



MLC MEMBER CITIES

Apple Valley
Bloomington
Burnsville
Chanhassen
Eagan
Eden Prairie
Edina
Inver Grove Heights

Lakeville
Maple Grove
Minnetonka
Plymouth
Savage
Shakopee
Shoreview
Woodbury

ABOUT THE MLC

- Established in 1984 as a voice for suburban communities
- MLC Cities share common characteristics
 - Demographic
 - Economic
 - Tax Base
- However, our cities differ
 - Some growing rapidly
 - Others fully developed
 - Some primarily residential communities; others contain significant commercial developments
- All of our cities share challenges around:
 - Development/redevelopment
 - Public infrastructure
 - Affordable housing
 - Providing effective and efficient public services
- MLC is focused on advocacy at the capitol
 - Association forum for city managers and mayors to promote best practices
- MLC promotes accountability and transparency in local government
- Stability and predictability are important to plan with fiscal confidence
- Supports a partnership between the state and local units of government
 - However, strongly believe in local control
 - Allow locally elected officials to be accountable for local taxing and spending decisions

SUMMARY OF 2019 MLC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

I. Accountability and transparency in the state/local fiscal relationship

- A. Supports individual property tax relief through the circuit breaker program
- B. Opposes carving out revenue from the Fiscal Disparities pool to support specific projects
- C. Opposes automatic inflationary increases in LGA

II. Supports an increase in long-term transportation funding

III. Supports local control

- A. Supports local control over wireless infrastructure and equipment siting
- B. Opposes placing fiscal limitations such as levy limits or reverse referenda on the decisions of local elected officials
- C. Opposes restrictions to city authority on utilizing utility franchise fees
- D. Supports repeal of the statutory limitation on compensation to city employees