**Memorandum**

TO: Anoka County Board of Commissioners and Staff

FROM: Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT)

DATE: 04/11/2023

SUBJECT: Why Anoka needs to lead election reform in Minnesota

**Introduction**

Anoka could lead the state on election reform.

**Analysis**

**1, Anoka is a large metro county.** Hennepin and Ramsey have no chance politically and the other metro counties are disorganized right now.

**2, Anoka can get the votes.** The politics on the current board make it possible to whip the necessary 4 or even more votes.

**3, We have a strong board.** Anoka has a solid board that can handle tough decisions and the impact of those decisions.

**4, Anoka has the resources.** Anoka has the money and the population to implement these changes.

**5,** **Anoka has the tested leadership to take the fire.** There will be some major outside pushback to election reform because they won’t want this to spread to other counties. We have the personalities on this board that can handle the pressure.

**6, Anoka citizens will support you.** Election integrity is a top issue among citizens in Anoka County. It’s talked about in the BPOU’s. Local politicians campaign on election reform and we hear it knocking on doors.

**7, Anoka has a helpful advocate team.** The ACEIT election reform advocate team is anxious to help. We are supported by Rick Weible and Erik Van Mechelen. We cannot promise help from Mike Lindell but if Lindell helped Shasta, CA it seems he would help the first county in his home state of Minnesota. With the right help Anoka can figure this out.

**Conclusion**

The election reform movement is building quickly across the country. Anoka County should take the lead in Minnesota.