

MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE LOOKING AT THE BIG PICTURE

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EIGHT BIG ISSUES



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THE LAY OF THE LAND

- Coloradans like local control
- More than 3,000 local governments
 - Counties
 - Municipalities
 - Special districts
 - School districts

KEY CHALLENGE: Is it time for more cooperation and actual consolidation?

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INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE

- Needs are significant
 - Affordable housing
 - Water/waste water
 - Transportation/transit
 - Community facilities

KEY CHALLENGE: Moving forward, how do we pay for public infrastructure?

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Jobs retention
- Jobs expansion

KEY CHALLENGE: What are you doing as a municipal leader to focus on this, and what has been your experience?

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PUBLIC POLICY MAKING

- Evolving methods of public discourse
- Rise of social media

KEY CHALLENGE: How does your city or town foster citizen engagement, and what has been the result?

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LEADERSHIP

- More than 1800 councilmembers/trustees
- Frequent turn-over
- 140 municipal elections last April

KEY CHALLENGES: Where are future leaders coming from and how do you nurture them?

How do you develop a sense of team with members of your council/board and staff?

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MUNICIPAL FISCAL HEALTH

- Serious fiscal challenges face many municipalities across the nation
- CU study shows Colorado cities and towns generally in good fiscal condition
- Colorado municipalities control their revenue

KEY CHALLENGE: What are you doing to assure that your city or town remains fiscally resilient?

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Shared services a growing trend
- Hurdles include:
 - Unfunded mandates
 - TABOR issues
 - Preemptions
 - State-shared revenues

KEY CHALLENGE: What can you as a municipal leader, and CML as your organizational partner, do to address this?

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SOCIETAL ISSUES

- Societal issues often become municipal issues
 - Opioid abuse
 - Homelessness
 - Regional income disparities
 - Demographic changes

KEY CHALLENGE: Have you personally tried to address these and other issues in your community as a municipal leader?

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The Voice of Colorado's Cities and Towns

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