



League of Arizona
Cities AND Towns



2019
MUNICIPAL POLICY STATEMENT

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—police and fire—services 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 meet citizens' expectations that their local government provides streamlined business processes and the best customer service at the lowest possible expense. Revenue streams, including shared revenues, must be protected and remain sustainable to support efficient delivery of services

to our citizens. These concepts contribute to the effort of achieving this objective:

- Explore potential modifications to the impact fee statutes to ensure new development pays for the associated demand of new and expanded infrastructure
- Seek a remedy to the inequitable treatment for tax collection on retail sales by remote sellers
- Explore policies that permit current Public Safety Personnel Retirement System members to voluntarily convert to a defined contribution plan, providing increased flexibility to members and cost savings to the plan
- Support the creation of a housing tax credit to increase affordable housing and reduce the costs of and demand on public services as a result of a lack of housing
- Permit the use of unspent monies from legacy volunteer fire department profit sharing plans to reduce unfunded liabilities in the PSPRS

TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

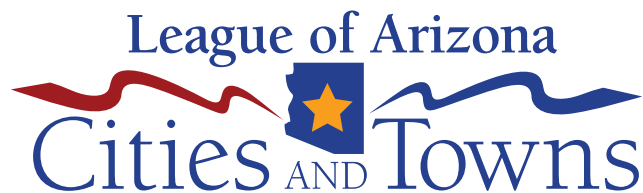
Tourism is a major sector of our state's economy and that of many cities and towns. Our state's climate and natural resources attract tourists from all over the world, representing a multi-billion dollar industry that generates tax revenues and creates jobs. Cities and towns support policies that enhance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

- Support federal efforts that increase international tourism into Arizona.

SAFE COMMUNITIES AND SUSTAINABLE

NEIGHBORHOODS

The protection of citizens, communities and neighborhoods is a core function of local government. It is essential for cities and towns to have the tools necessary to address nuisances without a one-size-fits-all state-level policy that intervenes in citizens' quiet enjoyment of their neighborhoods. It is equally important to ensure vital public safety and emergency services are accessible and able to respond quickly to residents' needs.



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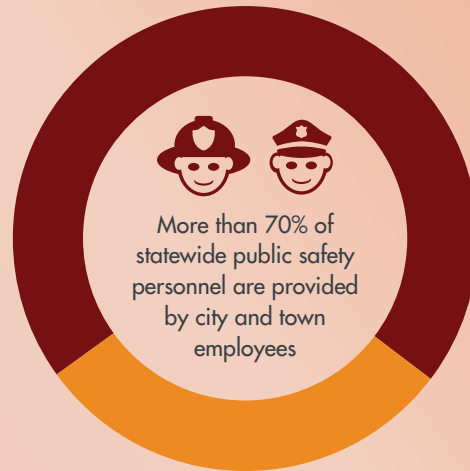
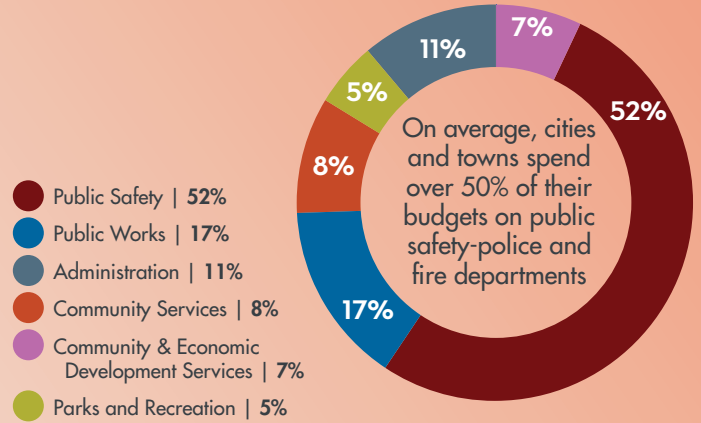
- Allow for local regulation of short-term home rentals to protect the residential character of neighborhoods
- Support the appointment of a local government representative on the State Liquor Board to ensure a local perspective on Board decisions
- Support legislation that balances the safety of children in school buildings near airports with the preservation of airports' long-term viability and economic benefits
- Examine and explore resources to adequately fund the statewide 9-1-1 system
- Support a non-discrimination policy that includes gender identity and sexual orientation

