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Colorado Municipal League hopeful for future talks as SB23-213 fails to pass

Denver, Colo. - Monday, May 8, 2023 – Following the failure of SB23-213, dubbed “More Housing Now,” the Colorado Municipal League (CML) expressed optimism for future discussion and stakeholder engagement. While the Senate decided not to consider House amendments before the legislative session came to a close, CML sees this as an opportunity to strengthen the state and local partnership that Colorado municipalities have traditionally enjoyed.

CML opposed SB23-213, citing concerns about its unconstitutional preemption of home rule authority and inappropriate intrusion into local control. However, CML had also offered a vision of meaningful legislation that it and its members could support, emphasizing partnership over preemption.

“Early in the legislative session and in testimony, CML committed to a vision of affordable housing legislation Colorado municipalities could support and that would both preserve constitutional home rule and local control, as well as address the urgent need for affordable housing across the state,” said Kevin Bommer, CML executive director. “We still are committed to that vision.”

“As proponents often pointed out, Colorado municipalities are doing this work on the local level but wish for a strong partnership with the state to leverage resources and local land use expertise,” said Bommer.

CML looks forward to helping Colorado municipalities access Proposition 123 and the millions of dollars in grants established last year to expedite and incentivize more affordable and accessible housing.

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