2022 State Legislative Priorities

Preserve Local Control

Support legislation that preserves or enhances the City's ability to govern locally and oppose legislation that reduces or restricts the City's local authority.

State Shared Revenues

Protect (and recover) state shared revenues to municipalities and oppose new legislation seeking to divert shared revenues away from municipalities.

Short-Term Rentals

Work with stakeholders supporting legislation to allow for local regulations over investor-owned residential properties used as short-term rentals and ensure equity in the hotel industry.

Forest Health

Advocate for investments in forest health on stateowned land in northern Arizona, augmenting municipal efforts to protect our region. Support appropriate funding of local responses to flood mitigation efforts from wildfire burn scars.

Transportation

Advocate for additional funding to the Arizona Department of Transportation to plan, build, preserve, modernize, and expand transportation and infrastructure projects that impact northern Arizona and our tribal partners.

Affordable Housing
Support legislation and seek funding in support of affordable housing. Join cities across the state in opposing preemptions of inclusionary zoning.

Elections

Support efforts to protect voter rights and access, and preserve the integrity of the election process.

Rural Broadband

Support and encourage continuing state efforts to increase rural broadband access and capacity to encourage and develop economic activity, including allowing for remote education, business attraction, revenue creation, and the attraction of remote workers.

Criminal Justice Reform & Diversion **Programs**

Support legislation that creates and strengthens alternative diversion programs, rehabilitative programming, mental health services and other approaches to reduce reliance on prisons and create more equity in the criminal justice system.

Arizona Corporation CommissionUrge the Arizona Corporation Commission to adopt an aggressive statewide clean energy standard that achieves 100% carbon-free clean energy in our state.

Environmental Funding and Partnership

Support state funding and partnership opportunities to expand open space, parks, natural areas, trails and "dark skies" initiatives across northern Arizona.

Tourism

Preserve state funding for tourism and the Arizona Office of Tourism to support northern Arizona as a four-season destination.

Social Investment

Support legislation and funding to improve childcare and early childhood education, as well as strengthen workforce development initiatives including job training, internships, reskilling and apprenticeship programs.