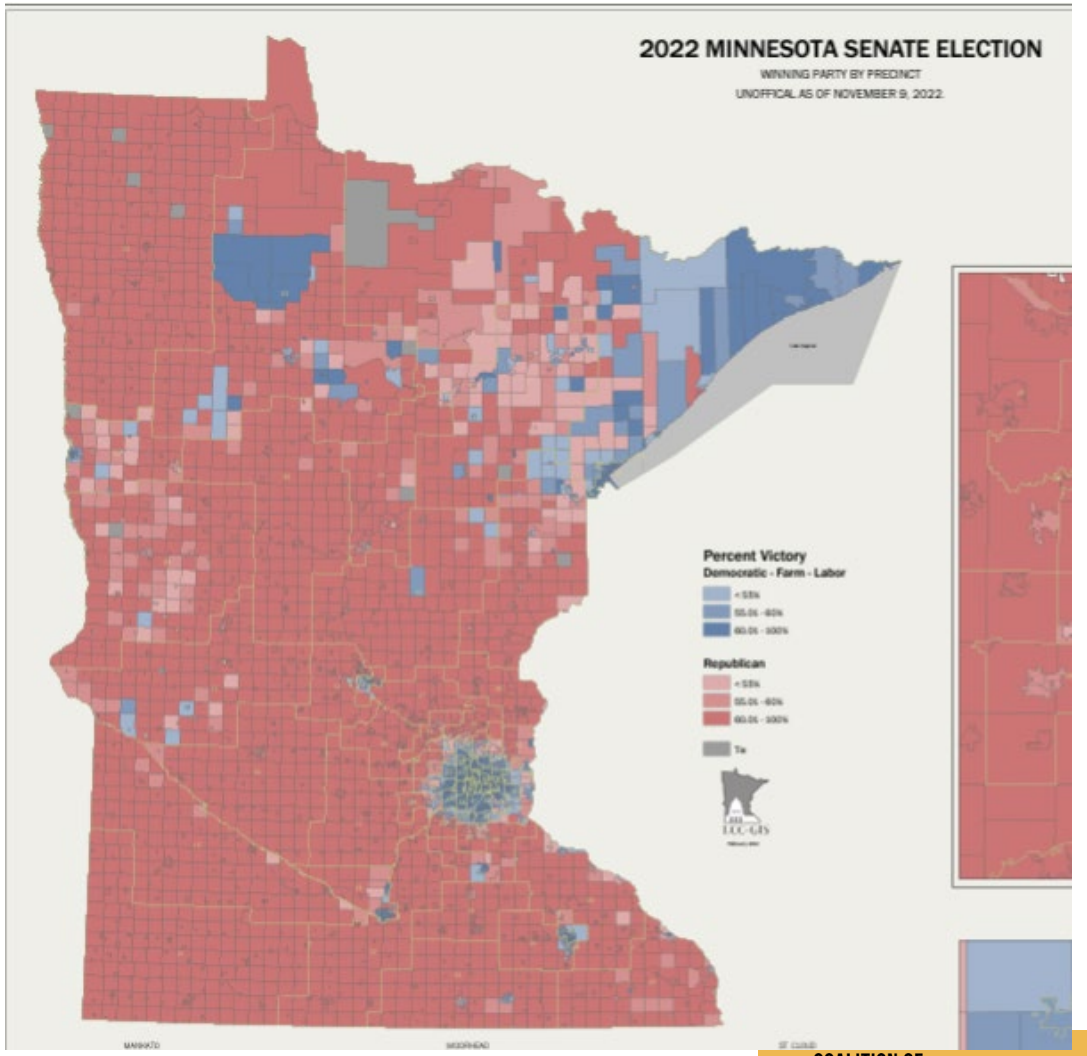

