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To: Key Elected & Appointed Municipal Officials

From: MMA's Advocacy Staff

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RE: MMA's 2024-2026 Legislative Platform - Survey

On August 29, 2024, MMA's newly elected Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) will convene to start the process of developing the Association's 2024-2026 legislative platform. A list of newly elected members will be posted on the Advocacy page of MMA's website at https://www.memun.org/Advocacy-Communications/Legislative-Policy-Committee on August 2.

Historically, the Association's platform has either: (1) contained a dozen bills targeted at amending existing or enacting new laws to help improve the delivery of local government services; or (2) focused solely on defending the gains made in previous sessions. Typically, the second option, also referred to as the "protect the core" approach, is implemented in fiscally austere times and focused on ensuring that funding for important municipal programs, such as the state's contribution toward 55% of the cost of K-12 education and 5% revenue sharing are protected.

While the members of the policy committee decide on both the approach and the bills advanced on behalf of MMA, members welcome your feedback and suggestions on the initiatives that you believe are necessary.

It is for this reason that we encourage you to take a few minutes to complete the 2024-2026 MMA legislative platform survey, <u>linked here</u>, by <u>5 p.m. on Friday</u>, <u>August 16</u>.

Questions about the survey, as well as the LPC, should be directed to Kate Dufour at either kdufour@memun.org or at 1-800-452-8786.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts on MMA's legislative priorities during the 2025-2026 legislative session. We appreciate your feedback.