



# 2011 MUNICIPAL POLICY STATEMENT

# CORE PRINCIPLES

- **PROTECT SHARED REVENUES.** 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 local communities. Shared Revenue funds essential services that residents count on – public safety, streets, parks and libraries—and is crucial to the economic strength of the state. 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 own 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 high quality, safe places for people to live and work. From community improvements to smart growth planning, municipalities perform many roles in fulfilling their responsibilities. The League promotes 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.
- **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY.** Identify energy efficiency and renewable energy as a public benefit that enhances and promotes the health, safety, prosperity, and general welfare of the community. Establish a mechanism for the creation of a sustainable energy financing district authority.
- **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.
- **STATE LIQUOR LAWS.** Give greater consideration to city recommendations on proposed liquor licenses to the State Liquor Board. Allow cities and towns to promulgate and enforce public intoxication laws.
- **EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE.** Issue a Certificate of Necessity (CON) to any city or town that has the ability to provide such services to persons in their jurisdiction.
- **TRANSPORTATION.** Identify a permanent, designated funding source, without impacting State Shared Revenues, to support the development and operation of a comprehensive multi-modal public transportation program.

# FEDERAL RELATIONS

The League asks the Arizona Congressional Delegation to oppose federal legislation that would mandate local governments provide collective bargaining rights to employees.



# 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 entire 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 to help them remain competitive nationally and internationally—tools that will 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.
- **GROWTH.** Support the rights of cities and towns to manage development fees for infrastructure.
- **DEDICATED FUNDS.** Restore funding from Lottery proceeds to the Local Transportation Assistance Funds and the Arizona State Parks Board Heritage Fund.
- **LOCAL AUTHORITY.** Protect and defend the Model City Tax Code. Ensure the rights of cities to self-collect transaction privilege tax or engage a private third party.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The League believes that there are certain other additional areas of state law that need to be reviewed and possibly reformed.

- **TAX STRUCTURE.** Arizona's tax system is described by many as outdated, cumbersome and unfair. It is time to take a serious look at our tax structures, bearing in mind that any reform needs to adhere to the principles of simplicity, fairness and balance. Any reforms should not impair the shared revenue system or the ability of cities and towns to implement local tax systems that reflect their own local priorities.
- **INCORPORATION.** The League recommends that a work group be created to examine the incorporation statutes in Arizona and other states and develop a set of recommended reforms and updates to the Arizona Revised Statutes.
- **POLITICAL SIGNS.** The League proposes that some degree of uniformity regarding the size of signs, their placement in public rights-of-way and enforcement policies be developed through a collaborative stakeholder process resulting in the development of a model ordinance that can be implemented by cities and towns across the state without the need for state legislation.
- **TRANSPARENCY.** The League has worked with many parties on recent legislative efforts at transparency in government. Before the implementation of these new statutes, we believe there should be agreement on the level of detail of reporting, the ability to make such information available on a website, and a balance struck between the benefits to the citizens of such an investment versus its cost.



QUESTIONS? CALL 602-258-5786

# 2011 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**DISTRICT 1**  
**S** Steve Pierce  
**R** Karen Fann, Andy Tobin  
**M** Camp Verde, Chino Valley, Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Jerome, Prescott, Prescott Valley, Sedona, Tusayan, Williams

**DISTRICT 2**  
**S** Jack Jackson Jr.  
**R** Tom Chabin, Albert Hale  
**M** Flagstaff

**DISTRICT 3**  
**S** Ron Gould  
**R** Doris Goodale, Nancy McLain  
**M** Bullhead City, Colorado City, Fredonia, Kingman, Lake Havasu City, Page, Parker, Quartzsite

**DISTRICT 4**  
**S** Scott Bundgaard  
**R** Judy Burges, Jack Harper  
**M** Buckeye, Dewey-Humboldt, Glendale, Peoria, Phoenix, Surprise, Wickenburg

**DISTRICT 5**  
**S** Sylvia Allen  
**R** Brenda Barton, Chester Crandell  
**M** Clifton, Duncan, Eagar, Globe, Holbrook, Miami, Payson, Pima, Pinetop-Lakeside, Safford, St. Johns, Show Low, Snowflake, Springerville, Star Valley, Taylor, Thatcher, Winslow

