



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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April 17, 2008

The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Speaker of the House
463 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Kelliher:

I have vetoed and am returning House File 3114, a bill related to real estate acquisitions by park district boards.

Existing law provides local city governments an opportunity to review and vote on a park district board's acquisition of real property within the city. This requirement maximizes local input over land issues that directly impact land within the city.

While the statutory change sought in this legislation requires that land acquisitions be in accordance with a city's local master plans, these plans are typically only developed every 10 years. Additional timely review and input by local elected officials assures that property being acquired for park purposes remains consistent with the priorities of the elected local government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Tim Pawlenty", written over a horizontal line.

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

Cc: Senator James Metzen, President of the Senate
Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Majority Leader
Senator David Senjem, Minority Leader
Senator Dan Larson
Representative Marty Seifert, Minority Leader
Representative Debra Hilstrom
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