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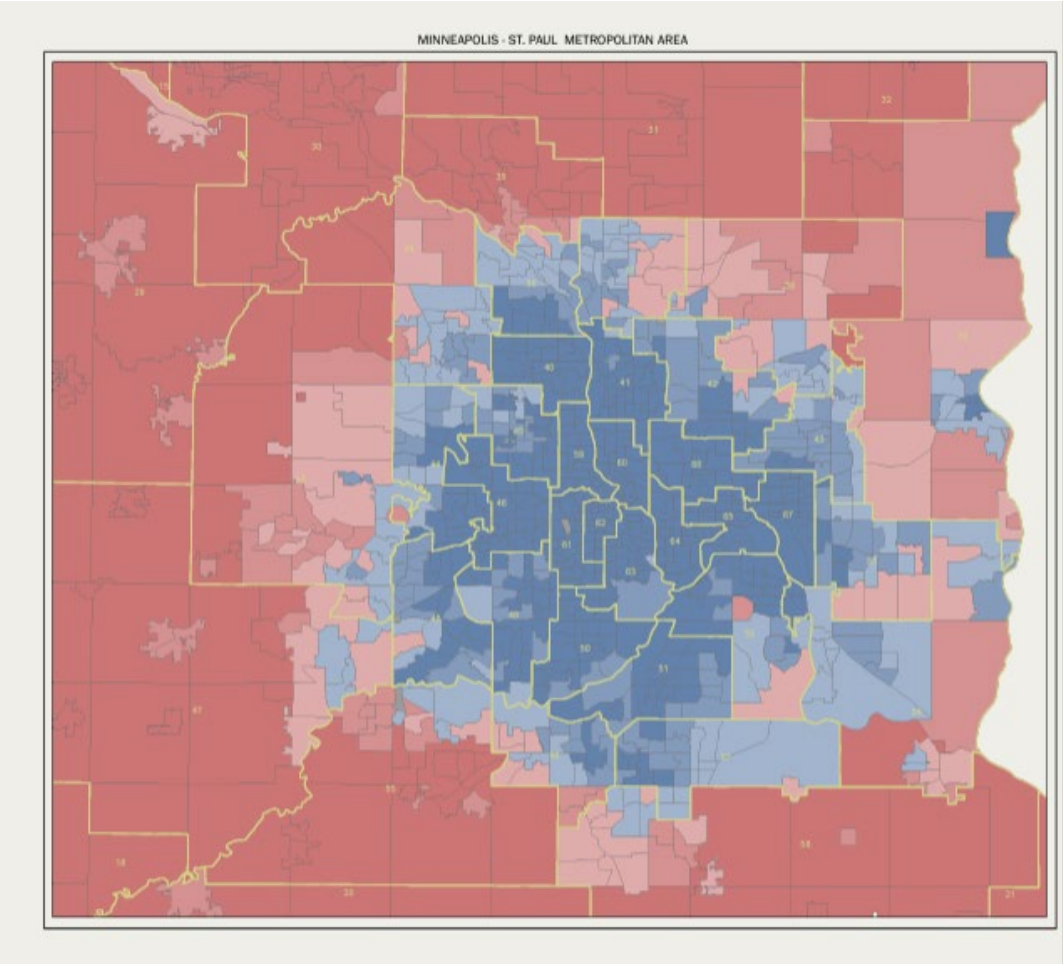

