Position Statement Guidelines

The AML “Position Statement” is developed by the AML Legislative Position Committee, which is comprised of appointed or elected officials from member municipalities who have expertise and a firm understanding of local government roles and responsibilities. The Committee also includes one At-Large member, the AML Executive Director and the current AML board President.

Please review the Draft 2020 Position Statement and recommend changes along the following guidelines:

- **AML Principles** – these are not meant to be changed annually but inform the rest of the document.
- **AML Legislative Priorities** – these will come from the August legislative conference
- **AML Federal Priorities** – these will come from the August legislative conference
- **AML Position Statements** – these are statements that we encourage members to add to or suggest edits for

For changes to the position statements, consider their broad applicability and use:

- Are they consistent with our principles?
- Do they advance policy that is beneficial to local governments?
- Do they negatively impact any local government?
- Are they statewide or have statewide implications?
- Are they actionable?

The Legislative Position Committee will edit for brevity and applicability but ensure that changes reflect the intent of the sponsor. In order to ensure that the position statements remain true to the goal of reflecting the will of our members and AML’s philosophy and mission, changes to the position statements will be considered by both the committee and the membership.

For changes to the Draft 2020 Position Statement to be considered during the AML Summer Legislative Conference, they must be received no later than July 31, 2019. The Legislative Position Committee will review all recommended changes by August 15. The Draft 2020 Position Statement will then be sent to all members prior to the AML Annual Business meeting in November. For changes to be considered, members must send changes to the AML office no later than October 4, 2019. Changes to this document will not be accepted after this date.

The Position Committee shall debate and act upon suggested changes for final recommendations to the membership during the Position Committee meeting on November 20, 2019. If the Position Committee does not accept the change, the member’s governing body may bring it to the floor at the General Session on November 20, 2019 for action.

Those changes accepted by the Position Committee shall be discussed during the General Session on November 21, 2019 for incorporation into the Position Statement. The amended Position Statement shall be voted on by the full membership at the AML Business Meeting to be held on the morning of November 22, 2019.

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