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Douglas County Partnership of Governments

CML Overview & Legislative Update

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About CML

Major policies of CML are established by the membership at the annual business meeting and by the CML Executive Board and various committees. Daily operations of the League are carried out by a 16-member staff. CML also has a variety of professional sections and 14 regional districts that give CML depth and breadth in its understanding of municipal needs.

CML is guided by a comprehensive strategic plan that informs key priorities and goals that support the League's mission, vision, and values.



Mission

Advocacy, information, and training supporting exceptional municipal governance.



Vision

Empowered cities and towns, united for a strong Colorado



Values

Commitment, service, collaboration



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Municipalities in Colorado

Colorado municipalities by the numbers



Colorado population
5,814,707



Residents who live in cities/towns
4,333,096



City/town administrator/manager
186



Mayors, councilmembers, and trustees
1,811



Home rule municipalities
105
Residents living in home rule municipalities
4,049,410



Newest home rule municipality
Monument



Statutory municipalities
166
Residents living in statutory municipalities
282,474



Territorial charter towns
1
Residents living in territorial charter towns
1,212



Municipal members
270



Largest municipality
Denver
711,973



Smallest municipality
Carbonate
9



HIGHLIGHTS FROM

CML LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The availability and affordability of housing is of utmost concern to Colorado's municipalities.

- CML supports an adequate supply of diverse housing options, regardless of income level, and continued support from state and local governments, as well as private partnerships, for such an effort.
- CML is opposed to state preemption of local authority to adopt and enforce zoning and land use ordinances and any interference with home rule authority granted by Art. XX, S. 6 of the Colorado Constitution.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- CML supports collaborative relationships with the state on criminal justice issues but opposes unduly prescriptive mandates on police and court operations and procedures, as well as expansion of local taxpayer liability.
- CML also supports legislative efforts to mitigate and manage increased rates of vehicle theft in local communities.



ELECTIONS

CML is initiating legislation to clean up and update portions of Title 31 municipal election code as it relates to recall elections and procedures for filling vacancies on city or town councils. Municipal clerks should have clear direction on procedures for Title 31 recall elections, as well as procedures for filling vacancies in the event there are not enough members of the governing body for a quorum.



MUNICIPAL COURTS

- CML will initiate legislation to study the feasibility of municipal courts having access to the statewide case management system, which could create efficiencies for municipal courts, as well as county and district courts statewide.
- CML also supports the extension of the First Appearance Grant Program, established in 2018, and supports expanding that program to allow municipalities to receive reimbursement for costs associated with HB 22-1067, which requires municipal courts to conduct a bond hearing for a person detained on a municipal offense within 48 hours.



OPEN RECORDS

- CML opposes undue burdens placed upon municipal operations and unfunded mandates borne by taxpayers' revenue that would provide preferential treatment to specific entities and overcomplicate public records access.
- CML will oppose any requirement to provide itemized estimates and receipts for Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) requests and carving out CORA fee exemptions for members of the media or other entities.



PUBLIC SAFETY

CML supports legislation to expand the use of automated vehicle identification systems in local communities – unless that legislation contains prescriptive and burdensome requirements that would only deter the use of the systems by local governments.



REGULATED SUBSTANCES

- CML will initiate or support legislation to advocate for a greater degree of local control of the operation of “natural medicine” facilities in their communities, which was a major deficiency in Proposition 122.



SUSTAINABILITY

- CML supports sustainability and sustainable solutions to meet the needs of the present population without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.
- CML supports state and local partnerships to improve waste diversion and recycling programs across the state in a manner that respects local control.



TAX AUTHORITY

- CML and 68 self-collecting municipalities support efforts to simplify collection efforts without impairing local control, including collection of remote sales taxes in a manner that complies with *South Dakota vs. Wayfair*.
- CML supports the state in their efforts to partner with the business community and supports municipalities that self-collect their sales and use taxes but opposes any efforts to undermine constitutional home rule authority to set tax policy and manage tax administration and audits.
- CML discourages state sales tax exemptions that negatively impact statutory municipalities.



TRANSPORTATION

- CML supports legislation that would provide local governments with support in enforcing noise ordinance violations from commercial vehicles that fail to have mufflers installed.
- CML opposes “off-the-top” diversions from the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF).



WILDFIRES

- CML supports legislation that aims to help municipalities recover from large-scale wildfires and prevent future wildfires through proactive fire mitigation efforts.
- CML will oppose legislation that does not allow municipalities the ability to identify and implement the most appropriate means of mitigation and fire prevention for their individual communities.



Last but not least...

CML turns 100 years old in 2023... and the Annual Conference will be a very special event!

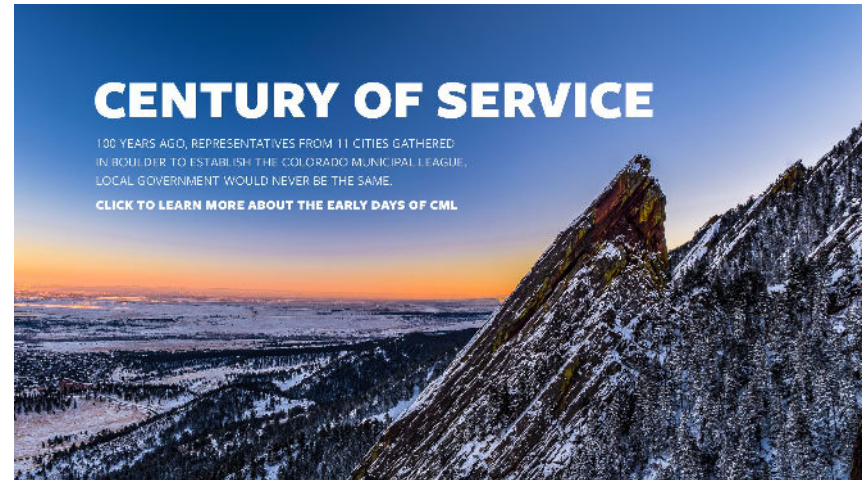
Save the Date!

2023 Annual Conference June 25 - 28, 2023 Gaylord Rockies, Aurora



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Thank you!

Questions?



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