# Welcome!

Melanie Piana
 Michigan Municipal League President
 Ferndale City Councilmember





# Michigan Municipal League Mission Statement We Love Where You Live

The Michigan Municipal League is the one clear voice for Michigan Communities. Through advocacy at the state and federal level, we proactively represent municipalities to help them sustain highly livable, desirable, and unique places within the state. We are a non-profit, but we act with the fervor of entrepreneurs; our people are dynamic, energetic, and highly approachable, passionately and aggressively pushing change for better communities.

### MML Board Standards of Excellence

### As a board member, I will:

- Work collaboratively
- Think strategically & innovatively



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#### June 2018

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backgrounds. Some have extensive civic careers, while others are in public service for a brief time

- Work collaboratively with the Executive Director/CEO and other staff in the ongoin development of programs and initiatives; Think strategically and innovatively with some tolerance for risk
- Be a fiscal steward of the League Serve as an internal and external liaison
- Serve in a consultative role, providing guidance, advice, and recommendations within areas of
- pactively collaborate with other communities
- upport the MML Foundation in whatever way possit
- Provide mentoring to fellow board members, staff, and colleaguer Encourage, recruit, and train future leaders;
- Model and teach diversity and inclusive behavio

As a leader, both within the Michigan Municipal League and my community, I will make every effort to influence the dialog at the local level. I will do this by providing strategic and innovative thoughts. I will model diversity and inclusion, demonstrate ethical behavior, and will do everything in my effort to

- Be an ambassador of Placemaking
- Be a fiscal steward
- Provide mentoring
- Model & teach diversity & inclusive behavior
- Effectuate meaningful change

# **Embracing Diversity & Inclusion**



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### MDCR Launches Council of Local Governments and Education on Equity and Inclusion

Contact: Media only: Vicki Levengood - LevengoodV@michigan.gov

Agency: Civil Rights

The statewide work group will serve as a network to identify challenges and share best practices in the effort to build more equitable communities and organizations.

October 24, 2018

Lansing, MI— The Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) today convened the inaugural meeting of the Council of Local Governments and Education on Equity and Inclusion – a statewide network of governments and school districts working together to develop and implement in-depth strategies to address the root causes of racial inequity within communities.

The Council met from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, October 24, at the Banquet & Conference Center of DeWitt in Dewitt Michigan.

The goal of the Council is to remove barriers to achieving equitable outcomes for all within a community. MDCR's specific roles, along with establishing and convening the Council, include:

To support jurisdictions and school districts that are at the forefront of work to achieve racial equity.

michigan municipal league<sub>try</sub> into racial equity work for other governmental jurisdictions and school districts to engage.





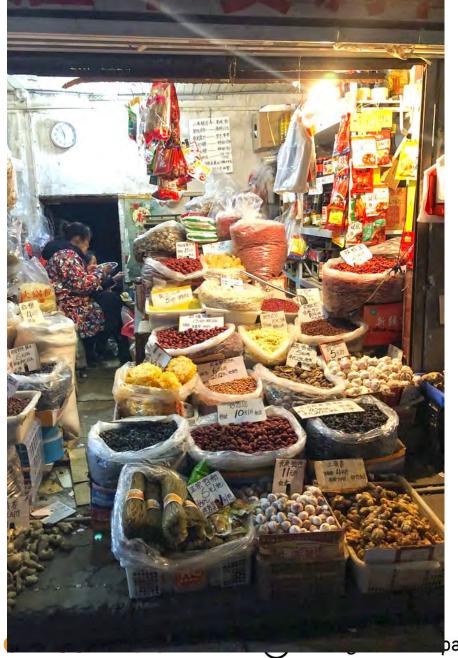


# Working for You Behind the Scenes













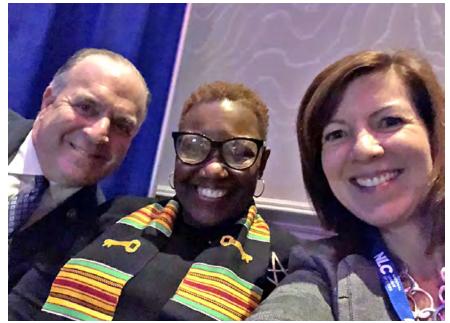
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# Taking D.C. by Storm!









## D.C. Speaking Opportunities







### Michigan Members of Congress Positioned to Make a Difference

- U.S. Sen. Gary Peters Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee (ranking member)
- U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow Ag, Nutrition & Forestry Committee (ranking member); Budget & Finance committees
- U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee, R-Flint Ways & Means Committee
- U.S. Rep. John Moolenaar, R-Midland House Appropriations Committee
- U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, D-Michigan, (former Southfield mayor) -House Appropriations Committee
- U.S. Rep. Paul Mitchell, R-Dryden Township Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, & the Oversight & Government Reform committees.
- U.S. Rep. Bill Huizenga, R-Zeeland House Financial Services Committee



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Unwrapping Lame Duck 2018 – What Happened?



# Lame Duck 2018



## SaveMICity Campaign Wins Two Statewide Honors

- Beacon Award in 2018 Best of **MichBusiness** competition
- Silver Award in 2018 Diamond Award competition

### SaveMICity Initiative Honored in Best of MichBusiness Awards Program

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The SaveMICity initiative supported by the Michigan Municipal League and several partner organizations received a statewide honor recently by MichBusiness.

The campaign that aims to fix Michigan's broken municipal finance system received the Beacon Award in the 2018 Best of MichBusiness competition. The contest is dedicated to recognizing those companies and individuals that make Michigan a top-notch place to do business. The award was received in the non-profit organization category.

It's the second major award in recent months for the

SaveMICity effort, found at SaveMICity.org. The program also received a Silver Certificate in the 17th annual Diamond Award program run by the Michigan Society of Association Executives (MSAE).

