

## 2025 MLC Legislative Priorities

The Municipal Legislative Commission (MLC) is an association of 18 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.

### Expanding Housing Production and Promoting Affordable Housing

We support policies that increase production across the housing spectrum and provide greater access to affordable options while preserving local control of land use and zoning decisions, including:

- Reforming condominium insurance and warranty requirements
- Allowing cities to use local affordable housing aid for zoning code updates
- Simplifying comprehensive plan changes for redevelopment projects
- Strategically expanding Metropolitan Urban Service Area boundaries
- Establishing a metro area housing infrastructure grant program
- Expanding investments in Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing and other critical affordable housing programs
- Expanding authority for cities to redirect surplus TIF funds to Affordable Housing Trust Funds and allowing TIF district extensions for affordable housing purposes
- Promoting Housing Improvement Areas in cities with multi-unit properties

### Supporting Safer Communities

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

- Allocating additional one-time funding for police and fire aid programs
- Enhancing local control of Emergency Medical Services by enabling community-specific ambulance service provider selection and establishing local performance and quality assurance oversight

### Investing in Infrastructure, Transportation & Economic Development

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

- Authorizing street infrastructure fees to ensure that local infrastructure can meet the demands imposed by new development
- Supporting essential local infrastructure projects with a regional/state benefit
- Providing increased, regionally balanced investments in transportation and infrastructure
- Supporting targeted state investments that add new workers, retain high-quality jobs, and attract business development

### Strengthening the State-Local Fiscal Partnership

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

- Providing a clearer, more predictable, and equitable process to approve local sales tax requests
- Supporting more frequent review of the Local Government Aid (LGA) program
- Providing direct property tax relief
- Simplifying the sales tax exemption on construction materials for cities
- Preserving the integrity of the Fiscal Disparities Program

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## MLC Community Profiles

Community	2023	2023	2022	2024	Fiscal	2025	2024 LAHA
	Population	Employment	Sales Tax Revenue	Total Net Tax Capacity	Disparities Pay 2025 Net Change Tax Base	Certified LGA	
Apple Valley	56,252	16,063	\$52,949,943	\$89,944,346	\$5,753,245	\$0	\$282,732
Bloomington	91,537	89,333	\$214,006,918	\$231,520,515	(\$15,031,547)	\$0	\$567,427
Burnsville	65,327	33,718	\$94,029,499	\$117,897,532	(\$1,106,967)	\$429,148	\$405,821
Chanhassen	25,807	16,239	\$40,128,483	\$72,425,776	(\$2,960,592)	\$0	\$126,855
Eagan	69,299	50,996	\$89,588,077	\$160,736,720	(\$10,420,025)	\$0	\$346,611
Eden Prairie	64,600	57,621	\$90,177,853	\$176,473,475	(\$11,164,139)	\$0	\$268,673
Edina	54,480	44,353	\$75,476,515	\$205,645,781	(\$11,897,360)	\$0	\$339,342
Golden Valley	22,305	28,508	\$47,547,788	\$68,553,523	(\$6,425,835)	\$0	\$137,095
Inver Grove Heights	36,219	11,191	\$32,131,766	\$64,068,774	\$1,569,005	\$0	\$200,443
Lakeville	75,217	20,994	\$50,534,113	\$142,348,924	\$2,692,262	\$0	\$229,465
Maple Grove	71,676	37,849	\$113,058,284	\$170,408,019	(\$7,853,513)	\$0	\$265,701
Minnetonka	54,850	47,979	\$77,014,684	\$161,793,644	(\$9,733,279)	\$0	\$321,516
Plymouth	80,546	53,776	\$113,487,011	\$218,498,776	(\$14,261,224)	\$0	\$363,111
Prior Lake	28,915	8,159	\$12,145,034	\$60,244,874	\$2,079,801	\$0	\$109,825
Rosemount	26,965	8,083	\$14,851,063	\$50,978,489	\$702,280	\$0	\$85,048
Shakopee	46,037	31,056	\$54,820,409	\$102,144,532	(\$9,447,572)	\$0	\$212,328
Shoreview	27,369	11,956	\$14,907,066	\$53,766,996	\$1,422,040	\$0	\$130,516
Woodbury	78,740	25,651	\$76,264,379	\$174,515,212	(\$2,735,255)	\$0	\$301,991
	<b>976,141</b>	<b>593,525</b>	<b>\$1,263,118,885</b>	<b>\$2,321,965,908</b>	<b>(\$88,818,675)</b>	<b>\$429,148</b>	<b>\$4,694,501</b>

### MLC Statistics

- Nearly one million people—17 percent of Minnesota’s population—live in 18 MLC cities.
- MLC cities are home to approximately 20 percent of our state’s jobs.
- MLC cities generate nearly 30 percent of state sales tax revenue in the 7-county metro area.
- MLC cities have over 27 percent of our state’s total city net tax capacity.
- In 2024, MLC cities received 29 percent of available metro local affordable housing aid.

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