LOCAL ELECTIONS

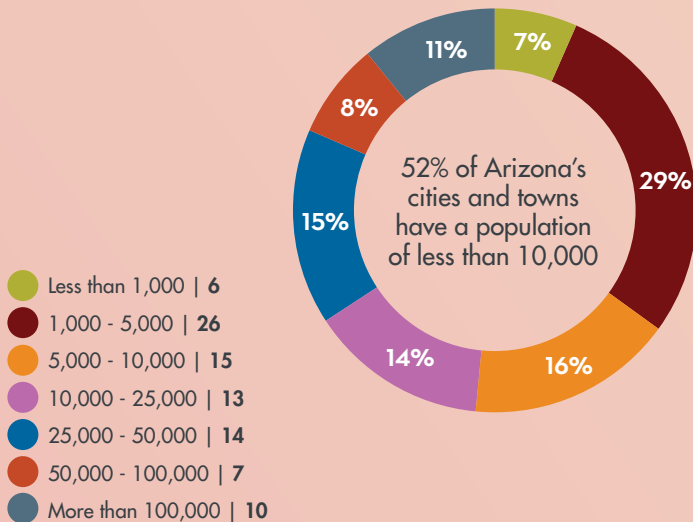
Cities and towns support policies that allow leaders with municipal government experience to seamlessly transition to higher office.

- Seek equity in state law for city and town elected officials to transfer campaign funds to a legislative or statewide office

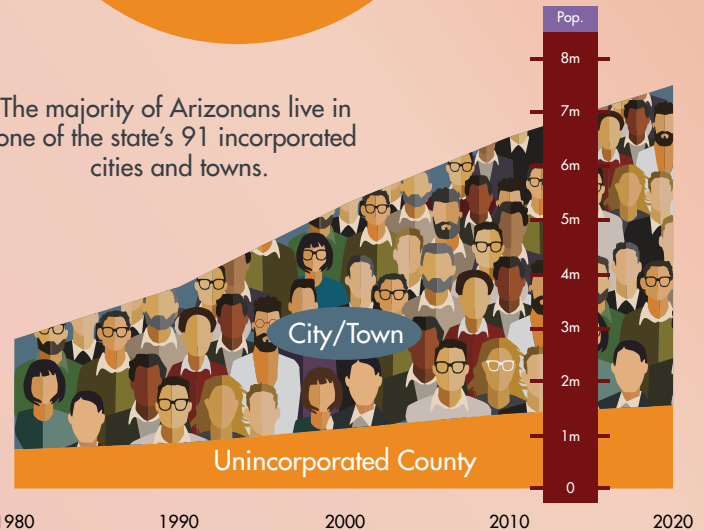
Where Local Revenue Is Spent



Population Breakdown of Arizona's 91 Cities and Towns



The majority of Arizonans live in one of the state's 91 incorporated cities and towns.



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Ⓢ Karen Fann (R)
Ⓡ Noel Campbell (R), David Stringer (R)
Carefree, Cave Creek, Chino Valley,
Dewey-Humboldt, Peoria, Phoenix,
Prescott, Prescott Valley, Wickenburg

11

Ⓢ Vince Leach (R)
Ⓡ Mark Finchem (R), Bret Roberts (R)
Casa Grande, Eloy, Marana, Maricopa,
Oro Valley, Tucson

21

Ⓢ Rick Gray (R)
Ⓡ Kevin Payne (R), Tony Rivero (R)
El Mirage, Peoria, Surprise, Youngtown

2

Ⓢ Andrea Dalessandro (D)
Ⓡ Rosanna Gabaldón (D), Daniel Hernandez (D)
Nogales, Patagonia, Sahuarita,
South Tucson, Tucson

12

Ⓢ Eddie Farnsworth (R)
Ⓡ Travis Grantham (R), Warren Petersen (R)
Chandler, Gilbert, Queen Creek

22

Ⓢ David Livingston (R)
Ⓡ Frank Carroll (R), Ben Toma (R)
Glendale, Peoria, Surprise

