

League of Arizona  
Cities AND Towns

# 2018 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 revenue.

We will evaluate all proposed legislation against these two policy priorities and support bills that are in harmony with them, and oppose bills that erode them.

## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The League supports legislation that respects the role of municipal government and their efficient delivery of services 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.

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## EFFICIENT AND FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

Cities and towns live up to citizens' expectations that their local government provides streamlined business processes and the best customer service at the lowest possible expense. These concepts contribute to the effort of achieving this objective.

- Address the funding and governance challenges of and support practical reforms to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.

- Advocate for eliminating the state's reliance on local governments to balance the budget and fund some state agencies.
- Authorize certain types of improvement districts that have continuous borders to be consolidated for cost savings and efficiencies.
- Ensure that changes to the construction sales tax system creates a sustainable policy that maintains state and local revenues and provides simplicity for the construction industry.
- Allow council-appointed designees to provide for timely issuance of special event liquor licenses.

## INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Arizona competes for new businesses, manufacturers and citizens to move to our growing economy. Sustainable funding options to improve and maintain infrastructure is vital to support this growth.

- Continue to support efforts that increase transportation funding to operate and maintain streets and highways; advocate for full restoration of the HURF distribution.

## SAFE COMMUNITIES

Public safety is critical to building strong, safe communities where citizens live and thrive. It is essential for local governments to have resources to address dangerous and unhealthy living environments.

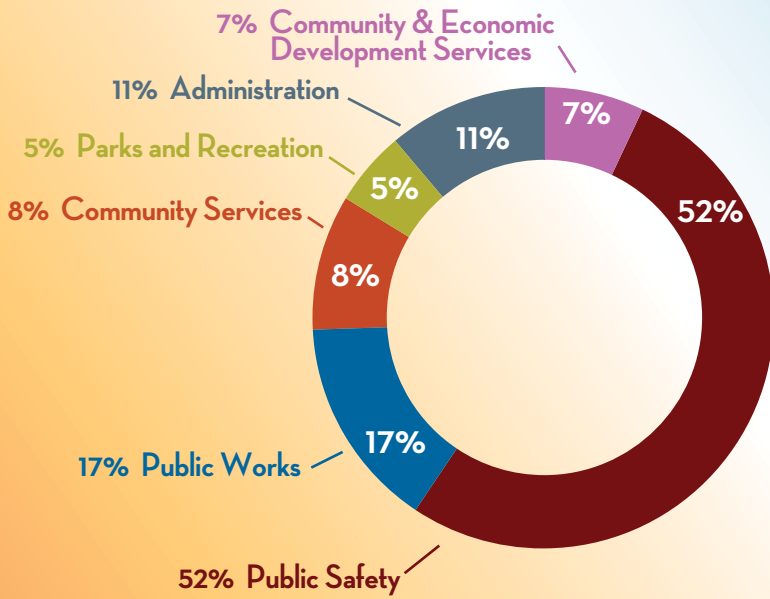
- Pursue modifications to state and federal laws that regulate sober living homes to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents and surrounding communities.

## LOCAL ELECTIONS

Cities and towns support policies that provide transparency in local elections and allow leaders with municipal government experience to transition to higher office.

- Seek equity in state law for city and town elected officials to transfer campaign contributions to a legislative or statewide office.
- Modify campaign finance reporting requirements for candidates in local elections.



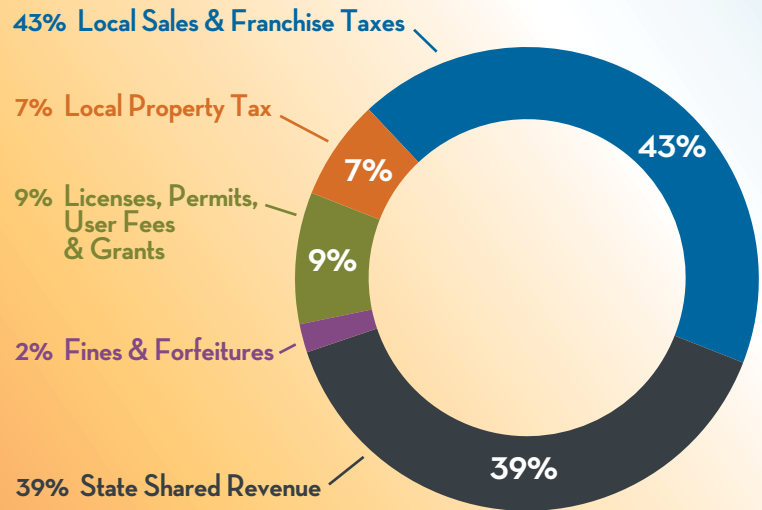


### Where Local Revenue Is Spent

On average, cities and towns spend over 50% of their budgets on public safety-police and fire departments.

### Where Local Revenue Comes From

On average, cities and towns receive almost 40% of their revenues from state shared sources-income tax, sales tax, HURF and VLT.



**79%** of Arizonans live in one of the state's 91 incorporated cities and towns.

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