



House Local Government & Municipal Finance Committee

Michigan Municipal League

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Who Makes up the League?

- 523 Cities, Villages & Townships
 - 279 Cities, 240 Villages, 4 Townships
- 3,771 Elected Officials
- 10,000+ Non-Elected Officials
- 30 Affiliate Organizations





Who Are We — State & Federal Affairs

- Chris Hackbarth — Director
 - Municipal Finance, Appropriations, Labor
- John LaMacchia — Assistant Director
 - Transportation & Infrastructure, Energy & Technology
- Jennifer Rigterink — Legislative Associate
 - Economic Development, Land Use & Zoning, Municipal Services
- Herasanna Richards — Legislative Associate
 - Environment, Municipal Services, Public Safety, Elections

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League Member Services

- Training – Elected Officials Academy
- Technical Support
- Liability and Property Pool
- Workers' Compensation Pool
- Legal Defense Fund
- Cooperative Purchasing
- Advocacy





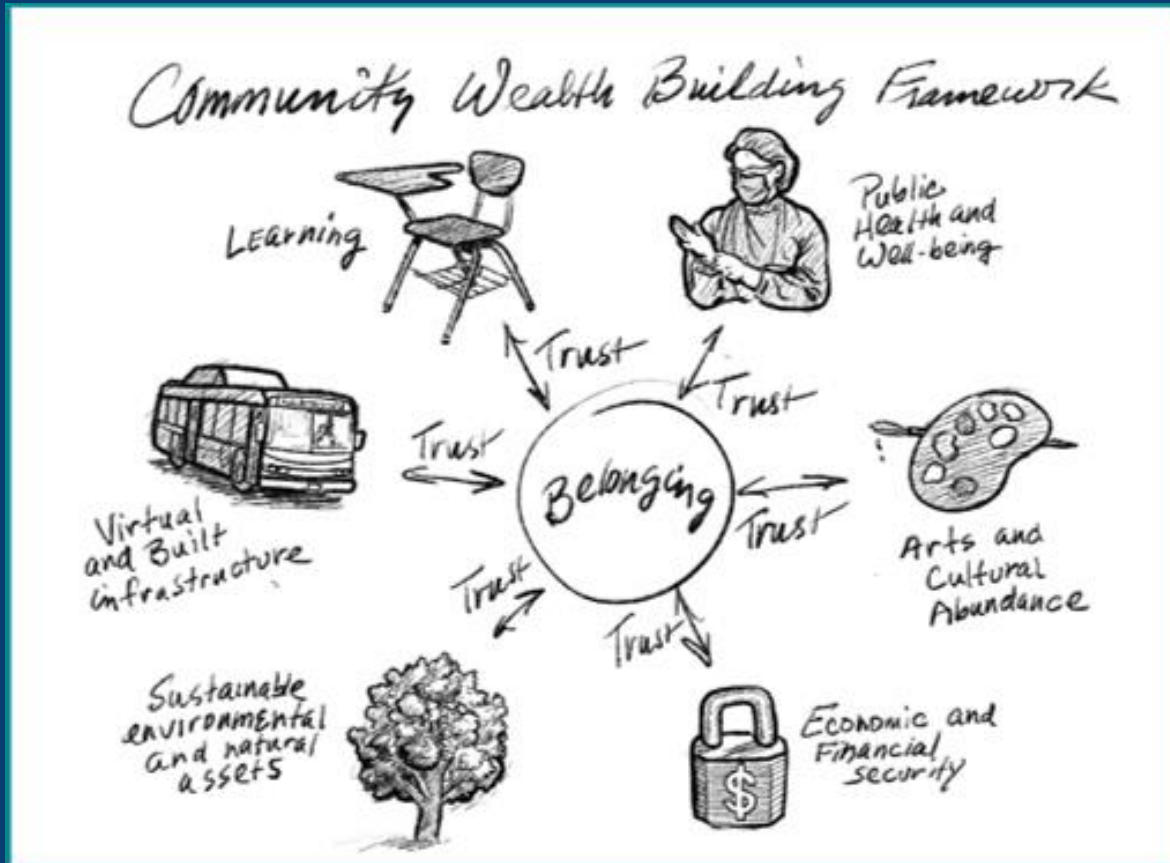
League Initiatives & Partnerships

- MML Foundation
 - Education/Training Scholarships
- MEDC/MSHDA Programs
 - Public Spaces-Community Places / Crowdfunding
 - Redevelopment Ready Communities
 - Green Communities Challenge
- 16/50 Project – Promoting Female City Leaders
- Urban Core Mayors
- Community Wealth Building