3

Ⓢ Sally Ann Gonzales (D)
Ⓡ Andres Cano (D), Alma Hernandez (D)
Tucson

13

Ⓢ Sine Kerr (R)
Ⓡ Tim Dunn (R), Joanne Osborne (R)
Buckeye, El Mirage, Glendale, Goodyear,
Litchfield Park, Surprise, Wellton,
Wickenburg, Yuma

23

Ⓢ Michelle Ugenti-Rita (R)
Ⓡ John Kavanagh (R), Jay Lawrence (R)
Fountain Hills, Scottsdale

4

Ⓢ Lisa Otondo (D)
Ⓡ Charlene Fernandez (D), Gerae Peten (D)
Buckeye, Gila Bend, Goodyear, San Luis,
Somerton, Tucson, Yuma

14

Ⓢ David Gowan (R)
Ⓡ Gail Griffin (R), Becky Nutt (R)
Benson, Bisbee, Clifton, Douglas, Duncan,
Huachuca City, Pima, Safford, Sierra Vista,
Thatcher, Tombstone, Tucson, Willcox

24

Ⓢ Lela Alston (D)
Ⓡ Jennifer Longdon (D), Amish Shah (D)
Phoenix, Scottsdale

5

Ⓢ Sonny Borrelli (R)
Ⓡ Regina Cobb (R), Leo Biasiucci (R)
Bullhead City, Colorado City, Kingman,
Lake Havasu City, Parker, Quartzsite

15

Ⓢ Heather Carter (R)
Ⓡ John Allen (R), Nancy Barto (R)
Cave Creek, Phoenix

25

Ⓢ Tyler Pace (R)
Ⓡ Rusty Bowers (R), Michelle Udall (R)
Mesa

6

Ⓢ Sylvia Allen (R)
Ⓡ Walt Blackman (R), Bob Thorpe (R)
Camp Verde, Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Flagstaff,
Holbrook, Jerome, Payson, Sedona, Snowflake,
Star Valley, Taylor, Tusayan, Williams

16

Ⓢ David Farnsworth (R)
Ⓡ John Fillmore (R), Kelly Townsend (R)
Apache Junction, Mesa, Queen Creek

26

Ⓢ Juan Mendez (D)
Ⓡ Isela Blanc (D), Athena Salman (D)
Mesa, Phoenix, Tempe

7

Ⓢ Jamescita Peshlakai (D)
Ⓡ Arlando Teller (D), Myron Tsosie (D)
Eagar, Fredonia, Page, Pinetop-Lakeside,
Show Low, Springerville, St. Johns, Winslow

17

Ⓢ J.D. Mesnard (R)
Ⓡ Jennifer Pawlik (D), Jeff Weninger (R)
Chandler, Gilbert

27

Ⓢ Rebecca Rios (D)
Ⓡ Reginald Bolding (D), Diego Rodriguez (D)
Guadalupe, Phoenix, Tempe

8

Ⓢ Frank Pratt (R)
Ⓡ David Cook (R), T.J. Shope (R)
Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Florence,
Globe, Hayden, Kearny, Mammoth,
Miami, Superior, Winkelman

18

Ⓢ Sean Bowie (D)
Ⓡ Mitzi Epstein (D), Jennifer Jermaine (D)
Chandler, Mesa, Phoenix, Tempe

28

Ⓢ Kate Brophy McGee (R)
Ⓡ Kelli Butler (D), Aaron Lieberman (D)
Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Scottsdale

9

Ⓢ Victoria Steele (D)
Ⓡ Randy Friese (D), Pamela Powers Hannley (D)
Marana, Tucson

19

Ⓢ Lupe Contreras (D)
Ⓡ Diego Espinoza (D), Lorenzo Sierra (D)
Avondale, Phoenix, Tolleson

29

Ⓢ Martín Quezada (D)
Ⓡ Richard Andrade (D), Cesar Chavez (D)
El Mirage, Glendale, Phoenix

10

Ⓢ David Bradley (D)
Ⓡ Domingo DeGrazia (D), Kirsten Engel (D)
Tucson

20

Ⓢ Paul Boyer (R)
Ⓡ Shawna Bolick (R), Anthony Kern (R)
Glendale, Phoenix

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Ⓢ Tony Navarrete (D)
Ⓡ Robert Meza (D), Raquel Terán (D)
Glendale, Phoenix