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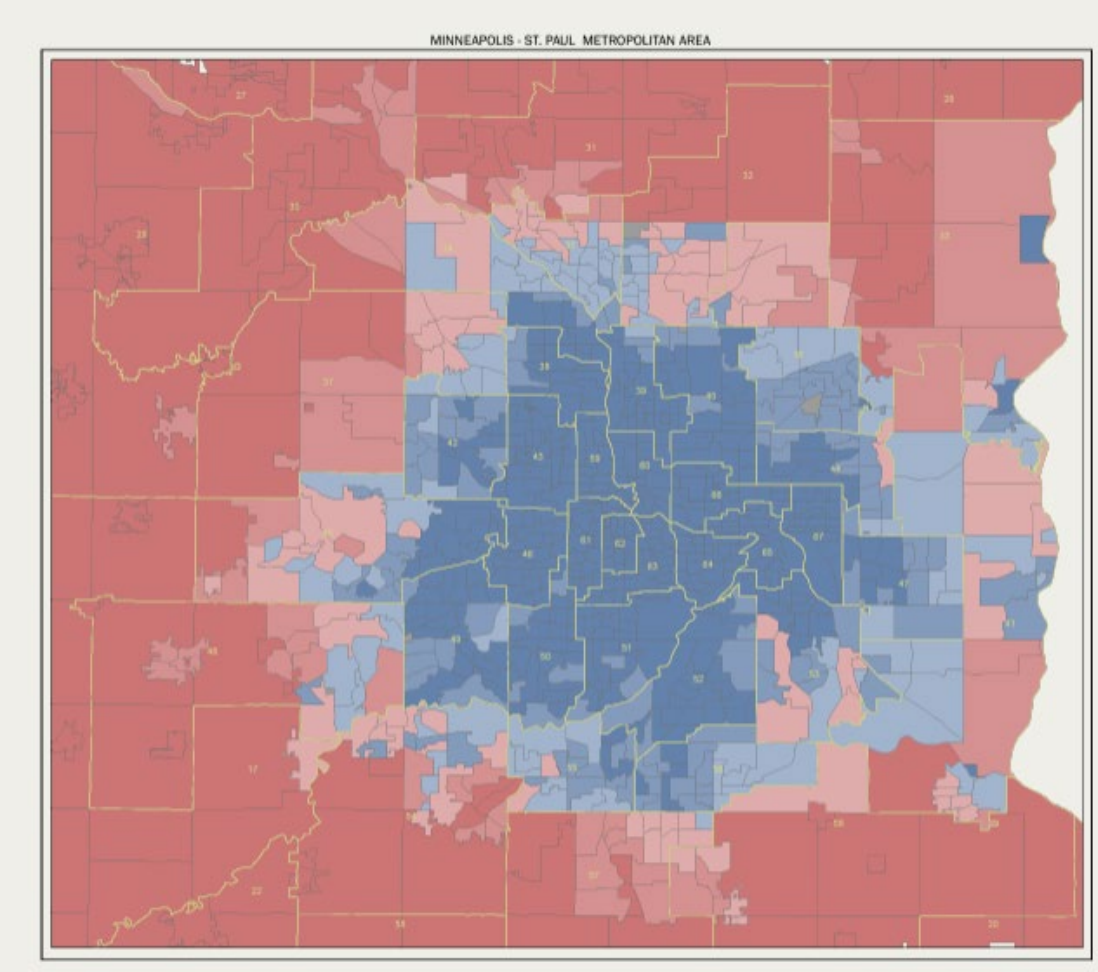

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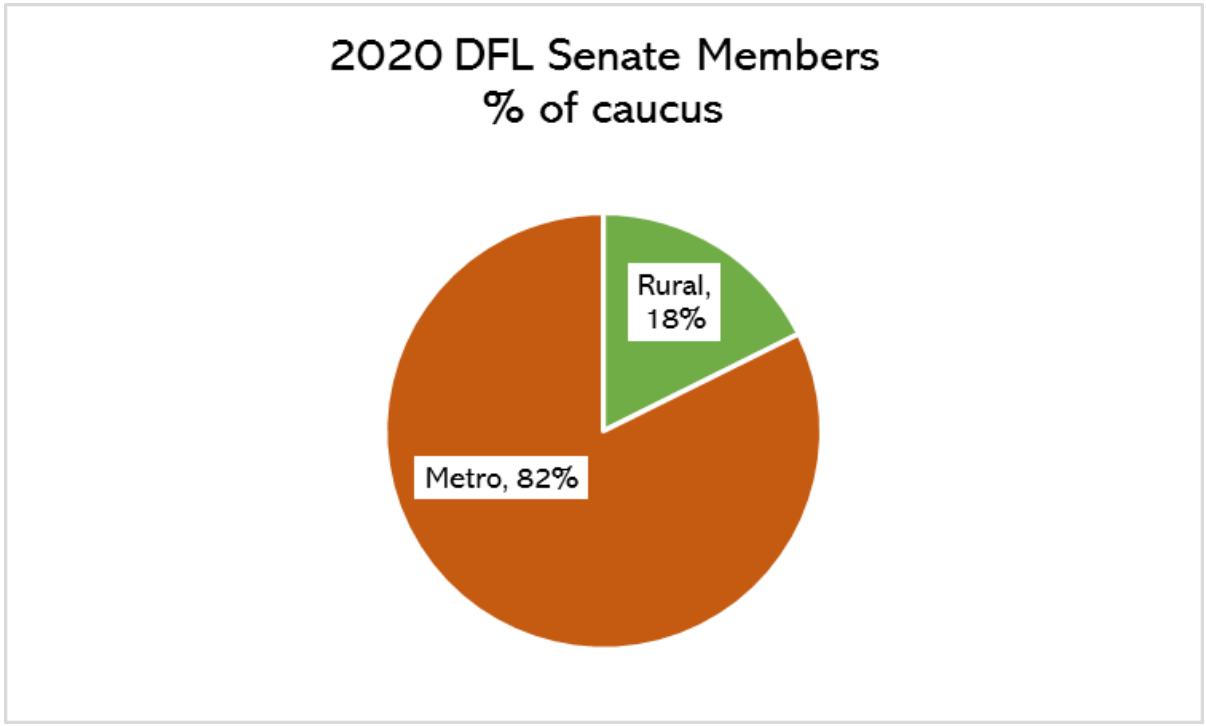

