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Stonewall DFL Statement on the Minneapolis Ward 2 Convention Lawsuit

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The Stonewall DFL Board of Directors stands united with University of Minnesota College Democrats in Minneapolis Ward 2, and affirms our steadfast commitment to the caucus, convention, and endorsement process in the Minneapolis DFL.

At a time when trust in our institutions is being chipped away; we must rise above a divisive power grab that intends to disenfranchise Delegates and drives folks, especially young queer folks, out of politics. College Democrats showed up en masse to Precinct Caucuses, made a commitment and got elected as Delegates to their Ward 2 convention with a scheduled date of Saturday, May 3, 2025. A lawsuit to force a reschedule of the convention to a date occurring after the academic year availability of student housing is not only disrespectful, it is a blatant example of voter disenfranchisement.

We reject the allegations accusing the Minneapolis DFL Executive Committee of committing wrongdoing; and stand with the hardworking volunteers in the Minneapolis DFL and broader DFL community who have committed hours to conducting fair and open DFL meetings, facilitated city-wide precinct caucuses, and have been diligently planning for the upcoming Ward and City Conventions. The coalition of volunteers is diverse, representative of the Wards they live in, and have completed their volunteer work in accordance to the DFL Call and all relevant governing documents and should be honored.

We urge all Ward 2 Delegates and Alternates to show up, joyfully, to participate in the democratic process and stand united against any and all attempts to silence the voices of Delegates duly elected to the Ward 2 Convention.

Please reach out to admin@mnstonewalldfl.org with questions.

Towards Queer Liberation,

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