



October 7, 2021

Julie Long, City Engineer
City of Bloomington
1800 W. Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431

Dear Ms. Long:

I am proposing to rename 28th Avenue South in Bloomington to Winstead Way. The purpose of this proposal is to recognize and memorialize the tremendous record of service, legacy of leadership, and vision that Gene Winstead demonstrated over more than 30 years of service to the City of Bloomington. The renaming of 28th Avenue South is appropriate because of its location in the South Loop District; an area of the city that has been remade due, in no small part, to the leadership of Gene Winstead. His role on the Planning Commission when guiding the Mall of America process through City approvals, his role on the City Council to grant municipal consent to extend the light-rail line into Bloomington, and his role as Mayor to champion numerous projects that have made South Loop the thriving place it is today are all reasons to warrant this lasting honor. Gene Winstead is the longest serving Mayor in Bloomington's 160-plus year history, and his accomplishments and tenure are worthy of a named place in Bloomington's history.

As I understand the process, you will review the reasonableness of this street renaming request and make a recommendation to the Planning Commission. Please let me know if there is additional information you will need to consider this request.

Best regards,

Tim Busse
Mayor
City of Bloomington