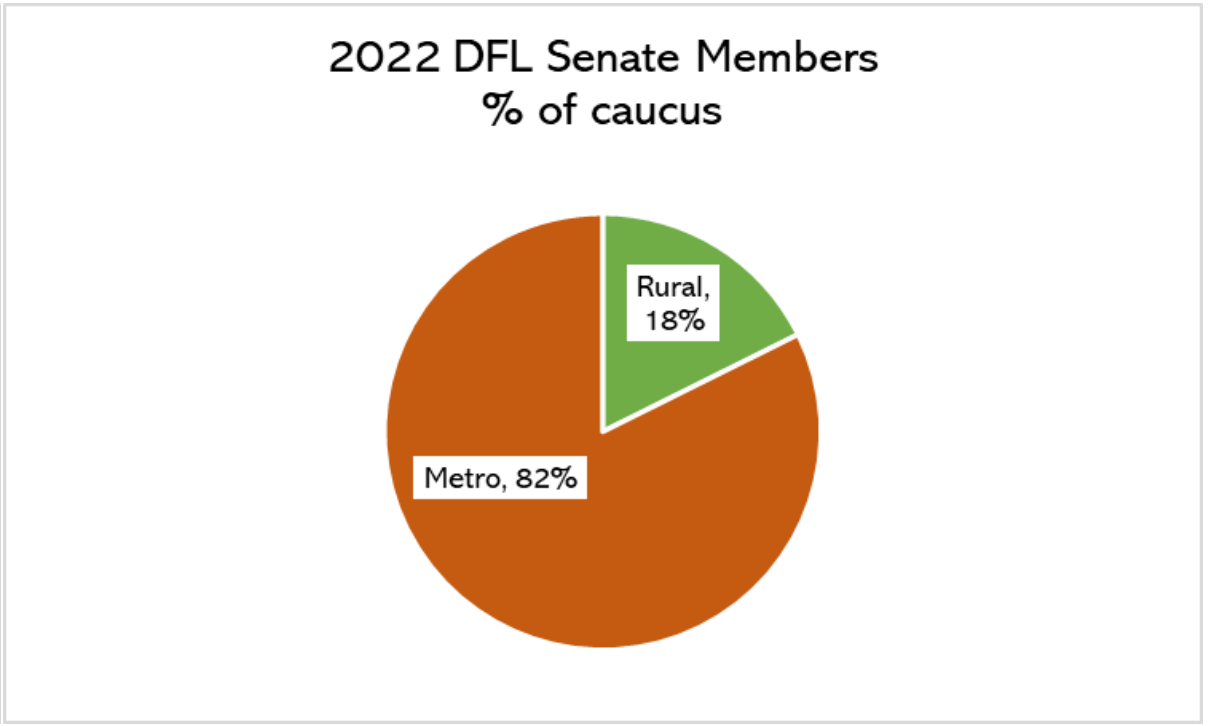

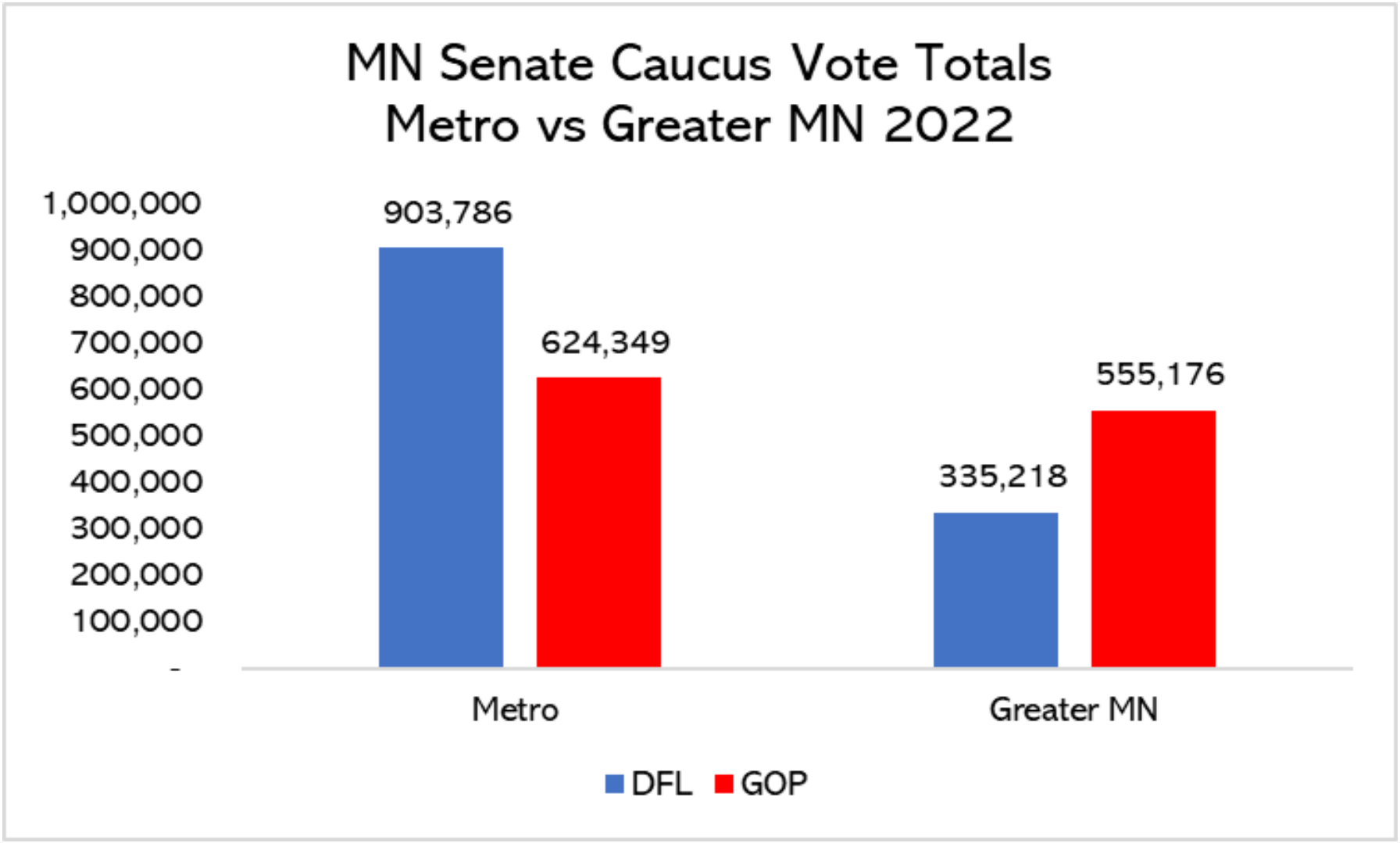
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Senate Leadership