League Initiative – Building Community Wealth



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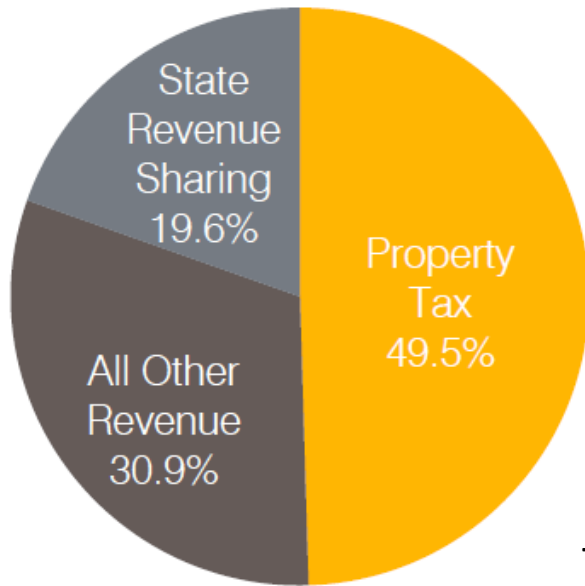
League Initiative – Municipal Finance Reform





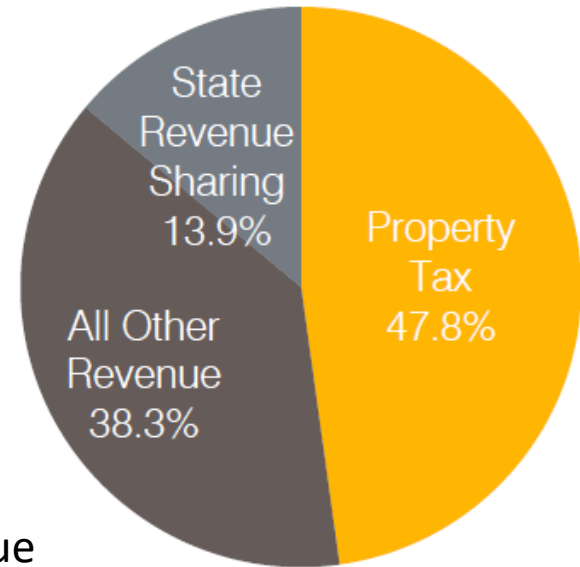
Local Government Revenue

2002



\$2,823,275,000

2017



\$2,486,000,300

11.9%
Total revenue decline

* MI Treasury F-65 Data from 225 cities – Inflation Adjusted



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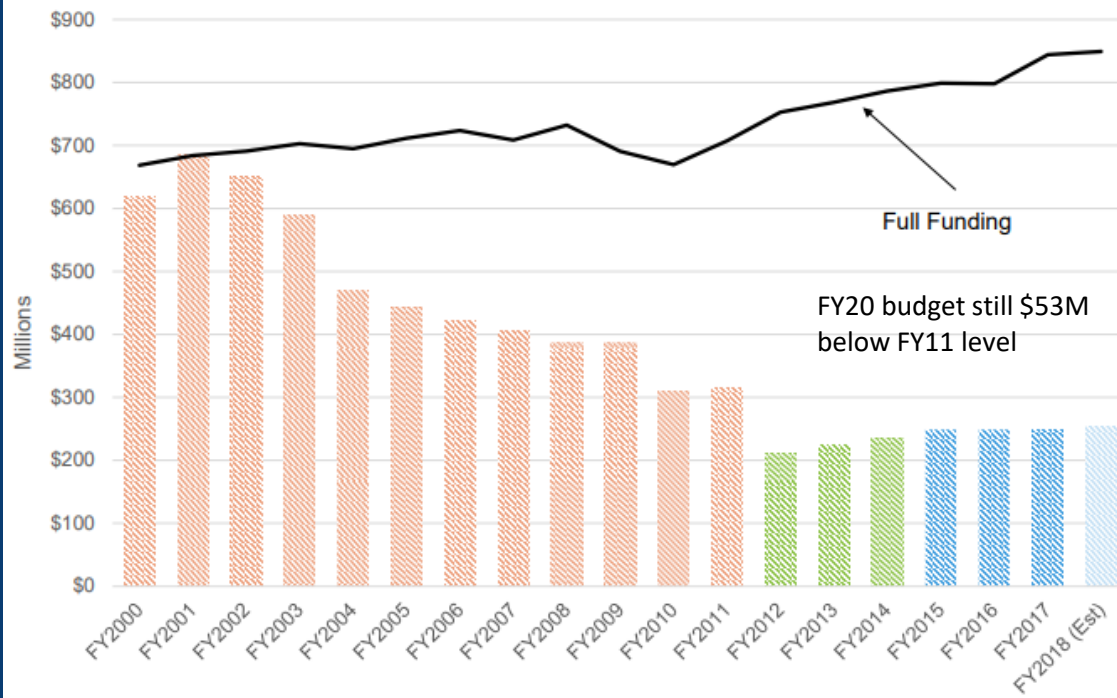


