

The following legislative priorities are of the highest importance to the City of Burnsville. The City will actively advocate for these primary positions with the legislature and our legislative delegation.

**ENVIRONMENTAL
STEWARDSHIP**Freeway
Landfill/DumpPreferred Alternative
Creates
\$735 MILLION
In Redevelopment

The City of Burnsville supports creative legislative action that protects ground water and Minnesota River water through landfill and dump remediation. Remediating in a way that also can support future economic redevelopment for the benefit of the City, region, and state is also of the utmost importance. The City supports non-bonding state funding allocated for remediation.

For decades, interested and motivated parties have sought to remediate the Freeway Landfill and Dump in a way that will protect the environment, the drinking water supply, and the Minnesota River. These environmentally challenged sites have high economic development potential due to their size and high profile locations along the Minnesota River and I-35W. The City of Burnsville seeks a solution that would first, meet all environmental needs, but also allow for meaningful redevelopment opportunities that would benefit the entire state. The State of Minnesota is the responsible party for environmental remediation projects.

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Melanie Lee, City Manager

**INNOVATIVE
POLICYMAKING**Local
Control

The City of Burnsville seeks special legislation to provide the ability for the City to make decisions that fit local needs.

Municipalities are complex, professional, and effective organizations that serve the interests and priorities of their constituents in a responsive, non-partisan manner. The City of Burnsville has active participation among its resident and business community and seeks feedback and involvement. The City strongly supports local control regarding land use, creation of additional alternative revenue sources (local option sales tax, franchise fees, etc.) and maintenance of existing revenue tools.

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**COMMUNITY
SAFETY**Primary Service
Area (PSA)

The City of Burnsville seeks legislation to modernize regulations regarding the provision of Emergency Medical Services to allow communities to adjust based on evolving needs.

Burnsville, like several other cities, has multiple ambulance services that are authorized to operate within its boundaries. The first priority for the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) within the City's geographic borders should continue to be the City's Fire/EMS Department resources. Further, the City supports the existing prioritization of medical calls by the Dakota Communications Center. The City supports ensuring that Burnsville maintains the ability to determine who provides EMS within the city and further defining and streamlining of EMS regulation within the State, including data collection.

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SUPPORTING POSITIONS

The City of Burnsville actively participates with the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC), Metro Cities, and the Municipal Legislative Commission (MLC) for the advancement of policies and positions that enhance the ability to provide creative and effective public services in a responsible manner.

For the items below, the City of Burnsville expresses specific interest and support:

HOST COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

This targeted program recognizes the economic impacts of hosting a regional landfill and the City remains supportive of continued funding to assist with infrastructure reinvestment. (CM M. Lee)

AGGREGATE MINING FEE

To foster the proper use of mineral aggregate resources on the local level, the City supports the State establishment of a host community fee. The City would like to see a fair host community fee that is mutually agreeable to aggregate producers and local governments. The fees should be applied to aggregates removed from a commercial source only, not materials removed from construction project sites. (PWD R. Peterson)