DFL Senate Majority Leader: Kari Dziedzic

GOP Senate Minority Leader: Mark Johnson

Senate Chairs

Ann Rest: Tax Chair

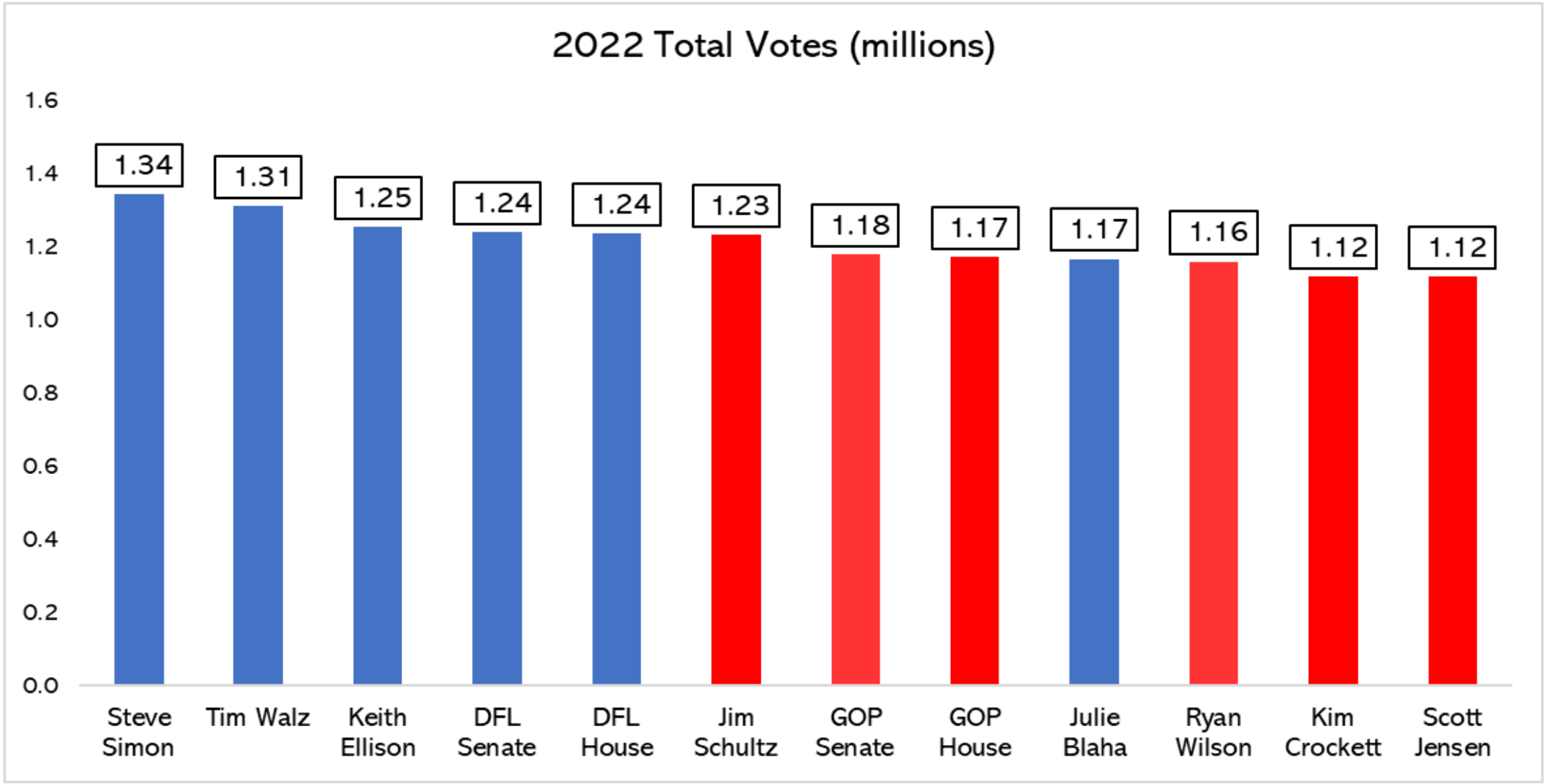
John Marty: Finance Chair

DFL Majority Priorities

- Protecting reproductive freedom
- Paid family and medical leave
- Increase to public education funding
- Affordable health care
- Climate action
- Gun violence
- Affordable housing
- Legalization of recreational marijuana

Why were we so wrong?