### SaveMICity Initiative Honored in Statewide Diamond Awards Program

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Here's a special, advanced look at a press release the Michgian Municipal League will be sending out soon about a major award this SaveMICity effort recently received. It's the first of two awards related to this initiative that we will be announcing to the world this month:

The SaveMICity initiative supported by the Michigan Municipal League and several partner organizations received a statewide honor recently through the Michigan Society of Association Executives (MSAE).

The League received a Silver Certificate in the 17th annual Diamond Award for the SaveMICity campaign that aims to fix Michigan's broken municipal finance system. The award was in the government relations campaign for organizations with an annual budget of \$1 million and







### SaveMICity Message Highlighted By Media

March 12, 2019

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### The Detroit News

Property tax hole spurs Proposal A reform push

















# Please Attend the Press Conference Tomorrow in the Expo Hall at 1 pm.





Photos from news conference at 2018 CapCon about 16/50 Project

## Have our SaveMICity Ambassadors Speak in Your Community

### SaveMICity Ambassadors

Local leaders throughout Michigan have volunteered to share stories regarding disinvestment in their communities, spreading the word at the local level. Ambassadors play a key role in educating Michigan residents about how they are impacted by state disinvestment in a more personal way.

This past fall, SaveMICity Ambassadors throughout the state authored op-eds explaining that the lack of investment in communities has reached a critical point and have shared their stories with the media. Please contact us if you're interested in having a SaveMICity Ambassador speak in your community.

### Media Contact

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### Want to support SaveMICity?

Gisgie Dávila Gendreau, President Michigan Municipal League Foundation Email: mmlfoundation@mml.org P: (517) 908-0306 C: (517) 980-5938

## Email us at savemicity@mml.org



## Hear from our Legislative team



- On this stage coming up next
- Lobbying 2.0: 10:45-11:45
   a.m. Wednesday Room
   203
- Lobbying 3.0: 3-4 p.m.
   Wednesday Room 203

## Munetrix Supports Dark Store Legislation Defense Fund



### Munetrix contribution to Dark Store Legislation Defense Fund reflects solidarity with the local units of government it serves

Media contacts: Barbara Fornasiero, EAFocus Communications, 248.260.8466, <u>barbara@eafocus.com</u>; Bob Kittle, Munetrix, 248.797.1337, <u>bob@munetrix.com</u>

Auburn Hills, Mich. – March 19, 2019 – Munetrix, a public sector solutions provider offering data management, analytics and reporting tools for states, local governments and public school districts, showed its support for Escanaba and Michigan's so-called Dark Store legislation, with a recent donation of \$4,100.

The donation follows Munetrix September 2018 pledge to donate 10% of its subscription service price for each new Michigan city, village, township or county customer in the month of September to the Dark Store Legislation Defense Fund. Donations per governmental unit ranged from \$500 to \$1,500 depending on the subscription category.



February 11, 2019

Mr. Patrick Jordan City Manager City of Escanaba 410 Ludington Street Escanaba, MI 49829

#### Dear Patrick.

Munetrix is pleased to provide The City of Escanaba a check in the amount of \$4,100 as a donation to support the Dark Store legal expenses being incurred. This amount is being donated on behalf of eight municipalities that signed up for Munetrix during a promotional period we ran last fall. Ten percent of their first annual fee was set aside exclusively for this purpose. The list of municipalities is identified below:

Saginaw Charter Township	\$672.40
County of Calhoun	\$928.16
Village of Cass City	\$392.24
City of Owosso	\$484.47
City of Fenton	\$459.65
City of Ecorse	\$296.13
City of Lathrup Village	\$405.90
Thomas Township	\$461.90

This donation is just one way Munetrix is supporting its mission of, "Helping communities help themselves."



# \$10.8 Million Sent to Community Members of League's Risk Management Programs

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 14, 2019

- Liability & Property Pool
- •Workers'
  Compensation
  Fund

Michigan Municipal League Insurance Boards Announce 2019 Member Dividends

ANN ARBOR, Michigan – Members of the Michigan Municipal League's insurance programs—almost a thousand cities, villages, counties, townships, and other public entities—will share dividends totaling \$10.8 million in 2019.

The <u>Liability & Property Pool</u> Board of Directors has voted to return \$2.1 million in dividends to member-owners who renew their insurance coverage in 2019. Over the previous five years, the Pool has returned \$11.6 million in dividends, corresponding to about 12 percent of members' premiums during the same period.

The <u>Workers' Compensation Fund</u> Board of Trustees has authorized dividends as well, returning \$8.7 million in equity to its renewing owner-members. The Fund has returned \$43 million in dividends over the previous five years, representing about 30 percent of members' premiums over the same period.

## Donate to the MML Foundation Today!

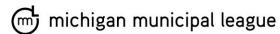
## Foundation Projects:

- Multiple Scholarships
- SaveMICity
- 16/50 Project
- Hamtramck Recreation District
- Green Communities Challenge



Recent scholarship recipients at Elected Officials Academy Training!

www.mmlfoundation.org/donate





### Michigan Municipal League - 2003

# Distinguished Achievement Awards

### Gretchen Whitmen

State Representative Gretchen Whitmer was elected to the House of Representatives in 2000 and is serving her second term in office. She is a member of the Appropriations Committee and was appointed minority vice chair of the Subcommittee on General Government and minority vice chair of the State Police/Military Affairs Subcommittee. In addition, Rep. Whitmer is a member of the Community Health and Higher Education Subcommittees. She was a key point person on the House Appropriations Committee, serving as an advocate for Fire Protection Grant funding. Rep. Whitmer was elected by her colleagues this session to serve as vice chair for the House Democratic Women's Caucus.



Representative Whitmer