



## CML Board approves Policy Committee recommendations

by Meghan Dollar, legislative and policy advocate

CML's Policy Committee met on Friday, Dec. 6, to consider several recommendations from staff on known or expected legislation. Approximately 50 members of the Policy Committee from around the state were in attendance.

David Appelhans, Sterling mayor pro tem, could not preside due to weather, so CML Executive Director Kevin Bommer handled the gavel.

The position recommendations were forwarded to the CML Executive Board, which approved them at its meeting on Dec. 13. The Board's action on those recommendations finalizes CML's legislative agenda going into the session starting on **Jan. 8, 2020**.

Following the CML Legislative Workshop on Thursday, **Feb. 13**, the Policy Committee will meet on Friday, **Feb. 14**, to discuss any legislation introduced in the first month of the legislative session. In addition, the committee will vote on any proposed changes to the

CML Policy Statement, which then will be voted on by the full membership at the Annual Business Meeting occurring at the CML Annual Conference in **June 2020**.

More information on CML's policy development can be found at [bit.ly/38AkOqw](http://bit.ly/38AkOqw) or by contacting Meghan Dollar, legislative and policy advocate, at 303-831-6411 or 866-578-0936, or by email at [mdollar@cml.org](mailto:mdollar@cml.org).

## NLC announces 2020 leadership and Board of Directors

Joe Buscaino, councilmember, Los Angeles, Calif., was elected president of the National League of Cities (NLC), the nation's largest membership and advocacy organization for local elected officials, at the 2019 City Summit in San Antonio. Buscaino will serve a one-year term focused on innovation, homelessness, and collaborative partnerships with federal leaders.

"I am very proud to lead an organization that is inclusive and represents all Americans. National League of Cities brings us together so that we can work together and lead together," said NLC's President Buscaino. "In 2020, I will lead with urgency on the issue of homelessness. I will lead with urgency as we strengthen the federal-local partnership. And I will lead with urgency and support the efforts of NLC members to build innovation-driven economies in their communities."

Buscaino has represented the 15th District of Los Angeles since 2012. He currently chairs the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committees. He was also appointed chair of the newly formed Trade, Travel, and Tourism Committee. Prior to his election to the Los Angeles City Council, Buscaino served 15 years as a police officer with the Los Angeles Police Department. During his

time as an officer, he created the LAPD's first Teen Community Police Advisory Board, an organization that works with teens to solve problems and break the barriers between police and teenagers. In 2011, this program was adopted on a city-wide level.

### NLC 2020 Officers (nominated for a one-year term)

- President: Joe Buscaino, councilmember, Los Angeles, Calif.
- First Vice President: Kathy Maness, councilmember, Lexington, S.C.
- Second Vice President: Vince Williams, mayor, Union City, Ga.

### New 2020 NLC Board of Directors (nominated for a two-year term)

- Denise Adams, councilmember, City of Winston-Salem, N.C.
- Cyndy Andrus, mayor, City of Bozeman, Mont.
- Robin Arredondo-Savage, councilmember, City of Tempe, Ariz.
- Valerie Cooper, councilmember, Borough of Norristown, Pa.
- Mary Dennis, mayor, City of Live Oak, Texas.
- Tameika Issac Devine, mayor pro tem, City of Columbia, S.C.

- Tiffany Gibson-Pitts, councilmember, City of Opelika, Ala.
- John Goodhouse, council president, City of Tigard, Ore.
- Derek Green, councilmember, City of Philadelphia, Pa.
- Heather Hall, councilmember, City of Kansas City, Mo.
- Shannon Hardin, council president, City of Columbus, Ohio.
- Don Hardy, mayor, City of Kinston, N.C.
- Brent Jaramillo, councilor, Village of Questa, N.M.
- Rusty Johnson, mayor, City of Ocoee, Fla.
- Carlie Jones, councilmember, City of Forest Hill, Texas.
- Leo Longworth, mayor, City of Bartow, Fla.
- David Luna, councilmember, City of Mesa, Ariz.
- Adam McGough, deputy mayor pro tem, City of Dallas, Texas.
- Richard Montgomery, mayor pro tem, City of Manhattan Beach, Calif.
- Tara Mosley Samples, councilmember, City of Akron, Ohio.
- Salvatore Panto, mayor, City of Easton, Pa.

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### For sale

The Town of Vilas, in Baca County, Colorado, is selling the following fire department vehicles. These vehicles are being offered for sale "where-is" and "as-is," with no warranty and no title.

