



The Municipal Legislative Commission (MLC) is an association of 19 suburban communities working together to promote public policy decisions that are transparent, accountable, and equitable. We support strategic initiatives that help our cities, businesses, region, and state develop and thrive.

## 2024 MLC Legislative Priorities



### Supporting Safer Communities

MLC supports empowering local elected leaders to effectively manage public safety issues in their communities by:

- Providing local control of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Clarifying School Resource Officer (SRO) authority for use of force in school settings
- Reviewing the criteria used to assess PTSD duty disability claims and fully funding programs to support those injured in the line of duty



### Promoting Affordable Housing

Housing is a top priority for MLC cities. We support policies to help increase the production of and access to affordable options across the housing continuum, including:

- Expanding investments in Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH)
- Incenting cities' development of "missing middle" housing options
- Encouraging locally led strategies to encourage affordable housing production
- Preserving local authority over land use decisions



### Investing in Infrastructure and Transportation

MLC supports greater, regionally balanced investments in transportation and infrastructure and sensible regulatory requirements, including:

- Giving cities the authority to collect street infrastructure fees so the costs of new development are not shifted to existing residents
- Passing a regionally balanced bonding package that includes significant investments in suburban communities
- Providing more flexible application of greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled assessment requirements on trunk highway projects



### Strengthening the State-Local Fiscal Partnership

MLC supports greater stability and predictability in the fiscal relationship between the state and local units of government. We support:

- Providing for more frequent review of the LGA formula recognizing the growing financial needs of cities in the state
- Simplifying the process for a sales tax exemption on construction materials for local governments
- Eliminating the moratorium on local sales tax authorizations
- Providing direct property tax relief to individuals and renters
- Preserving the integrity of the Fiscal Disparities program





## MLC Cities – By the Numbers

City	Population (2022)	Jobs (2022)	Sales Tax Revenue (2021)	Public Safety Aid (2023)
Apple Valley	55,673	15,549	\$ 52,941,967	\$ 2,464,426
Bloomington	91,330	87,234	\$ 175,040,297	\$ 3,980,942
Burnsville	64,522	33,640	\$ 89,872,124	\$ 2,828,020
Chanhassen	25,885	15,460	\$ 35,419,811	\$ 1,134,936
Eagan	68,889	51,288	\$ 75,850,926	\$ 3,023,142
Eden Prairie	64,023	58,699	\$ 78,688,111	\$ 2,806,797
Edina	54,048	43,311	\$ 64,479,097	\$ 2,344,263
Golden Valley	22,034	28,473	\$ 39,721,116	\$ 977,316
Inver Grove Heights	35,652	11,206	\$ 29,071,055	\$ 1,564,082
Lakeville	73,828	20,896	\$ 46,723,805	\$ 3,156,564
Maple Grove	71,230	38,695	\$ 102,304,608	\$ 3,073,946
Minnetonka	54,474	47,383	\$ 70,803,090	\$ 2,393,799
Plymouth	80,762	55,310	\$ 98,364,373	\$ 3,552,540
Prior Lake	27,855	4,722	\$ 12,093,773	\$ 1,217,904
Rosemount	26,943	8,304	\$ 9,618,737	\$ 1,143,557
Savage	33,137	8,943	\$ 31,833,477	\$ 1,422,871
Shakopee	45,961	30,676	\$ 48,637,671	\$ 1,995,109
Shoreview	27,141	12,126	\$ 14,041,241	\$ 1,180,052
Woodbury	77,224	26,370	\$ 70,839,251	\$ 3,313,571
	<b>1,000,611</b>	<b>598,285</b>	<b>\$ 1,146,344,530</b>	<b>\$ 43,573,837</b>

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### MLC Statistics

- Over one million people—17% of Minnesota’s population—live in 19 MLC cities.
- MLC cities are home to approximately 20% of our state’s jobs.
- MLC cities generate approximately 25% of Minnesota sales tax revenue.