



Empowered cities and towns,
united for a strong Arizona



Overview:

Cities and towns in Arizona are home to nearly 80% of the state's residents and more than 90% of the state's business activity. They are the level of government closest to the people, most accessible to them and most responsive to their needs. They provide the vast majority of first-responder services - police and fire - and are national leaders in business development, government efficiency and quality-of-life amenities. Arizona's cities and towns are an essential part of the continuum of government in our state.

Core Principles:

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns is guided by two core principles:

- 1) Preserve local decision-making; and
- 2) Protect shared revenues

Legislative Priorities:

The League supports legislation respecting the role of municipal government and its core principles and opposes measures that undermine them. The following policy priorities were developed with input from our members and will ensure that cities and towns can maintain the high-quality municipal government services that businesses and citizens rely on.

Efficient and Fiscally Responsible Government

Cities and towns work to provide streamlined services and the best customer service at the lowest possible expense. These concepts contribute to the effort of achieving this objective:

- Provide flexibility for cities and towns to publish required public notices in newspapers that have a high circulation rate and low publishing fees to increase transparency and save taxpayer money
- Request Congress enact the Nogales Wastewater Fairness Act that will fairly apportion the costs to operate and maintain the Nogales International Wastewater Treatment Plant

Tourism and Economic Development:

Tourism is a major sector of our state's economy and that of many cities and towns. Our state's climate and natural resources attract tourists from all over the world, representing a multi-billion-dollar industry that generates tax revenues and creates jobs.

- Restore appropriations for the Heritage Fund to continue investments in local, regional and state parks that are major economic development generators and tourist attractions

Safe Communities and Sustainable Neighborhoods:

The protection of citizens, communities and neighborhoods is one of the core functions of municipal government. Cities and towns need tools to address public nuisances without a one-size-fits-all state-level policy that intervenes in local decision-making and citizens' quiet enjoyment of their neighborhoods. State-level policies should also provide resources for rural communities to revitalize their Main Streets that will encourage new and existing businesses to bring investments into the local economy and boost quality of life for residents.

- Allow for local regulation of investor-owned short-term home rentals to protect the residential character of neighborhoods
- Explore legislative remedies to address chronic blight issues in communities and establish a revolving fund for cities and towns to revitalize abandoned and dilapidated buildings
- Support legislation for Arizona to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment
- Permit city and town councils to discuss and plan security measures for emergency situations in public buildings as part of an executive session of a council meeting



STATE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS FOR 2020

- \$130M over 3 years for I-17 widening
- \$28M for US Route 95 expansion near Yuma
- \$20M for traffic interchanges near Kingman
- \$18M allocated to cities and towns for infrastructure projects
- \$15M for Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund
- \$15M for Housing Trust Fund
- \$10M to study widening I-10 from Chandler to Casa Grande
- \$6.5M for State Route 24 bridge near Mesa Gateway Airport
- \$3M for rural Arizona broadband
- \$2.8M for Jesse Hayes Road Bridge in Globe
- \$1.5M for critical access hospitals in Benson and Willcox
- \$1M per year from 2020-2029 for salt cedar eradication
- \$271k for Sierra Vista regional public safety communications

(FROM 2019 BUDGET)

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Dewey-Humboldt, Peoria, Phoenix,
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Chandler, Gilbert, Queen Creek

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