Local Government Budgeting

Statutory Revenue Sharing



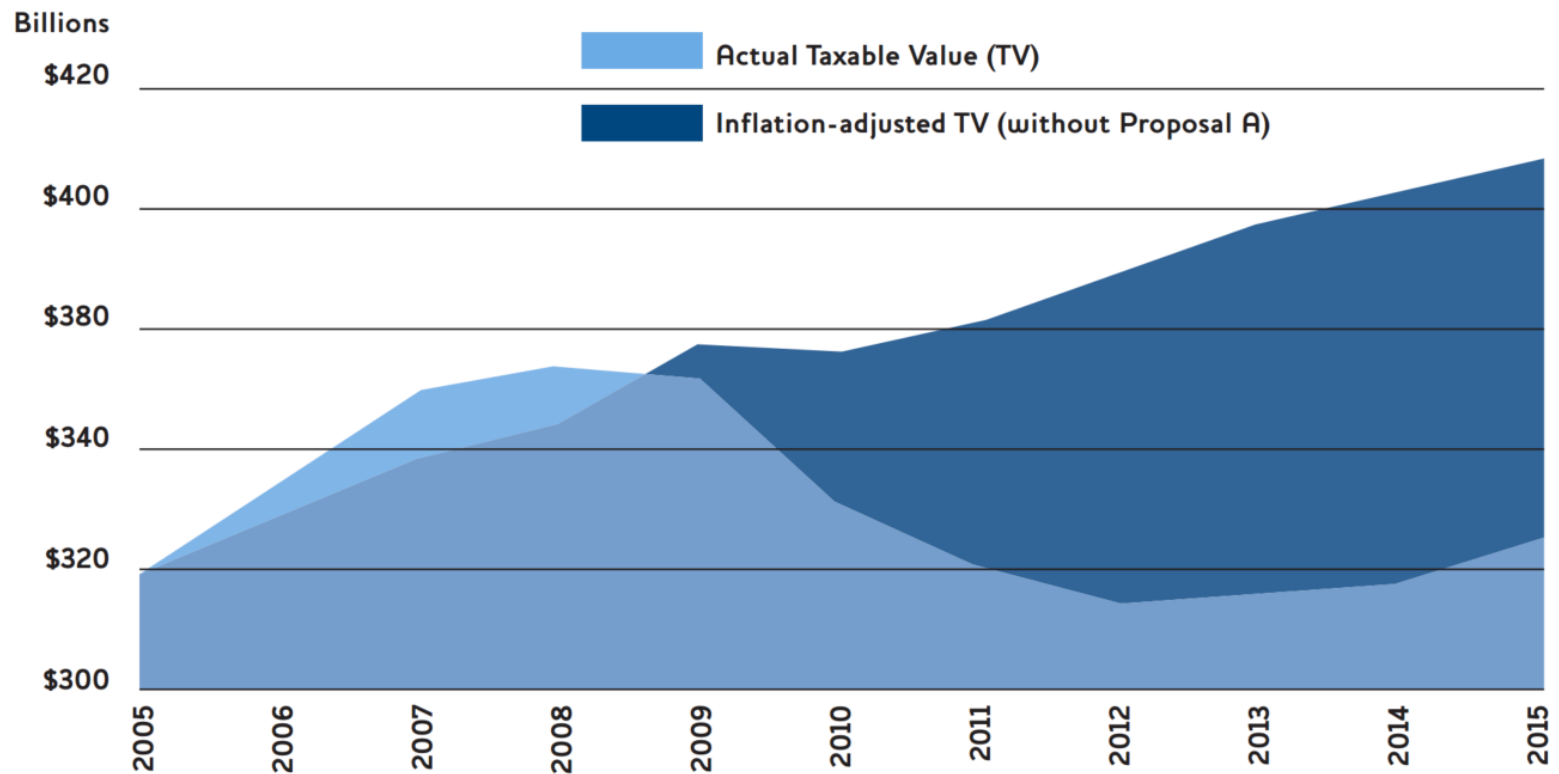
Statutory, EVIP, and CVT Revenue Sharing Payments to Cities, Villages, and Townships



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Property Taxes/Values

STATEWIDE TAXABLE VALUE (2005-2015)



Source: Adapted from GLEC, 2016

Broken Municipal Finance System

- Current pandemic threatening local government budgets still not recovered from Great Recession.
- Lincoln Institute of Land Policy identified Michigan as one of most restrictive states in the nation for funding local government.
- Revenue sharing, Headlee/PropA, and lack of revenue diversity leave local units at risk during economic downturns.



Local Govt & Municipal Finance Committee Related Issue



- City Income Tax – COVID Vulnerability
- Headlee / Proposal A Negative Interaction
- Dark Store Property Tax Appeals
- Veterans Exemption – Local Reimbursement
- Personal Property Tax System
- Securing Revenue Sharing





Local Govt & Municipal Finance Committee Related Legislation

- Open Meetings Act – Remote Meetings
- Public Notice Reform
- Zoning Preemptions – Short Term Rentals, etc
- Housing – Workforce Housing Opportunities
- Economic Development – DDA/TIF/OPRA/CRA





Questions?



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