2019 Legislative Values

Local Control
Advocate for and sustain Home Rule and its flexibility to make decisions at the local level – where decisions are made closest to the people they impact and can be tailored to fit local conditions, needs, and concerns.

Financial Stability
Ensure the continuation of the commercial and industrial property tax backfill to prevent an increased burden on property taxpayers or a reduction in city services. Oppose and eliminate unfunded mandates. Protect and diversify revenue options available to local governments.

Economic Development
Preserve economic development tools, such as tax increment finance, as flexible tools for economic growth in cities of all sizes. Increase funding levels and tools to promote quality of life, community vitality, and economic development. Ensure that cities have the resources to meet the infrastructure and technological needs of their communities.

Public Safety
Ensure cities have the adequate resources, tools, and technology to provide and fund public safety services for their communities and citizens.