- **1976 Ford F750 Luverne (Gasoline) Pumper** \$2,500, VIN C75FVC13811
- **1980 GMC (Diesel) Pumper**, \$1,500, VIN T17DFAV614760
- **1966 Jeep Kaiser (Diesel/Multifuel) 6x6**, \$1,500, VIN 013210701SHD5

Interested? Leave your contact information at 719-523-4044 or send an email to [townofvilascolorado@gmail.com](mailto:townofvilascolorado@gmail.com).

## Marijuana Enforcement Division releases industrial hemp compliance tip

The Colorado Department of Revenue's Marijuana Enforcement Division (MED) released a new compliance tip clarifying industrial hemp product sales and use as an ingredient on Nov. 27. The tip is available at [bit.ly/HempTip](http://bit.ly/HempTip).

For more compliance tips from MED, visit [bit.ly/MEDCompliance](http://bit.ly/MEDCompliance).

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Centennial Mayor Stephanie Piko. Piko was recently elected to NLC's Board of Directors.

- Stephanie Piko (pictured above), mayor, City of Centennial, Colo.
- Gary Resnick, commissioner, City of Wilton Manors, Fla.
- Andy Ryder, mayor, City of Lacey, Wash.
- Laurie-Anne Sayles, councilmember, Gaithersburg, Md.
- Jake Spano, mayor, City of St. Louis Park, Minn.
- Victoria Woodards, mayor, City of Tacoma, Wash.

### State Municipal League Executive Directors

- Geoffrey C. Beckwith, Massachusetts Municipal Association.

- Carolyn Coleman, League of California Cities.
- Cameron Diehl, Utah League of Cities and Towns.
- Richard J. Schuettler, Pennsylvania Municipal League.

### Federal Advocacy Chairs

- Chris Brown, controller, Houston, Texas, Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations.
- TJ Cawley, mayor, Morrisville, N.C., Energy, Environment and Natural Resources.
- Dan Fowler, councilmember, Kansas City, Mo., Transportation and Infrastructure Services.
- Lindsey Horvath, mayor pro tem, West Hollywood, Calif., Human Development.
- Corina Lopez, vice mayor, San Leandro, Calif., Information Technology and Communications.
- Monica Rodriguez, councilmember, Los Angeles, Calif., Public Safety and Crime Prevention.
- Kevin Thompson, councilmember, Mesa, Ariz., Community and Economic Development.

The NLC is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. For more information, visit [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org).

## 2020 Water Quality Control Commission seeking appointments

The Colorado Water Quality Control Commission consists of nine members with staggered three-year terms. Commission members are appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Colorado Senate. The following members' terms expire **Feb. 15, 2020**:

- David Baumgarten (finishing his second term).
- Michael Gooseff (finishing his first term).
- Jane Clary (finishing her first term).

While the governor may or may not reappoint some of these commissioners, applications are being accepted from anyone interested in serving on the commission.

The Colorado Water Quality Control Act requires that members be appointed so as

to achieve geographical representation and to reflect the various interests in water in the state. Anyone interested in applying to be a member of the Water Quality Control Commission should submit an application and resume at your earliest convenience, but at least by **Jan. 17, 2020**, to the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions.

Application forms can be obtained from the website for the Office of Boards and Commissions at [bit.ly/2DQGGsu](http://bit.ly/2DQGGsu). Anyone who would like more information about the Water Quality Control Commission's roles and responsibilities should contact the Commission's administrator, Trisha Oeth, at 303-692-3468 or [trisha.oeth@state.co.us](mailto:trisha.oeth@state.co.us).



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## Grand Junction adopts the standardized sales tax definitions

Grand Junction joins the 54 self-collecting sales tax municipalities that have adopted the standardized sales tax definitions in their local tax codes. This continues the work undertaken by the municipal tax and finance administration community, originating with a request by the legislature (SJR 14-038) to work on a uniform set of sales tax definitions that could be adopted in the self-collecting jurisdictions for tax simplification.

The following are the cities or towns that have previously adopted the definitions: Alamosa, Arvada, Aspen, Aurora, Avon, Black Hawk, Boulder, Breckenridge, Broomfield, Cañon City, Carbondale, Castle Pines, Centennial, Cherry Hills Village, Colorado Springs, Cortez, Craig, Crested Butte, Dacono, Delta, Denver, Edgewater, Englewood, Evans, Federal Heights, Fort Collins, Frisco, Golden, Glenwood Springs, Greeley, Greenwood Village, Gunnison, Gypsum, La Junta, Lamar, Littleton, Lone Tree,

Longmont, Louisville, Montrose, Mountain Village, Mt. Crested Butte, Northglenn, Parker, Rifle, Sheridan, Silverthorne, Snowmass Village, Steamboat Springs, Timnath, Vail, Westminster, Wheat Ridge, and Windsor.

