



DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference

Legislative Action Program

DMMC Legislative Priorities for 2020



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SERVING RESIDENTS OF DUPAGE COUNTY

Representing more than one million residents by advocating for sound public policy initiatives, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) strives to promote sound local government, foster intergovernmental cooperation, and find innovative solutions to make local government work more effectively for DuPage County residents. DMMC's legislative priorities for **2020** include:

- **Restoring Local Government Distributive Fund Revenue** to provide citizens with essential services such as police and fire.
- **Preserving Local Authority and Revenue** to allow municipalities to serve the distinct needs of residents and businesses in their communities.
- **Investing in Illinois' Infrastructure** to maintain local roads, bridges and water facilities while ensuring safe transport and creating new jobs.
- **Protecting Public Safety Retirement and Taxpayers** to reduce unfunded pension liabilities, stabilize retirement systems for our first responders, protect against cuts to basic services, and reduce the burden on taxpayers.
- **Reforming Workers' Compensation** to bring more economic opportunity while ensuring that injured workers get quality health care and fair treatment.



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RESTORING LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTIVE FUND REVENUE



The Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) provides critical revenue to local governments for important services such as police and fire protection, garbage pick-up, road maintenance, and snow removal. **Returning LGDF to the full 10 percent share** of income tax dollars allows municipalities to assure citizens receive the services they need. These local dollars collected by the state and intended for local distribution should be returned to municipalities to reduce the need for additional revenues.

- Failure to disburse local money back to municipalities forces municipalities to find new revenue streams or eliminate services.

PRESERVE LOCAL AUTHORITY AND REVENUE

Municipalities and their locally elected leaders are **best equipped to make decisions for the people they represent**. Legislation and mandates should not restrict a local government's ability to do what is right for their residents and businesses. Issues such as franchising, zoning, permitting and licensing, local code enforcement, regulating business activities, as well as right of ways are fundamental responsibilities of local government.

- Allow municipalities to use administrative adjudication for suspended/revoked drivers' licenses and minor speeding violations to provide significant costs savings to taxpayers.
- Remove the distinction between home rule and non-home rule communities to eliminate barriers and allow local decisions to be made at the local level.
- Allow Hotel/Motel tax to apply to stays of 30 days or longer. Municipalities should receive tax revenue from those stays, eliminating the need for additional revenue streams. The need for municipal services doesn't end at 30 days.



INVEST IN ILLINOIS' INFRASTRUCTURE



Improving Illinois' infrastructure system bolsters the state's economy, creates jobs and attracts new businesses. **Maintaining a reliable capital program is crucial to sustain Illinois' economy and infrastructure needs** which depend on roads, bridges, rail, and water facilities that connect local communities and limit congestion. This will ensure safe travel, prompt freight delivery, clean water, and an efficient public transportation system.

- Consistent identification of needs with matching resources allows municipalities and the state to work together to maintain and improve infrastructure, resulting in increased local jobs.

PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT AND TAXPAYERS

DMMC works with a statewide coalition and the Illinois Municipal League advocating for reforms aimed at **preserving public safety pensions for local police officers and firefighters** while reducing the burden on municipalities and taxpayers. Fund consolidation is a good first step, but more needs to be done to ensure that **taxpayers do not bear the burden of unsustainable pensions**.

- Take the next step to reduce costs to taxpayers, support consolidating the administration of public safety pension benefits.



REFORM WORKERS' COMPENSATION



Workers' Compensation reforms would create economic opportunity and jobs, making Illinois more competitive with surrounding states. **Adopting common-sense reforms will lead to more reasonable settlements** without harming employees who have legitimate claims, ensuring they are protected and receive quality treatment.

- Establish standards that ensure an injury or illness is directly linked to the work or the workplace.
- Amend the Workers' Compensation Act to equate permanent loss of the shoulder to loss of use of the arm.
- Meaningful workers' compensation reforms save significant taxpayer dollars and enable employers to expand, relocate and grow their businesses, and be competitive in the global economy by enacting these reforms.

