

2019 Legislative Priorities

At the October 6, 2018 meeting, the New Mexico Municipal League Board of Directors adopted the following four priorities for the League's Action Program during the 2019 Legislative Session.

- State and Local Tax Reform. (Resolution 2018-20). Pertaining to Tax Reform that will provide adequate resources for local governments.
- Taxation of Internet Sales. (Resolution 2018-25). Regarding the distribution of the State Shared Gross Receipts Tax and Imposition of Local Option Gross Receipts Taxes on Remote Sales.
- Funding of Streets, Roads and Bridges. (Resolution 2018-27). Addressing increases in gasoline tax and motor vehicle excise tax to fund local transportation needs.
- Enhancing Safety in Public Schools. (Resolution 2018-37 & Resolution 2018-34). Proposes to:
 - amend the PERA conditions for retirement to allow retired law enforcement to be employed in public schools without penalty to their PERA benefits;
 - fund technology to enhance school safety;
 - amend statutes regulating possession of firearms to address Extreme Risk Protection Orders (Red Flag Laws) for individuals in crisis and to limit their access to firearms, and their ability to obtain them;
 - further increase penalties regarding school shooting threats to a felony;
 - support new bullying legislation to include monitoring and follow-up on threats made by social media; and
 - provide training through a School Safety Omnibus bill to respond to Active Shooters.

In addition, the Board of Directors also determined the following issues to be of municipal importance:

- Concerning the Sale, Transfer and Issuance of Liquor Licenses in New Mexico (Resolution 2018-3)
- Concerning State Grants for Libraries (Resolution 2018-6)
- Concerning the Re-submission of Legislation to Increase the Municipal Court Automation Fee (Resolution 2018-9)
- Concerning the Imposition of a Municipal Court Warrant Fee (Resolution 2018-10)
- Concerning DWI and Traffic Enforcement on Publicly Accessible Private Property (Resolution 2018-33)
- Concerning Moving the State Fire Marshal's Office out of the Public Regulations Commission (Resolution 2018-38)
- Concerning Library Broadband Infrastructure (Resolution 2018-40)
- Concerning Support for Responsible & Affordable Energy Transition Policies (Resolution 2018-41)