CML would like to congratulate the staff, appointees, and elected officials of Grand Junction for their work and leadership in adopting their ordinances. There are now 55 self-collecting municipalities that have adopted the standardized sales tax definitions.

## \$400,000 awarded to northwest municipalities for solar grants

Making a few changes around your home could add up to hundreds in savings, but when entities across northwest Colorado shave energy use, it can add up to hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings.

The Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) awarded a total of \$400,000 spread across two grants, with matching local monies, that will allow a group of local organizations to investigate potential solar installations as well as power shaving and net metering strategies for the region.

The first DOLA grant, which totals \$200,000 and has the City of Steamboat Springs acting as the fiscal agent, allows for work to be completed on assessing the feasibility, sizing, and specifications needed for solar installations on both the Howelsen Ice Complex and Wastewater Treatment Plant, as well as on 13 other local government, utility agencies, and school district buildings in Routt and Moffat Counties.

Currently, the high energy use in these facilities, especially during peak demand, pushes pricing into the highest levels. The goal of this project

is to install renewable energy (solar) at each facility, which will also provide a portion of power to the facility itself. This will have an immediate impact on renewable energy usage in the region, and in the longer term, will carry out peak power shaving and at some sites and enable net metering to further benefit renewable energy use in the region.

The City of Craig is the fiscal agent on the second \$200,000 regional solar utility/garden project grant, which seeks to establish the feasibility of developing a large solar utility in Moffat County, with purchase agreements to provide power to adjacent municipalities and other partners. This project works in concert with the peak power shaving project.

Colorado has set a goal to use 100% renewable energy by 2040. This presents both a challenge and an opportunity for the region and acts as the impetus to work collectively and quickly to address the future. The City of Steamboat Springs, City of Craig, Moffat County, Moffat County School District, Memorial Regional Health, Routt County, Town of Hayden, and Town of Yampa are part of the DOLA grants.

## Funding and technical assistance

### Transportation

The U.S. Department of Transportation has \$3 million in funding for Road Safety Tools to help communities reduce roadway fatalities. Use this funding to develop, refine, and deploy safety tools that address specific roadway safety problems, with awards anticipated between \$250,000 and \$500,000 to each successful applicant. Apply by **Jan. 17**.

### Arts

Nonprofit organizations interested in increasing community engagement, creating new partnerships, and celebrating great books should apply for the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read grants. Application deadline is **Jan. 29**.

### Community

The next round of AARP's Community Challenge grants will launch in early 2020. This program is a great way to spark quick-action change in communities regarding public spaces, transportation, housing, and other issues. For more information, visit [bit.ly/365loJm](http://bit.ly/365loJm).

### SIPA micro-grant

The Micro-Grant Program is open for applications until **Dec. 30, 2019**. This application is quick, easy, and will hopefully get you some extra cash for those projects you have been trying to start (or finish).

This year's criteria have changed a bit, get the details here: [sipa.colorado.gov/micro-grant](http://sipa.colorado.gov/micro-grant). Contact Beth Justice with questions, [beth@cosipa.gov](mailto:beth@cosipa.gov).

## Jan. 1 deadline to report building codes

Legislation passed in 2019 requires every municipality that has enacted a building code to report the current version of its building and energy codes to the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) by **Jan. 1, 2020**. Municipal officials or staff can report this information to CEO via this survey at [bit.ly/2Eplykg](http://bit.ly/2Eplykg), or by emailing Kim Burke at [Kim.Burke@state.co.us](mailto:Kim.Burke@state.co.us), who manages CEO's codes training and technical assistance program.

CEO offers no-cost technical assistance to local governments to help them effectively navigate the code adoption process by reviewing a municipality's existing codes, summarizing major changes in new codes, recommending customized amendments, and acting as experts to answer questions in public meetings. CEO also offers free commercial and residential building energy code trainings. For more information, or to request training assistance, visit [bit.ly/2rUzT5u](http://bit.ly/2rUzT5u).

# CML finalizes the 2020 legislative agenda

by the CML Advocacy Team

The CML Executive Board met on Friday, Dec. 13, to take up the final action item recommendations from the CML Policy Committee before the beginning of the 2020 legislative session on **Jan. 8**. These actions are the final pieces in the legislative agenda for CML going into the session.

