



League of Arizona
Cities AND Towns

Municipal Policy Statement 2026

The following legislative priorities for the 2026 legislative session reflect the collective voice of Arizona's cities and towns. In addition to our core principles of (1) preserving local decision making and (2) protecting state shared revenue, these items serve as a foundation for this session's legislative advocacy:

HOUSING & COMMUNITY LIVABILITY

Cities and towns are committed to designing and supporting local policies that can lead to attainable housing options for residents across income levels while preserving quality of life in neighborhoods. As the state's population grows and housing affordability challenges intensify, municipalities seek greater authority and flexibility to address these local concerns.

Short-Term Rentals: Empower municipalities to regulate the proliferation of short-term rentals and take meaningful action against repeat violators. Clarifying enforcement mechanisms and strengthening local authority will help cities balance property rights and local tourism with neighborhood stability.

Neglected and Historic Properties: Municipalities must be able to address the deterioration of vacant, abandoned, or historically significant buildings. Establishing clear statutory authority to enforce upkeep and adopt property-specific standards will promote public safety, protect community character, and encourage revitalization.

Annexation Streamlining: Simplifying annexation processes for properties under single ownership or a common ownership group will eliminate unnecessary procedural barriers and facilitate thoughtful community planning, infrastructure coordination, and service delivery.



The League of Arizona Cities and Towns remains committed to collaborative, constructive engagement with lawmakers to advance the shared interests of Arizona's communities. These priorities represent a unified municipal voice and reflect the League's mission to strengthen cities and towns through advocacy, education, and partnership.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUDGET FLEXIBILITY

Municipalities are essential partners in driving economic growth and maintaining public infrastructure. The League supports efforts to enhance financial tools and modernize statutory frameworks so cities and towns can respond to economic opportunities and evolving community needs.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF): Arizona remains one of the few states without broad TIF authority. Providing municipalities with access to this tool while preserving existing constitutional and fiscal safeguards would unlock significant private investment, especially in blighted and underutilized areas.

Mid-Year Budget Adjustments: Amending state law to permit mid-year budget adjustments under Home Rule authority will allow cities and towns to remain fiscally responsive in dynamic economic conditions, particularly during emergencies or periods of rapid revenue change.

GOOD GOVERNANCE & PROCESS INTEGRITY

The League supports policies that improve the fairness, clarity, and functionality of local governance procedures.

Candidate Committee Termination: Authorize the termination of a candidate committee when the candidate is deceased to promote administrative efficiency.

Election Conformity: Support efforts to ensure that cities and towns call elections to renew sales tax rates in conformance with the state's even-year schedule to prevent lapses in revenue.

PSPRS: Monitor legislative proposals related to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System to safeguard employer and employee interests.

WELCOME SAN TAN VALLEY

Arizona's 92nd Municipality!



- **Population: 106,179 (2025 est.)**
– 13th largest city in Arizona
- **First city incorporated since Tusayan in 2010 (Pop. 558)**
- **Located in Legislative District 15 and Congressional District 5**

01 **S** Mark Finchem (R)
R Selina Bliss (R), Quang Nguyen (R)
Camp Verde, Chino Valley, Clarkdale,
Cottonwood, Dewey-Humboldt, Jerome,
Peoria, Prescott, Prescott Valley, Sedona

02 **S** Shawna Bolick (R)
R Stephanie Simacek (D), Justin Wilmeth (R)
Phoenix

03 **S** John Kavanagh (R)
R Joseph Chaplik (R), Alexander Kolodin (R)
Carefree, Cave Creek, Fountain Hills,
Phoenix, Scottsdale

04 **S** Carine Werner (R)
R Matt Gress (R), Pamela Carter (R)
Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Scottsdale

05 **S** Lela Alston (D)
R Sarah Liguori (D), Aaron Márquez (D)
Phoenix

06 **S** Theresa Hatathlie (D)
R Mae Peshlakai (D), Myron Tsosie (D)
Eagar, Flagstaff, Fredonia, Holbrook, Page,
Springerville, St. Johns, Tusayan, Winslow

