

2010 MUNICIPAL
POLICY STATEMENT



CORE PRINCIPLES

■ **Protect Shared Revenue**

Arizona voters created the Revenue Sharing system through a series of initiatives. A portion of state-collected taxes goes back to cities and towns, which keeps taxpayers' money working in their home communities. Shared Revenue funds essential services that residents count on – public safety, streets, parks and libraries. The League and the Legislature must work together to protect Shared Revenue and the local services it provides.

■ **Maintain Local Control**

Freedom to make decisions at the local level is the best way that municipalities can fully serve their unique constituencies. Because cities and the state work best as partners, the League urges the Legislature to oppose all preemptions and mandates that erode local decision-making authority.

QUALITY COMMUNITIES

As the level of government closest to the people, cities and towns have the duty to work with their citizens to create safe, high quality places for people to live and work. From community improvements to smart growth planning, municipalities perform many roles in fulfilling their responsibilities. The League has resolved to promote the following to ensure Arizona is a great place to live:

■ **Trust Land Reform**

Allow cities and towns to acquire trust lands for essential public facilities. Acknowledge that conservation and protection of open space and other natural resources add value to state lands being sold. Allow municipalities to purchase trust land without competition from other development interests.

■ **Sustainable Energy**

Identify energy efficiency and renewable energy as a public benefit that enhances and promotes the health, safety, prosperity, security and general welfare of the community.

■ **Physician Retention**

Reduce obstacles to medical practice in Arizona and address any major issues that affect a physician's decision to locate or remain in Arizona to practice.

■ **State Liquor Laws**

Give greater consideration to city recommendations on proposed liquor licenses to the State Liquor Board.

■ **Emergency Ambulance Service**

Issue a Certificate of Necessity to any city or town that has the ability to provide such services to persons in their jurisdiction.

■ **Building Safety**

Avoid restrictions on the regulation of municipal building codes.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Cities and towns play a vital role in the state's economy as home to the vast majority of income production in Arizona. It is imperative that state policy makers understand how crucial municipalities are to the state's well being, and support policies that augment municipal strength. The League encourages the Legislature to keep Arizona's cities and towns fiscally sound by implementing these ideas:

■ Economic Development

Support retention of existing economic development tools and programs. Provide access to new tools for cities and towns to help them remain competitive nationally and internationally—tools that also strengthen the state's economy.

■ Publications

Permit cities and towns to publish statutorily-mandated publications on an official website.

■ Flexibility

Allow greater flexibility in annexing county islands and allow greater ability for municipalities to manage preexisting development agreements after annexation.

■ Growth

Support cities' and towns' abilities to manage development fees for infrastructure; growth should pay for itself.

■ Dedicated Funds

Protect funds that are for dedicated community and local purposes.

■ Cost Control

Allow cities and towns to request a price range in a Request for Proposal or Statement of Qualification solicitation for professional services.

FEDERAL RELATIONS

Federal policies significantly impact Arizona communities. The League believes the following are essential to Arizona's future:

■ Military Installations

Continue the support of policies that strengthen the mission viability of Arizona's military installations.

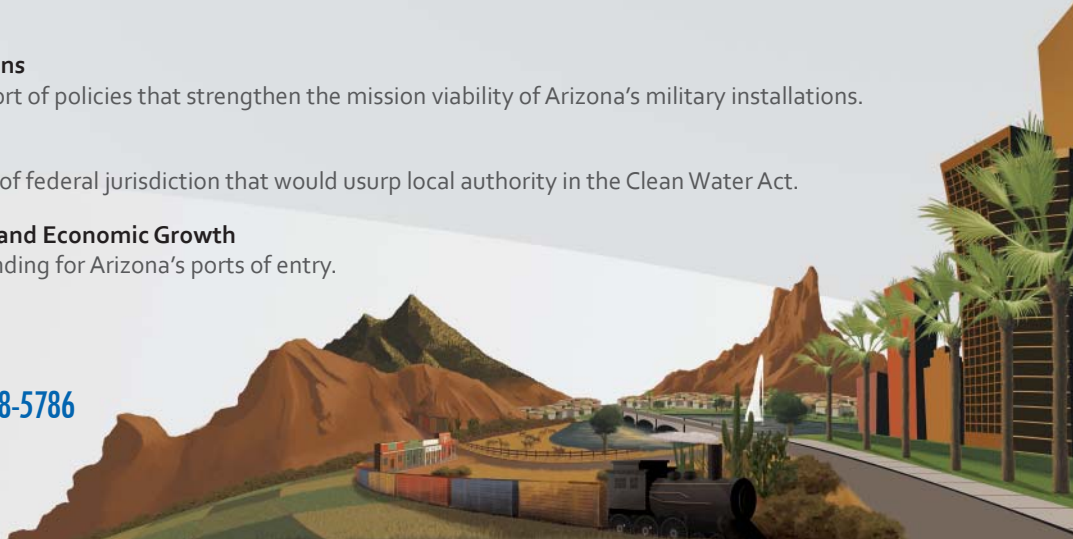
■ Self-Governance

Oppose expansion of federal jurisdiction that would usurp local authority in the Clean Water Act.

■ National Security and Economic Growth

Support federal funding for Arizona's ports of entry.

