

Proposed Resolution
of the
City of Minneapolis

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Supporting bid proposals for the purpose of securing a national political convention in the year of 2008.

Whereas, every four years the national political parties convene in a city within the United States, for the purpose of nominating Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates; and

Whereas, these conventions result in intense national and international focus on the host cities and states; and

Whereas, these conventions will result in significant economic development opportunities and benefits to corporations and individuals in the host cities; and

Whereas, these conventions can attract in excess of 20,000 attendees generating nearly \$100 million in economic benefits for the host cities; and

Whereas, many of these attendees extended their travel to vacations within the state and region in which the host city is located; and

Whereas, the Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, the metropolitan area, and the State of Minnesota have requisite facilities and accommodations required by the national political conventions; and

Whereas, the State of Minnesota has not hosted a national political convention since the 1892 Republican convention; and

Whereas, the Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul have received invitations to bid on the National Political Conventions from both the Democratic National Committee and the Republican National Committee;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That Minneapolis City Council shall support the solicitation and hosting of a national political convention in the State of Minnesota in the year 2008.