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LAKE COUNTY MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

2018 Legislative Agenda



Lake County Municipal League Members

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Barrington	Mettawa
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Beach Park	North Barrington
Buffalo Grove	North Chicago
Deer Park	Port Barrington
Fox Lake	Riverwoods
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Green Oaks	Round Lake Beach
Gurnee	Round Lake Heights
Hainesville	Round Lake Park
Hawthorn Woods	Third Lake
Island Lake	Tower Lakes
Kildeer	Vernon Hills
Lake Barrington	Volo
Lake Bluff	Wadsworth
Lake County	Wauconda
Lake Villa	Waukegan
Lake Zurich	Winthrop Harbor
Lakemoor	Zion
Libertyville	



I. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

A. Protect Municipal Funding

The State of Illinois has previously threatened to decrease local government revenue. With the current budget problems, the Governor and the Illinois General Assembly will inevitably be making cuts to revenue sources throughout the State. Municipal officials must protect the Local Government Distribute Fund (LGDF) and other municipal revenue sources.

Lake County Municipal League Position: Local governments should not be faced with any reductions in the LGDF or other municipal revenue sources.

B. Oppose Unfunded Mandates

Unfunded mandates impose an expense on local governments that are burdensome and have a devastating impact on the financial health of municipalities.

Lake County Municipal League Position: LCML opposes legislation that creates unfunded or under-funded mandates for local governments.

C. Protection of Motor Fuel Tax Funding

Maintaining and expanding county-wide transportation infrastructure network is critical to the local Lake County economy. Most communities in Lake County are unable to repair or expand their aging roads systems due to reductions in MFT funds. To maintain our competitive advantage in the Chicagoland economy, Lake County must be able to compete with surrounding counties using the same funding resources available to other counties.

Lake County Municipal League Position: LCML recognizes the severe challenges with meeting existing traffic demands for existing road systems around the County. LCML opposes legislation which reduces motor fuel tax funds.

D. Pension Reform and Consolidation

Public safety pension costs are at a crisis level and threatening the future of local governments. Legislation is necessary to relieve the burden of rising pension costs and ensure a secure retirement benefit for public safety employees.

Lake County Municipal League Position: LCML supports pension reform and consolidation to ensure the continued ability of municipalities to fund retirement benefits for public safety employees.



E. Expand Home Rule Eligibility

The Illinois Constitution automatically grants home rule authority to communities that exceed 25,000 residents. Non-home rule communities have less authority than home rule communities.

Lake County Municipal League Position: LCML supports a constitutional change to automatically grant home rule authority to communities in excess of 5,000 residents.

F. Marketplace Fairness Act

Retail sales conducted via the Internet or other electronic means are a commonality among American consumers. Currently states and local governments are unable to collect taxes on remote electronic sales.

Lake County Municipal League Position: LCML requests that our State Officials urge the Federal Government to support the Marketplace Fairness Act which will allow states and local governments to collect taxes on remote electronic sales. The tax is already law, this would simplify and ensure collection of the tax.

G. Protection of Electronics Recycling Program Funding

The Consumer Electronics Recycling Act will be implemented beginning in 2019, which SWALCO supports. LCML will provide continued oversight of the implementation of the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act to ensure it is implemented as intended, and to monitor any legislation introduced in 2018 that modifies the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act. SWALCO is asking for LCML support to add some clarification language to the bill regarding collection sites operated by waste haulers and would appreciate the LCML support on this clarification language.

Lake County Municipal League Position: LCML supports the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act and will continue to monitor its implementation, as well as any new legislation which may be introduced. LCML supports adding clarification language to the bill regarding collection sites operated by waste haulers.

II. WATCH LIST

A. Authority to Sweep Appropriated Funds

In the past, proposed bills have given the Governor authority to sweep most appropriated funds in order to respond to unbalanced budgets for FY 2016 and FY 2017. Historically, introduced bills do not exempt municipal funds including LGDF, PPRT, sales tax and emergency 911 fees.

Lake County Municipal League Position: LCML opposes any bill granting authority to sweep appropriated funds becoming law. Municipalities rely heavily on state funds including LGDF, PPRT, sales tax and 911 fees and would suffer an extreme financial impact if those funds were swept.

B. Oppose Body Camera Requirement

Presently police departments have the option to purchase body cameras. Legislation may be proposed that would require all police departments to make this extensive purchase and have a program in place to properly store video data.

Lake County Municipal League Position: LCML opposes the anticipated proposal of an unfunded mandate requiring all police departments to purchase body cameras. This would impose a devastating expense upon municipalities.

C. Federal Definition of “Catastrophic Injury”

The definition of “catastrophic injury” under Section 10(a) of the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act does not have a consistent definition and has been interpreted inconsistently by courts throughout the state.

Lake County Municipal League Position: The term “catastrophic injury” should have a clear definition to eliminate the abuses of the system that occur under its current interpretation. The federal definition of “catastrophic injury” found in the Public Safety Officer Benefits Act defines this term as one which would preclude gainful employment.