CML's priorities in 2020, as they are every year, are to keep local control local and home rule at home. CML lobbyists will also work to support a number of bills that will attempt to address critical local issues such as affordable housing, broadband, sustainability, public safety, and elections. CML will also be involved in proposals on transportation funding, employment issues, and criminal justice.

CML expects a number of large issues to be debated during the 2020 session, including

legislation to remove the state preemption on local regulation of plastics, as well as CML-initiated legislation to restore local land use authority around affordable housing. Following any decisions made by the Paid Family and Medical Leave Task Force, CML expects legislation will be introduced again in 2020.

Criminal justice will also be a hot topic in the coming legislative session. CML expects numerous pieces of legislation surrounding police reform, specifically officer-involved shootings. CML hopes that law enforcement will be part of any discussions had at the state level, and welcomes a collaborative process. In the arena of public health, the legislature will tackle the vaping epidemic. CML expects to be a significant player in that discussion.

Finally, legislation surrounding police and fire pensions will be part of the 2020 legislative session. CML is currently opposed to proposed legislation that increases the employer contribution rate to the Statewide Defined Benefit Plan by 5% over 10 years. The legislation also allows the Fire and Police Pension Association to require future increases without legislative approval. If amended to exclude the unfunded contribution mandates, CML can support the legislation, as it increases funding to the Statewide Death and Disability Plan.

All of the 2020 legislative priorities will be posted on [bit.ly/36xZfoG](https://bit.ly/36xZfoG) and distributed to legislators before the session gets underway. CML's Policy Committee will meet again on **Feb. 14** to recommend positions to the CML Executive Board on any additional legislation introduced in the first weeks of the session.

# CML Special Highway Committee distributes over \$2 million in municipal bridge grants

On Nov. 7, members of the CML Special Highway Committee deliberated over 11 different bridge applications it received for funding through CDOT's Off-System Bridge Program, which allocates grants to local governments to help finance the rehabilitation or replacement of structurally deficient bridges across the state.

Approximately \$4.4 million was allocated this year and split evenly between cities and counties. Due to the large number

of applications this year, members of the advisory committee spent considerable amounts of time going through each proposal, taking into account the various bridge sufficiency ratings, structural deficiency, functional obsolescence, average daily traffic, and grant history. Recently, the committee has also begun prioritizing shovel-ready projects that will break ground over the coming year to make sure it is funding projects that are ready to move forward without delay.

The committee decided to fund four bridge projects that members believed were the highest priority overall. We would like to congratulate the municipalities of Littleton, Loveland, Manzanola, and Wray on receiving a grant award for the 2019 Off-System Bridge Grant Cycle. Committee members would like to thank all of the cities and towns across the state who submitted a grant this year and encourage all municipalities with a structurally deficient bridge to consider participating in 2020.

## Member news

### City of Glendale announces the retirement of city manager

City of Glendale City Manager Jerry Peters retired on Oct. 31, 2019. Peters' career includes accomplishments like completing the Infinity Park project; the redevelopment of the Cub Foods/King Soopers property on Leetsdale; and the development of the CitySet project on Colorado Boulevard.

### Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority executive director to retire

Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority Executive Director

Mike Brod has announced he will retire in early 2020. He is recognized as one of Colorado's leading water financing experts and has brokered over \$2 billion in water and wastewater projects and loans over his tenure. Brod has been involved in developing effective water policy for Colorado, including the state's water plan.

### Super Ski Free Sunday debuted Dec. 15 in Steamboat

Howelson Hill in Steamboat Springs debuted its first Super Ski Free Sunday on Dec. 15. Super Sundays are currently scheduled

for **Jan. 12, Feb. 16**, and closing day, **March 15, 2020**.

### Golden History Museum and Park offers free admission in 2020

Golden History Museum and Park (GHM&P) will offer free admission to all visitors in 2020. While admission will be free next year, the museum also sells memberships starting at \$75. These include two free guest passes to almost all programs and special registration preference and pricing for Hands-on History summer camp. Membership details are available at [GoldenHistory.org/join](https://GoldenHistory.org/join).

## Course notebook

### Spring 2020 Election Webinar Series

- **Jan. 21 — Canceling an election and signature verification.** Discuss the circumstances that must exist in order for a municipal election to be canceled, including how to determine terms during vacancies. Additionally, procedures for verifying signatures in municipal mail ballot elections will be presented, so this is a must-attend session for any municipality holding its own mail ballot election in April. Send questions to Karen Goldman at [charna48@comcast.net](mailto:charna48@comcast.net).
- **March 12 — Canvassing and final election questions.** Learn about what happens once the election is over, including the canvass of votes, judges' statement, and abstract. Please send all questions in advance to Karen Goldman at [charna48@comcast.net](mailto:charna48@comcast.net).
- **April 21 — Election debrief.** The purpose of this webinar will be to debrief the April 2020 elections. This will be a wide-ranging conversation, and clerks are encouraged to describe what worked, what didn't, what they wished they had known ahead of time, etc. Please send all comments in advance to Karen Goldman at [charna48@comcast.net](mailto:charna48@comcast.net).