- Reproductive rights underestimated
- Redistricting changed formerly GOP strongholds
- Candidate quality matters
- Lower turnout may have impacted races
- Underestimated concerns around January 6th and democracy
- DFL advantage in $$ and organizing



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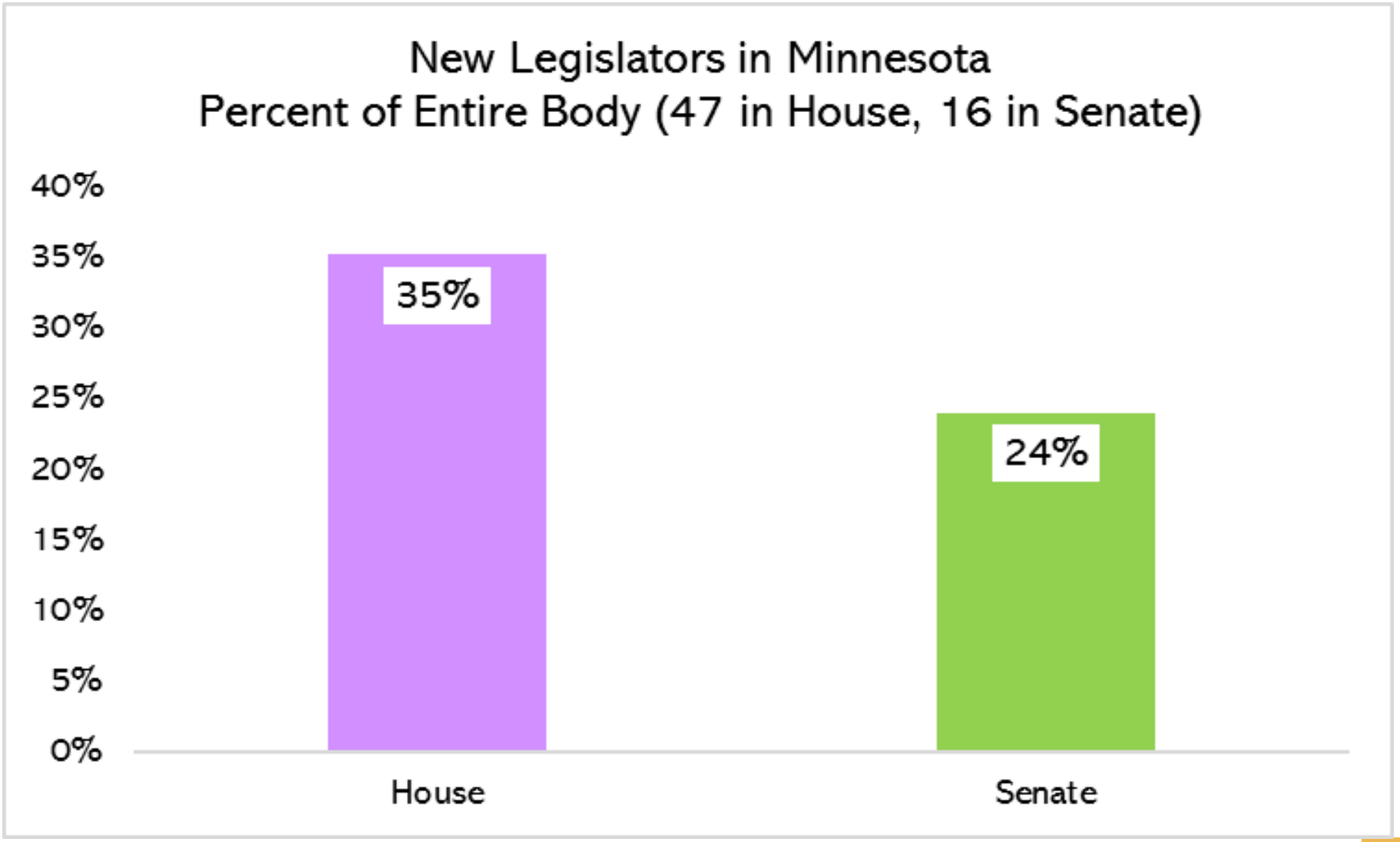
Many new faces in Legislature



What this means for Greater Minnesota

- Metro dominated majorities
  - Fewer champions for Greater MN issues
- Push to pass backlog of DFL agenda items
- Walz and DFL will spend a lot of money…. But there will be a lot of competition for those dollars
- CGMC will need to play defense against whacky metro ideas
- DFL Senate means Walz Commissioners are safe from being removed from their jobs

Questions

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