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Core Legislative Principles

Our Mission Statement

The Michigan Municipal League is dedicated to making Michigan's communities better by thoughtfully innovating programs, energetically connecting ideas and people, actively serving members with resources and services, and passionately inspiring positive change for Michigan's greatest centers of potential: its communities.

Our Legislative Vision Statement

The League will pursue policies that foster economically vibrant communities that are well resourced, are safe and secure, and cultivate deep connections between people and place.



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Quality of Life

A safe and secure environment is a core foundation for a community and individual well-being. Policies that promote easy access to essential services, like walkable neighborhoods, vibrant downtowns, well-maintained parks and open spaces, and cultural amenities, are crucial for a community's success. A healthy, sustainable environment benefits us today and ensures a brighter, more resilient future for the next generation. These elements are desirable and fundamental to creating a place where everyone can thrive.



Economic Security

A strong municipal finance structure provides stability within a community. When local governments have the resources needed, the result is quality services and infrastructure. Additionally, economic development, access to education, and training play a key role in creating job opportunities and promoting growth, allowing residents and the community to thrive. Supporting small businesses, entrepreneurs, and workforce training opportunities stimulates the local and regional economies and contributes to overall stability. By prioritizing policies advancing these aspects, we can work toward building a more secure economic foundation for everyone.



Our Core Legislative Principles (Cont.)

Infrastructure

Well-maintained local roads and bridges that incorporate multi-modal options ensure the smooth and safe mobility of people and goods. Robust transit investment and policies can break economic barriers, enhance the environment, and draw new businesses and residents. Water, sewer, and stormwater management policies are critical for delivering clean drinking water, managing wastewater, and preventing flooding.

When individuals and families have access to housing, they can create better futures and strengthen stability within a community. Attainable housing promotes equality, allowing people of all abilities to live with dignity and independence. Quality infrastructure, in traditional and non-traditional forms, is the backbone of a thriving community. Advocating for policies that bolster sustainable and efficient infrastructure will help meet the needs of people and communities across Michigan.



Local Control

Community-specific solutions produce better outcomes. Policies that empower local leaders and residents to thoughtfully discuss and make decisions directly impacting the place they live foster greater civic engagement as well as a sense of ownership and accountability. The preservation of local control leads to tailored and practical solutions that address each community's unique needs and challenges.



To view the League's 2025–2026 legislative priorities, please use the QR code on this document.



For more than 125 years, the Michigan Municipal League has provided impactful advocacy, practical education, and inspiring work on behalf of our member communities and the residents who comprise them. These Core Legislative Principles, approved annually by the League's Board of Trustees and members, create a framework for our advocacy and the legislative priorities pursued each legislative session.