07 **S** Wendy Rogers (R)
R Walt Blackman (R), David Marshall Sr. (R)
Apache Junction, Flagstaff, Florence, Globe, Hayden,
Holbrook, Kearny, Mammoth, Miami, Payson,
Pinetop-Lakeside, Show Low, Snowflake, Star Valley,
Superior, Taylor, Williams, Winkelman

08 **S** Lauren Kuby (D)
R Janeen Connolly (D), Brian Garcia (D)
Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe

09 **S** Kiana Sears (D)
R Lorena Austin (D), Seth Blattman (D)
Mesa, Tempe

10 **S** David Farnsworth (R)
R Ralph Heap (R), Justin Olson (R)
Apache Junction, Mesa

11 **S** Catherine Miranda (D)
R Oscar De Los Santos (D), Junelle Caveró (D)
Guadalupe, Phoenix

12 **S** Mitzi Epstein (D)
R Patty Contreras (D), Stacey Travers (D)
Chandler, Phoenix, Tempe

13 **S** J.D. Mesnard (R)
R Jeff Wenginger (R), Julie Willoughby (R)
Chandler, Gilbert

14 **S** Warren Petersen (R)
R Laurin Hendrix (R), Khyll Powell (R)
Chandler, Gilbert, Queen Creek

15 **S** Jake Hoffman (R)
R Neal Carter (R), Michael Way (R)
Florence, Mesa, Queen Creek, San Tan Valley

16 **S** T.J. Shope (R)
R Chris Lopez (R), Teresa Martinez (R)
Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy, Florence,
Maricopa, Tucson

17 **S** Vince Leach (R)
R Rachel Jones (R), Kevin Volk (D)
Marana, Oro Valley, Tucson

18 **S** Priya Sundareshan (D)
R Nancy Gutiérrez (D), Christopher Mathis (D)
Oro Valley, Tucson

19 **S** David Gowan (R)
R Lupe Diaz (R), Gail Griffin (R)
Benson, Clifton, Douglas, Duncan, Huachuca City,
Patagonia, Pima, Safford, Sahuarita, Sierra Vista,
Thatcher, Tombstone, Tucson, Willcox

20 **S** Sally Ann Gonzales (D)
R Alma Hernandez (D), Betty J. Villegas (D)
South Tucson, Tucson

21 **S** Rosanna Gabaldón (D)
R Consuelo Hernandez (D),
Stephanie Stahl-Hamilton (D)
Bisbee, Nogales, Sahuarita, Tucson

22 **S** Eva Diaz (D)
R Lupe Contreras (D), Elda Luna-Nájera (D)
Avondale, Glendale, Goodyear, Phoenix,
Tolleson

23 **S** Brian Fernandez (D)
R Michele Peña (R), Mariana Sandoval (D)
Buckeye, Gila Bend, Goodyear, San Luis,
Somerton, Wellton, Yuma

24 **S** Analise Ortiz (D)
R Anna Abeytia (D), Lydia Hernandez (D)
Glendale, Phoenix

25 **S** Tim Dunn (R)
R Michael Carbone (R), Nick Kupper (R)
Buckeye, Glendale, Goodyear, Surprise,
Wellton, Yuma

26 **S** Flavio Bravo (D)
R Cesar Aguilar (D), Quantá Crews (D)
Glendale, Phoenix

27 **S** Kevin Payne (R)
R Lisa Fink (R), Tony Rivero (R)
Glendale, Peoria, Phoenix

28 **S** Frank P. Carroll (R)
R David Livingston (R), Beverly Pingerelli (R)
Peoria, Phoenix, Surprise

29 **S** Janae Shamp (R)
R Steve Montenegro (R), James Taylor (R)
El Mirage, Glendale, Goodyear,
Litchfield Park, Peoria, Surprise,
Youngtown

30 **S** Hildy Angius (R)
R Leo Biasiucci (R), John Gillette (R)
Bullhead City, Colorado City, Kingman,
Lake Havasu City, Parker, Quartzsite,
Wickenburg