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CITIES & TOWNS BY DISTRICT

- 1** **Senator:** Steve Pierce **Representatives:** Lucy Mason, Andy Tobin
Municipalities: Camp Verde, Chino Valley, Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Jerome, Prescott, Prescott Valley, Sedona, Williams
- 2** **Senator:** Albert Hale **Representatives:** Tom Chabin, Christopher Deschene
Municipality: Flagstaff
- 3** **Senator:** Ron Gould **Representatives:** Doris Goodale, Nancy McLain
Municipalities: Bullhead City, Colorado City, Fredonia, Kingman, Lake Havasu City, Page, Parker, Quartzsite
- 4** **Senator:** Jack Harper **Representatives:** Tom Boone, Judy Burges
Municipalities: Buckeye, Dewey-Humboldt, Glendale, Peoria, Phoenix, Surprise, Wickenburg
- 5** **Senator:** Sylvia Allen **Representatives:** Jack Brown, William Konopnicki
Municipalities: Clifton, Duncan, Eagar, Globe, Holbrook, Miami, Payson, Pima, Pinetop-Lakeside, Safford, St. Johns, Show Low, Snowflake, Springerville, Star Valley, Taylor, Thatcher, Winslow
- 6** **Senator:** Pamela Gorman **Representatives:** Sam Crump, Carl Seel
Municipality: Phoenix
- 7** **Senator:** Jim Waring **Representatives:** Ray Barnes, Nancy Barto
Municipalities: Carefree, Cave Creek, Phoenix, Scottsdale
- 8** **Senator:** Carolyn Allen **Representatives:** John Kavanagh, Michele Reagan
Municipalities: Fountain Hills, Scottsdale
- 9** **Senator:** Robert "Bob" Burns **Representatives:** Debbie Lesko, Rick Murphy
Municipalities: Glendale, Peoria, Surprise, Youngtown
- 10** **Senator:** Linda Gray **Representatives:** Doug Quelland, Jim Weiers
Municipalities: Glendale, Phoenix
- 11** **Senator:** Barbara Leff **Representatives:** Adam Driggs, Eric Meyer
Municipalities: Paradise Valley, Phoenix
- 12** **Senator:** John Nelson **Representatives:** Steve Montenegro, Jerry Weiers
Municipalities: Avondale, Buckeye, El Mirage, Glendale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Phoenix, Surprise
- 13** **Senator:** Richard Miranda **Representatives:** Martha Garcia, Anna Tovar
Municipalities: Avondale, Glendale, Phoenix, Tolleson
- 14** **Senator:** Debbie McCune Davis **Representatives:** Chad Campbell, Robert Meza
Municipalities: Glendale, Phoenix
- 15** **Senator:** Ken Chevront **Representatives:** David Lujan, Kyrsten Sinema
Municipality: Phoenix
- 16** **Senator:** Leah Landrum Taylor **Representatives:** Cloves Campbell, Jr., Ben Miranda
Municipalities: Guadalupe, Phoenix
- 17** **Senator:** Meg Burton Cahill **Representatives:** Edward Ableser, David Schapira
Municipalities: Scottsdale, Tempe
- 18** **Senator:** Russell Pearce **Representatives:** Cecil Ash, Steve Court
Municipality: Mesa
- 19** **Senator:** Chuck Gray **Representatives:** Kirk Adams, Rich Crandall
Municipalities: Apache Junction, Mesa
- 20** **Senator:** John Huppenthal **Representatives:** John McComish, Rae Waters
Municipalities: Chandler, Phoenix, Tempe
- 21** **Senator:** Jay Tibshraeny **Representatives:** Warde Nichols, Steven Yarbrough
Municipalities: Chandler, Mesa, Queen Creek
- 22** **Senator:** Thayer Verschoor **Representatives:** Andy Biggs, Laurin Hendrix
Municipalities: Apache Junction, Gilbert, Mesa
- 23** **Senator:** Rebecca Rios **Representatives:** Barbara McGuire, Frank Pratt
Municipalities: Apache Junction, Avondale, Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Florence, Hayden, Kearny, Mammoth, Maricopa, Phoenix, Queen Creek, Superior, Winkelman
- 24** **Senator:** Amanda Aguirre **Representatives:** Lynne Pancrazi, Russ Jones
Municipalities: Parker, San Luis, Somerton, Wellton, Yuma
- 25** **Senator:** Manuel "Manny" Alvarez **Representatives:** Patricia Fleming, David Stevens
Municipalities: Benson, Bisbee, Buckeye, Douglas, Gila Bend, Huachuca City, Marana, Nogales, Sierra Vista, Tombstone, Willcox
- 26** **Senator:** Al Melvin **Representatives:** Vic Williams, Nancy Young Wright
Municipalities: Marana, Oro Valley, Tucson
- 27** **Senator:** Jorge Luis Garcia **Representatives:** Olivia Cajero Bedford, Phil Lopes
Municipality: Tucson
- 28** **Senator:** Paula Aboud **Representatives:** David Bradley, Steve Farley
Municipality: Tucson
- 29** **Senator:** Linda Lopez **Representatives:** Matt Heinz, Daniel Patterson
Municipalities: South Tucson, Tucson
- 30** **Senator:** Jonathan Paton **Representatives:** Frank Antenori, David Gowan
Municipalities: Patagonia, Sahuarita, Sierra Vista, Tucson