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What is the Michigan Municipal League?

The Michigan Municipal League is dedicated to making Michigan's communities better by thoughtfully innovating programs, energetically



connecting ideas and people, actively serving members with resources and services, and passionately inspiring positive change for Michigan's greatest centers of potential: its communities.

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Who Makes up the League?

523 Cities, Villages, & Townships; 279 Cities, 240 Villages, 4 Townships,
30 Affiliate Organizations,
51 Business Alliance Program Participants

Educating and Engaging Our Members

The League's 16/50 Project aims to bring gender balance to local government offices by increasing the number of women serving as local government managers. Women make up over 50% of the state's general population but just 16% of Michigan municipal managers. In 2018, 16/50 kicked off its inaugural Women's Municipal Leadership Program, a complimentary 5-month training opportunity that empowers women to take the next step in their municipal careers by providing critical topic education & executive development. Since its inception, 85 women have graduated from the program, and 8 women have ascended to municipal manager roles. Find out more about how we're tackling the gender balance challenge and get more information on our Women's Municipal Leadership Program at [1650project.org](https://www.1650project.org).



Live with the League is broadcast on the League's Facebook feed. This live conversation features our legislative team discussing topics that impact our member communities. It airs every other Monday at noon. They are also recorded, and can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/MMLLeague>

Advocacy: Municipal Finance Reform

The League's advocacy efforts have remained focused on municipal finance reform through our SaveMICity Initiative. From protecting existing revenues and tax base to finding ways to restore revenue sharing and providing communities with tools to control costs. The League has committed to reforming the ways our communities are funded. The League has created programming and developed ideas that will drive economic development, building the kind of places that residents demand, attracting and retaining a talented 21st century work force.

The League is heavily invested in working with the Legislature and Administration on long-term, comprehensive solutions to fix our state's broken municipal finance system by raising awareness of the fiscal problems that communities of all sizes are facing; engaging in research that validates this concern; and educating the media and public about this critical issue. We are committed to sustaining this effort over the long-term to achieve meaningful results. Visit [SaveMICity.org](https://www.SaveMICity.org) for more details.

While working to promote investment in local communities, we are also defending against continuous efforts to strip local control, preempt local decision-making, and reduce local taxing authority. Our successful advocacy has produced expanded budget and policy investments in roads and infrastructure, improving public safety grant programs, and critical preservation of revenue sharing funds and personal property tax reimbursements. Whether fighting to improve the confusing new personal property tax system, defending against the preemption of local zoning related to short-term rentals, or ensuring that local needs and expertise are at the core of all infrastructure-related proposals, the League finds itself at the center of key negotiations on major policy initiatives—further recognition of our position as a leading advocate for local government in Lansing.