Welcome to 2017 Capital Conference

League President Rosalynn Bliss, Mayor of Grand Rapids
50th Anniversary of Capital Conference
City and Village Officials Meet with Legislators

First State Legislative Conference enthusiastically received

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First legislative conference

League presidents Stewart Franke and Gordon Thomas, along with Director Robert Fryer, led the League into a new vigilance in the advocacy and reporting of municipal issues at the state level. The same year that the League hosted its first State Legislative Conference, left, a full-time staff person, William G. Davis, became the manager of the newly established State Affairs Division, which was headquartered in Lansing. The new division’s mission was
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SaveMIcity Launched a Year Ago

- More than 50 presentations in more than 30 communities to thousands of people
- Three news conferences
- Resulting in 200+ news articles

Press Conference in Lansing
Save MI City Around the State

Public Forum in Romulus

Town Hall in Flint
Learn More Tomorrow:

- Municipal Finance Reform Update General Session
- 1:45-3:15 p.m. Wednesday

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Additional Issues:

- OPEB Reform

Burton Mayor Paula Zelenko  The League’s Anthony Minghine

**Governor Appoints Task Force on Legacy Costs**

Governor Snyder’s office issued a release yesterday announcing his appointments to a municipal retirement benefits reform task force he alluded to during his recent State of the State address. The 23-member task force includes representation from MML, MTA and MAC, along with representatives from a number of labor groups, legislators from each caucus in the House and Senate, health care and retirement system experts, among others.

The Task Force on Responsible Retirement Reform for Local Government has been directed by the Governor to provide their recommendations later this spring. The League views the Governor’s focus on this issue as a positive. We look forward to a fruitful and thoughtful partnership with all of the members of this task force. We are hopeful that as a group we will work toward sound fiscal policy that preserves benefits for our employees while at the same time allowing critical flexibility for communities.

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Additional Issues:

- Legal Defense Fund: Prevailing wage case
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- Legislative Issues:
  - Income Tax
  - Recreational Authorities
  - MDOT Local Cost Sharing

Early Morning Income Tax Vote Comes Up Short

After nearly 12 hours of intense floor negotiations, the Michigan House finally wrapped up voting on a short term fix for the income tax cut in the early hours of Thursday morning. The amendments that were proposed to HB 4901 (S) would have raised the state’s income tax rate from 4.25% down by .1% for the next two years and then any further reductions down to 3.9% would have been conditioned on the state’s Rainy Day Fund having a balance of at least $1 billion. If fully phased down as proposed, the legislation would have raised more than $1.1 billion from the state’s General Fund revenues. Once the final vote was tallied, this amended version only had 51 supporters, with 51 members voting against the measure (see page 4 of the linked pdf to see how each legislative district voted.

Learn More from Our Lansing Team:

- Legislative Team Breaks it Down General Session Coming Up in a Bit
- Legislative Meet-Up: Meet with Lansing Team 4-5 p.m. Today in Room 101
- Lobbying 2.0 Breakout Session, 10:45-noon Wednesday in Room 203
- Lobbying 3.0 Breakout Session, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Wednesday in Room 203
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Infrastructure & Roads
Learn More at Tomorrow’s Sessions:

10:45-Noon:
- The Future of Asset Management in Michigan; 10:45 a.m.-Noon, Room 103
- Wireless Antennas; Room 201

3:30-4:45:
- Autonomous Vehicles, Room 103
League Membership Engagement

- We’re expanding our membership engagement work!
- Learn more at the League’s booth in the Expo Hall
- Expo Hall Networking Break Hours:
  - 9:45-Noon Wednesday
  - 10-10:30 a.m. Wednesday
  - 1-1:45 p.m. Wednesday
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League President Gordon L. Thomas, Mayor, East Lansing, and Lt. Governor William G. Milliken.