### Tourism Development

If your community is in the early stages of exploring tourism development, then CRAFT Studio 101 is the ideal starter program. This three-month training program provides broad, comprehensive tourism education for rural communities or regions on how to build tourism into an economic development strategy. Applications are due by **Jan. 3**. For more details, contact Jill Corbin at

[jill.corbin@state.co.us](mailto:jill.corbin@state.co.us) or Katie Payer at [katie.payer@colorado.com](mailto:katie.payer@colorado.com).

### Saving Places

Colorado Preservation Inc. will present the 2020 Saving Places® Conference, **Jan. 29–Feb. 1**, in Denver. This dynamic four-day event features high-quality educational content and networking opportunities for individuals, organizations, and communities working with historic and cultural places. The 2020 conference will take a special look at different ways education impacts historic preservation, archaeology, planning, and associated fields. For more information and to register for the event, visit [bit.ly/2PqNF7Y](http://bit.ly/2PqNF7Y).

### Building Better Places

Community Builders is offering the team-based training Building Better Places in Grand Junction, **Feb. 10–12**. Cultivate an understanding of planning, policy, development tools, community engagement, and strategies to produce an action plan for achieving development that is fiscally responsible, adds to the character of your community, and increases housing and mobility choice. Applications are due **Dec. 20**. For more information and to apply, visit [bit.ly/2OVBe4G](http://bit.ly/2OVBe4G).

### Outdoors Conference

Partners in the Outdoors Conference takes place **Apr. 27–29** in Vail at the Vail Marriott Mountain Resort. Explore the complicated relationship between conservation and recreation in our state to cultivate common ground and ensure a sustainable future for Colorado's outdoors. We'll learn about key issues in the industry and generate innovative

ideas and solutions supported by all parties. We'll also learn how to implement best practices for partnering so we can advance the priorities identified in Colorado's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Session proposals are due **Dec. 31**. To submit a proposal and learn more, visit [bit.ly/36b00bW](http://bit.ly/36b00bW).

### Main Street Now Conference

Save the date for the 2020 Main Street Now Conference: **May 18–20** in Dallas, Texas, at the Hyatt Regency Dallas. Join the largest national conference of local leaders working to advance economic opportunity in downtowns and commercial districts. Network with peers from across the country, find solutions to common problems, and discover innovative techniques and tools to help your community thrive. Get inspired by Dallas and surrounding Main Street communities as you learn from their revitalization successes and challenges. The Opening Reception takes place the night of **May 17**, so make your travel plans accordingly. Register at [bit.ly/20XPc6n](http://bit.ly/20XPc6n).

### CML Legislative Preview Webinar

Join CML's legislative and policy advocates on **Jan. 8, 2020** from noon to 1 p.m. to learn more about Colorado's legislative process, the bills we expect to see this session and how you can be involved. The advocates will also take any questions you may have about the session. This free webinar is perfect for municipal elected officials and staff who are interested in what is happening at the capitol or who participate in their municipality's advocacy efforts. For more information and to register for the webinar, visit [bit.ly/2M1vIVC](http://bit.ly/2M1vIVC).

## Save the date!

### CML Legislative Workshop

Plan to attend the *CML Annual Legislative Workshop* on **Feb. 13, 2020**, at the History Colorado Center in Denver. Municipal officials from across the state will gather to discuss key municipal issues before the 2020 General Assembly, CML's legislative program, and what municipal officials can do to influence the legislative process.

Registration will open **Jan. 2, 2020**. Visit [www.cml.org](http://www.cml.org) for more information.

### CML Annual Conference

Save the date for CML's Annual Conference at the Westin Westminster (**June 23–26, 2020**). CML is currently developing the schedule and will announce the finalized, detailed agenda in an upcoming *CML Newsletter* publication. Registration will open in early 2020.

Interested in becoming a sponsor for CML's 98th Annual Conference? For more information, visit [bit.ly/36OU4Rn](http://bit.ly/36OU4Rn).

CML will also award a limited number of scholarships to municipal officials that want to attend the 98th Annual Conference. Requirements and the application will be available at [www.cml.org](http://www.cml.org) and in a future publication of *CML Newsletter*.



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