



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE
ADVOCATING FOR MINNESOTA'S HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

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Welcome to November! Happy Friday! It's been 10 days since the Nov. 5th election, and the HM team has been heads down working on developing legislative priorities before the legislature returns in January.

Two state House races being recounted could determine which party controls the gavel this session – District 14B, where incumbent Rep. Dan Wolgomott (DFL) leads by just under 1% of the vote, and District 54A, where incumbent Rep. Brad Tabke (DFL) leads by 14 votes. If either one of these seats flips, Republicans will control the House by a 1 seat majority. If both seats remain in DFL control, the House is set to be tied at 67-67. This has only happened [once in our state's history](#), and next week's recount will be crucial to determining how the next session will play out.

We'll be back in 2 weeks with our full election breakdown and a preview of our legislative priorities.

Labor Standards Board Update



Community members against the formation of a Labor Standards Board gathering spoke to the press earlier this week in Minneapolis.

The big picture: The Minneapolis city council [voted on Thursday](#) 9-3 to advance a [Labor Standards Board resolution](#) opposed by business groups, including Hospitality Minnesota.

- **Some background:** The vote comes 2 years after the proposed board was announced by city officials and labor organizations.
- **What happened yesterday:** A heated debate between council members exchanged barbs over the proposed resolution, and the lack of public transparency.

By the numbers: The City Council vote comes after months of meeting with councilmembers, other business organizations, and the Mayor's office to discuss negative impacts of the proposal on the business community in Minneapolis. Aside from the lack of transparency, the \$1 fiscal note assigned to the policy has business owners concerned about the viability and financial responsibility in a city budget increasing property taxes by 8% this year.

Minneapolis Labor Standards Board Voting Record	
Yeas	Nays
Council Vice President Chughtai*	Councilmember Palmisano
Councilmember Cashman*	Councilmember Rainville
Councilmember Chowdhury*	Councilmember <u>Vetaw</u>
Council President Payne	
Councilmember Ellison	
Councilmember Chavez	
Councilmember Osman	
Councilmember Jenkins	
Councilmember Koski	
Absent Councilmember	
Councilmember Wonsley	

*Authors of the Resolution

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Yes, but: The Minneapolis Works Together Coalition and Save Local Restaurants showed up to city council meetings this week to voice concerns over the proposal during Tuesday's [public hearing](#) on the city budget. Thank you to our members who testified, shared their stories with the press, and continued to express deep concern with the proposal.

In the news: The Labor Standards Board proposal has generated over 20 news pieces in the past week. Following the City Council vote on Thursday, Angie Whitcomb, President and CEO of Hospitality Minnesota, spoke to press following the council meeting.

How you can help: We are asking you to [sign onto this letter](#) opposing the Labor Standards Board.

- **Why it matters:** The voices of businesses are critical to encourage Mayor Frey to veto the measure and show that we are united against this burdensome new board. Now is the time to take a stand!

[Sign the Petition!](#)

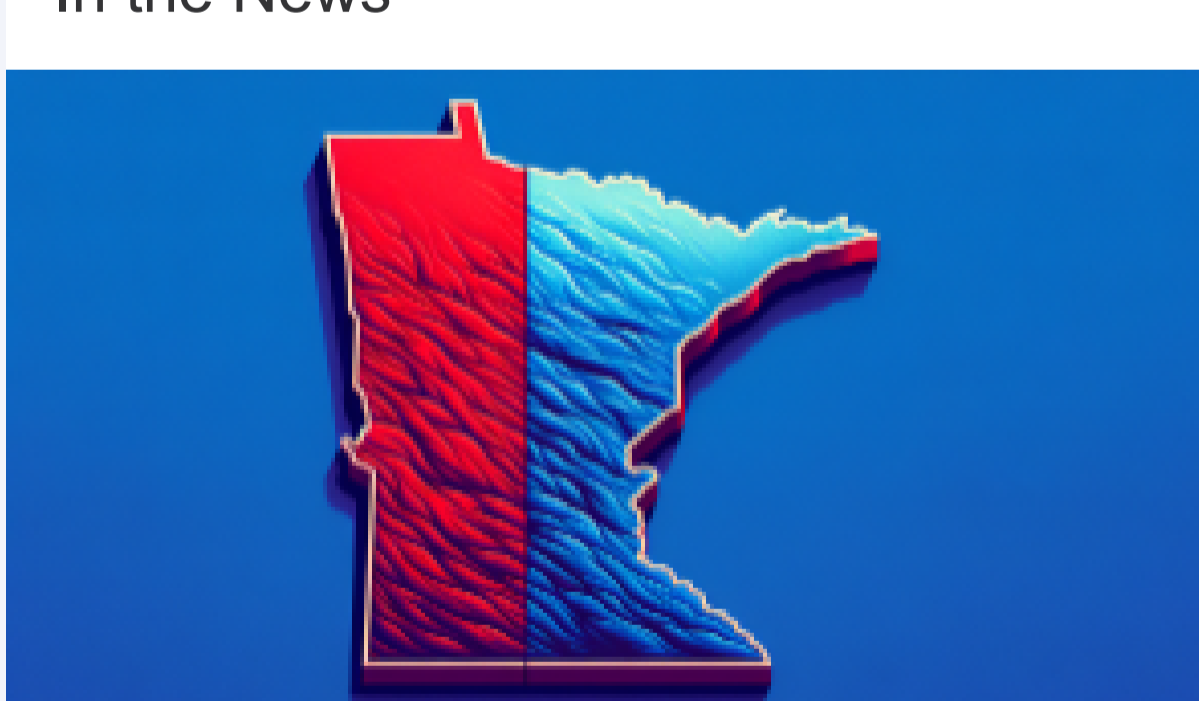
Junk Fees Guidance - Open Call for Questions!



The big picture: Hospitality Minnesota is meeting with the Attorney General's office on Tuesday to discuss topics not covered in [guidance](#) the Since receiving the Attorney General's guidance on Junk Fees over a month ago, many questions still haven't been answered. Following a meeting on November 5th with the AG's staff, Hospitality Minnesota submitted a full list of questions covering topics of banquets and catering, delivery fees, private contracts, and others submitted by our members.

What's next: Hospitality Minnesota continues to be in conversation with the AG's office and we hope to have additional guidance released by the end of the year.

In the News



- [Minneapolis City Council votes in favor of creating a labor standards board](#)
- [Minneapolis City Council passes controversial proposal to create Labor Standards Board](#)
- [Minneapolis City Council creates new Labor Standards Board](#)
- [DiamondRock Acquires AC Hotel Minneapolis](#)
- [Chick-fil-A Opening in Duluth Draws Huge Line of Customers](#)
- [Minneapolis restaurant makes Eater's list of best new restaurants in the country](#)

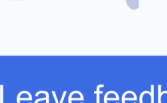
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