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## RE: Welcome – Minnesota House Representative – Larry Kraft

MN House Representative Larry Kraft, is replacing Shane Mekeland, representing the Minnesota House Minority Leader Appointment.

Kraft’s bio is:

Prior to serving in the State Legislature, Kraft was a St. Louis Park City Council Member from 2020 - 2022. While on Council, he created the Minnesota Cities Climate Coalition, a nonpartisan statewide group of local elected officials advancing local climate and clean energy goals by influencing state policy and regulations and sharing best practices and policy ideas. Kraft has 25 years of high-tech business experience, having held leadership positions in a variety of organizations, from startups to large public companies. In 2013, he made a career shift to focus his time on addressing climate change. Before getting into politics, Kraft was Executive Director at iMatter, a national nonprofit, focused on helping young people advocate for climate policy in their communities. Rep. Kraft is an ice cream fanatic.