



## LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

### **Purpose Statement**

The Los Angeles County Division (Division) recognizes the need for an active and timely county, state, and federal advocacy program to protect the interest of cities throughout Los Angeles County. As a subset of the League of California Cities (Cal Cities), the Division relies on Cal Cities' [Summary of Existing Policy and Guiding Principles](#) as the primary tool for a focused advocacy strategy for the Division's Board of Directors and staff.

The Division's Legislative Platform is intended to help direct staff, in consultation with the Division President and Vice President, to act on a time-sensitive issue when the Division's Executive board is unable to meet. The Legislative Platform is not exhaustive of all issue areas of relevance to the Division and is not intended to supplant the deliberative role and actions of the Division's Legislative Committee.

#### **1. Local Decision Making/Local Control**

- Support legislation that preserves and enhances local decision making and local control.
- Oppose preemption of local authority whether by county, state, or federal legislation or by ballot measure.

#### **2. Municipal Finance**

- Support legislation that protects local government revenues from being withheld, diverted, or otherwise used to fund state government responsibilities.
- Oppose state mandates that do not guarantee adequate state funding for or local reimbursement of the costs related to such mandates.
- Oppose attempts to preempt or reduce voter-approved local revenue measures.
- Oppose legislation that withdraws or diminishes reasonable compensation for the use of local public rights of way.

#### **3. Housing**

- Support funding and additional resources that increase the supply of affordable housing.
- Support and protect local decision-making over land use and zoning.

#### **4. Public Safety**

- Support funding and legislation to address existing public safety challenges, including those relating to the impacts of criminal justice reform efforts.

#### **5. Regional Governance**

- Support measures to achieve fair and proportionate local government representation on countywide and regional boards.

#### **6. Contracting**

- Oppose attempts to limit or preempt the ability of cities to contract for municipal services.