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STATE ISSUES



Local Government Authority

- Maintain the efficacy of economic development tools including Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF).
- Support common sense amendments to Freedom of Information Act/Open Meetings Act such as **SB243**
- **Support HB2790** - Metro West initiative that allows non home municipalities to license businesses. This provides safety, promotes fair competition and supports economic growth.
- Oppose legislation on local government that is unfunded or underfunded.
- Oppose legislation that eliminates local decision-making authority including solar farm zoning.



Local Government Revenue

- Protect Local Government Distributive Funds (LGDF) so all municipalities are able to invest in their communities and support crucial services and projects.



Public Safety

- **Oppose SB1937**- Tier 2 pension enhancements would be detrimental to local municipalities forcing a large increase in property taxes. Tier 2 is already fair and equitable and Articles 3 and 4 already meet the safe harbor provision.



Transportation

- Work with stakeholders to include municipalities in all decision making processes including any changes to mass transit/transportation that affect the Metro West region.
- Collaborate with stakeholders and legislators on a statewide regulation for electric mobility vehicles to create a safe and uniform base for the safety of our residents.



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FEDERAL ISSUES



Infrastructure

- Provide more funding to the region to address the challenges to the region's water and sewer infrastructure including emerging contaminants such as PFAS.



Funding

- Restore funding to the region to protect and support our residents.
- Follow through on previously committed state projects and community grants such as Safe Streets for All Grants and Electric Vehicle Grants.