Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations

Date: January 29, 2009

To: Council Member Betsy Hodges, Chair, IGR Committee

Subject: 2009 Legislative Agenda

Recommendation: Amend the 2009 Legislative Agenda, Municipal Governance Section by adding language related to regional and cross jurisdictional cooperation.

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The 2009 Legislative Agenda would be amended to include the following proposed language to the Municipal Governance Section, as the last bullet in the support items section:

• Support and promote legislation that removes barriers to, and helps to more readily facilitate regional and cross jurisdictional partnership, joint powers and shared service agreements.

Supporting Information. Minnesota local governments have cooperated in providing services through mutual aid and joint powers. Being aware of the current economic conditions the provision of services on a regional or multi jurisdictional basis is being encouraged. While many of the cooperative efforts may no need legislative action, some may require legislative action. For example, the library merger required legislation but the city's participation in the regional library service agency was accomplished through a joint powers agreement.