

Metro West

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT

Leadership in Action

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Metro West Council of Government

- One of 10 Regional COGs
- 501C 6 Non-Profit Association
- Metro West Staff
- Attorney, Lobbyists, & Specialized Consultants that are experts on municipal issues
- Support Municipalities



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Membership



- 37 Municipalities
- 3 Counties - Kane, Kendall and DeKalb
- 750,000 voices
- Diverse demographics
- Dues based with voting rights



Partnerships



- Business Partners
- Community Partners
- Legislators
- Supporting Municipal Organizations



What Does Metro West Do?



PROMOTE

- Excellence in local government.

EVALUATE

- The impact of pending state and federal legislation.

ARTICULATE

- Municipal concerns and positions on local, regional, state and national issues.

FOSTER

- Intergovernmental communication and cooperation.

PROVIDE

- Research, technical assistance training and leadership development opportunities

ADDRESS

- Growth, transportation and water conservation issues affecting the regions

SERVE

- As a strong advocate for municipalities.

How Do we Accomplish This?



PARTNER with municipal organizations

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS with county, state and federal legislators

MAKE INTRODUCTIONS & CONNECT MEMBERS with other people and organizations

NEGOTIATE on behalf of our members

SURVEY our members on important regional issues

CLEARINGHOUSE of INFORMATION for communication and resources

REGIONAL VOICE - press conferences and united letters of support/opposition

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS for legislative updates and voting rights

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES through monthly dinners and signature events

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING - NEOW, Lunch and Learns, webinars and more!

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Special Events



- Legislative Breakfast
- Legislative BBQ and Session Review
- Annual Golf Outing



Legislative Advocacy Work

is a big part of what we do!

- Non -Partisan & Non-Political
- Regular Legislative Updates
- Introduce Bills
- Communicate Action Alerts
- Provide Expert Testimony
- Engage Local Legislators
- Lobby - Drive Down Days



Statewide Influence

Regional Impact

Municipal Focus

Next Steps?



Get involved in Metro West!

- Like us on facebook
- Visit our website for current updates and information
- Sign up for our MWCOCG newsletter
- Come to an event!

“Metro West Council of Government has provided a reliable conduit of communication between mayors, managers and legislators for almost two decades that has proven to be exceptional. My participation in Metro West has made me a better mayor.”

Dave Kaptain
Mayor, City of Elgin

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