

# OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER HEATHER EDELSON

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### **Statement from County Commissioner Kevin Anderson and County Commissioner Heather Edelson on the Recent Board Action Commissioner Compensation**

[Minneapolis, Minnesota] —

Today, both Hennepin County Commissioners Kevin Anderson and Heather Edelson opposed an increase to Commissioner salaries. As elected County Commissioners, it is important for us to explain why we voted against this measure.

The proposal ties commissioner compensation to the salary range of our Assistant County Administrators (ACA's). Our ACA's are among the best in their field, with specialized expertise and demanding job requirements that warrant their own classification and compensation.

It is important to recognize and respect the unique qualifications and responsibilities that these positions entail. We believe that the role of Commissioner is separate from the responsibility of County administration.

The proposed nearly-50% increase is unprecedented. While we understand the intentions behind this proposal, we believe that such a significant increase does not reflect the experience of Hennepin County residents.

For more information, please contact Commissioner Kevin Anderson for District 7 Policy Director Ketki Varsha at [Ketki.varsha@hennepin.us](mailto:Ketki.varsha@hennepin.us) or Commissioner Heather Edelson for District 6 Policy Director Dan Dodge at [daniel.dodge@hennepin.us](mailto:daniel.dodge@hennepin.us).

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