

CMAL Consensus Questions on Metro Council Governance – **Meeting Ballot (secret)**

This form is for use by individual LWV members in the metro area attending a local meeting on the Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues of Women Voters (CMAL) consensus questions regarding Metro Council governance where the balloting is by paper ballot rather than raised hands. The CMAL Report to members dated January 2019 includes information relevant to the consensus questions_(with report page numbers) At the end of the meeting, please turn in your ballot to the meeting coordinator. The coordinator will forward aggregated responses to CMAL.

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

1. Members of the Met Council should be (choose one or more) (Report pages 14, 15, 21):

- a) Directly elected by the voters of each Metropolitan Council district.
- b) Persons currently holding local elected office in the district.
- c) Citizens residing in the district who are not local elected officials (current).

Comments:

2. If Council members are appointed, appointments should be made by (choose one) (14, 21):

- a) Governor (current)..
- b) Local elected officials in each district should select their Met Council representative.
- c) Some appointed by each.

Comments:

3. Chair of Met Council should be appointed by (choose one) (Report page 22):

- a) Governor (current).
- b) Local elected officials in the metro area.
- c) Members of the Met Council from among its members.

Comments:

4. If Council members are appointed, their terms should be (choose all that apply) (16, 21):

- a) Coterminous with the Governor and removable only for cause.
- b) Coterminous with the Governor and serving at the pleasure (current).
- c) Fixed, staggered terms, removable for cause.

Comments:

5. If Council members are directly elected, their terms should be (choose one) (pg. 16, 21):

- a) Staggered.
- b) Not staggered.

Comments:

6. Members of Met Council should meet the following criteria (choose all that apply) (17, 23):

- a) Business/ labor skills or experience.
- b) Professional experience (finance, architecture, transportation, housing, etc.).
- c) Commitment to regional perspectives.
- d) Knowledge of regional issues.
- e) Demographic diversity.
- f) Ability to meet time requirements for meetings.
- g) Previous experience as an elected official.
- h) Other (please identify).

Comments:

7. If Met Council members are to be appointed by the Governor, there should be a nominating process that includes the following (choose a or b) (Report pages 16, 24):

- a) Nominating Committee of 7 members (current).
- b) Nominating Committee of up to 13 members.

8. If Met Council members are to be appointed by the Governor, there should be a nominating process that meets the following criteria (choose all that apply): (14, 16, 23, 24)

- a) Nominating committee should conduct an open and public review process.
- b) Nominating committee should recommend a slate of nominees to the Governor.
- c) Local elected officials should be a majority of the Nominating Committee.
- d) There should be a nominating subcommittee in each Metro Council district.

e) A governor who declines to appoint from the recommended slate should be required to explain why.

Comments:

9. To whom should Met Council members be accountable? (choose all that apply)(17, 24):

- a) Governor
- b) Residents of their Metro Council district
- c) Residents of the metro area as a whole
- d) Legislature
- e) City and county local elected officials in their district
- f) Residents of the State of Minnesota
- g) Other (please identify)

Comments:

10. The number of Met Council members should (choose all that apply (17, 18, 24):

- a) Remain at one member from each of 16 districts (current).
- b) Increase the number of districts.
- c) Additional members at large should be appointed.
- d) Other (please identify).

Comments:

Meeting coordinator: please forward aggregated responses and comments from your meeting by completing the Tally Sheet and sending to Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues of Women Voters (CMAL) by March 1, 2019. Questions? Contact Karen Schaffer schafferka@gmail.com or 651.636.7359.