**DISTRICT 6**  
**S** Lori Klein  
**R** Amanda Reeve, Carl Seel  
**M** Phoenix

**DISTRICT 7**  
**S** Nancy Barto  
**R** Heather Carter, David Burnell Smith  
**M** Carefree, Cave Creek, Phoenix, Scottsdale

**DISTRICT 8**  
**S** Michele Reagan  
**R** John Kavanagh, Michele Ugenti  
**M** Fountain Hills, Scottsdale

**DISTRICT 9**  
**S** Rick Murphy  
**R** Rick Gray, Debbie Lesko  
**M** Glendale, Peoria, Surprise, Youngtown

**DISTRICT 10**  
**S** Linda Gray  
**R** Jim Weiers, Kimberly Yee  
**M** Glendale, Phoenix

**DISTRICT 11**  
**S** Adam Driggs  
**R** Kate Brophy McGee, Eric Meyer  
**M** Paradise Valley, Phoenix

**DISTRICT 12**  
**S** John Nelson  
**R** Steve Montenegro, Jerry Weiers  
**M** Avondale, Buckeye, El Mirage, Glendale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Phoenix, Surprise

**DISTRICT 13**  
**S** Steve Gallardo  
**R** Richard Miranda, Anna Tovar  
**M** Avondale, Glendale, Phoenix, Tolleson

**DISTRICT 14**  
**S** Robert Meza  
**R** Chad Campbell, Debbie McCune Davis  
**M** Glendale, Phoenix

**DISTRICT 15**  
**S** Kyrsten Sinema  
**R** Lela Alston, Katie Hobbs  
**M** Phoenix

**DISTRICT 16**  
**S** Leah Landrum Taylor  
**R** Ruben Gallego, Catherine Miranda  
**M** Guadalupe, Phoenix

**DISTRICT 17**  
**S** David Schapira  
**R** Ed Ableser, Ben Arredondo  
**M** Scottsdale, Tempe

**DISTRICT 18**  
**S** Russell Pearce  
**R** Cecil Ash, Steve Court  
**M** Mesa

**DISTRICT 19**  
**S** Rich Crandall  
**R** Kirk Adams, Justin Olson  
**M** Apache Junction, Mesa

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**S** John McComish  
**R** Jeff Dial, Bob Robson  
**M** Chandler, Phoenix, Tempe

**DISTRICT 21**  
**S** Steve Yarbrough  
**R** Tom Forese, J.D. Mesnard  
**M** Chandler, Mesa, Queen Creek

**DISTRICT 22**  
**S** Andy Biggs  
**R** Eddie Farnsworth, Steve Urie  
**M** Apache Junction, Gilbert, Mesa

**DISTRICT 23**  
**S** Steve Smith  
**R** John Filmore, Frank Pratt  
**M** Apache Junction, Avondale, Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Florence, Hayden, Kearny, Mammoth, Maricopa, Phoenix, Queen Creek, Superior, Winkelman

**DISTRICT 24**  
**S** Don Shooter  
**R** Russ Jones, Lynne Pancrazi  
**M** Parker, San Luis, Somerton, Wellton, Yuma

**DISTRICT 25**  
**S** Gail Griffin  
**R** Peggy Judd, David Stevens  
**M** Benson, Bisbee, Buckeye, Douglas, Gila Bend, Huachuca City, Marana, Nogales, Sierra Vista, Tombstone, Willcox

**DISTRICT 26**  
**S** Al Melvin  
**R** Terri Proud, Vic Williams  
**M** Marana, Oro Valley, Tucson

**DISTRICT 27**  
**S** Olivia Cajero Bedford  
**R** Sally Ann Gonzales, Macario Saldate  
**M** Tucson

**DISTRICT 28**  
**S** Paula Aboud  
**R** Steve Farley, Bruce Wheeler  
**M** Tucson

**DISTRICT 29**  
**S** Linda Lopez  
**R** Matt Heinz, Daniel Patterson  
**M** South Tucson, Tucson

**DISTRICT 30**  
**S** Frank Antenori  
**R** David Gowan, Ted Vogt  
**M** Patagonia, Sahuarita, Sierra Vista, Tucson



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**S** Senator

**R** Representatives

**M** Municipalities