

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Brad Martens , City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2026
SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the City of Shoreview to join the nonpartisan coalition, Cities for Safe and Stable Communities
ITEM NUMBER: 10.c
SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

Adopt resolution 26-15 joining the nonpartisan coalition, Cities for Safe and Stable Communities

INTRODUCTION

Cities across Minnesota are experiencing increased strain on local government operations, public safety resources, and community trust resulting from recent federal immigration enforcement actions. In response, a nonpartisan, city-led coalition—Cities for Safe and Stable Communities—has been formed to provide a coordinated forum for information sharing, operational coordination, and collective communication, while preserving full local control by participating cities. It is requested that the city council consider a resolution to join the coalition.

DISCUSSION

The coalition is explicitly nonpartisan and focused on local governance, public safety, and operational stability. Participation does not require lobbying, litigation, or public advocacy unless a city independently chooses to engage in those activities. Cities retain discretion over whether and how they participate publicly, what information they share, and the extent of their involvement. A document answering frequently asked questions is attached to this report with further information.

Joining the coalition would align with recent city council actions affirming community values, our commitment to being a community where everyone feels safe and welcomed, and advocating for the best interests of the Shoreview community. Participation would allow the City of Shoreview to remain informed of regional impacts, coordinate where helpful with peer cities, and contribute to a collective, nonpartisan local government voice focused on safety, stability, and respect for constitutional protections.

Coalition governance is led by a managing committee of city managers, with consensus as the goal. Communications support and coordination are provided at the direction of participating cities. There is no cost to remain informed or engage as an ally; cities that formally join may be asked to contribute toward shared coalition infrastructure, as determined by the coalition's executive committee.

RECOMMENDATION

Consider a motion to adopt resolution 26-15 joining the nonpartisan coalition, Cities for Safe and Stable Communities

ATTACHMENTS

[Cities for Safe and Stable Communities \(MN\) – Launch Press Release](#)
[FAQ Possible Member Cities_ Cities for Safe and Stable Communities \(MN\).pdf](#)
[Resolution 26-15 joining Coalition of cities for safe and stable communities.pdf](#)