

Starting at 12:30pm today, Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan met with several suburban mayors for a roundtable event to endorse Walz's plan to improve public safety, address crime, and support police departments. [View Theo Keith Tweet](#)

Two minutes of audio from this event has been released [via MPR News](#). A transcript of this audio can also be found below:

Reporter: Governor, I've lost track of how many special sessions that you've endorsed, why should this one be expected to be different from the others?

Gov. Walz: Well, it takes three to dance. I need the legislature, I don't even get callbacks from the Senate. I think we all know, it was what the mayors said, they [Senate Republicans] didn't want us to get any wins, they didn't want us to get through this. Well we're going to win this Tuesday, the Lt. Gov. and I will be in office for the next 4 years, so it makes sense for us, now that the dynamic has changed, let's do this. If that can be expanded to tackle some of these other issues, I'm open to that. If DFL wins it all, I will still call for this special session. Cities are asking for this money, this is simple. What is different about this is the leverage over the election.

Reporter: If either party wins, what is the incentive –

Walz: They need the money, they need this program to work. I think we can debate tax policy, do education, do the bonding bill. The situation right now is we have Minnesotans telling us, we need more security, more police officers; we have the money to make that happen. Why would we not do this? I was baffled that this did not have bipartisan support, of a package to the cities to make their decisions. I think the public would expect that. It may be a bit of naïve, but there is a honeymoon phase after an election when people are more hopeful, which I believe may be a good time to act on public safety. That is the incentive that people will have.