

100 YEARS

Introduction to CML

Governance, Initiatives, Programs for Members

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Municipalities in Colorado

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Colorado municipalities by the numbers



Colorado population
5,814,707



Residents who live in cities/towns
4,333,096



City/town administrator/manager
186



Mayors, councilmembers, and trustees
1,811



Home rule municipalities
105
Residents living in home rule municipalities
4,049,410



Newest home rule municipality
Monument



Statutory municipalities
166
Residents living in statutory municipalities
282,474



Territorial charter towns
1
Residents living in territorial charter towns
1,212



Municipal members
270



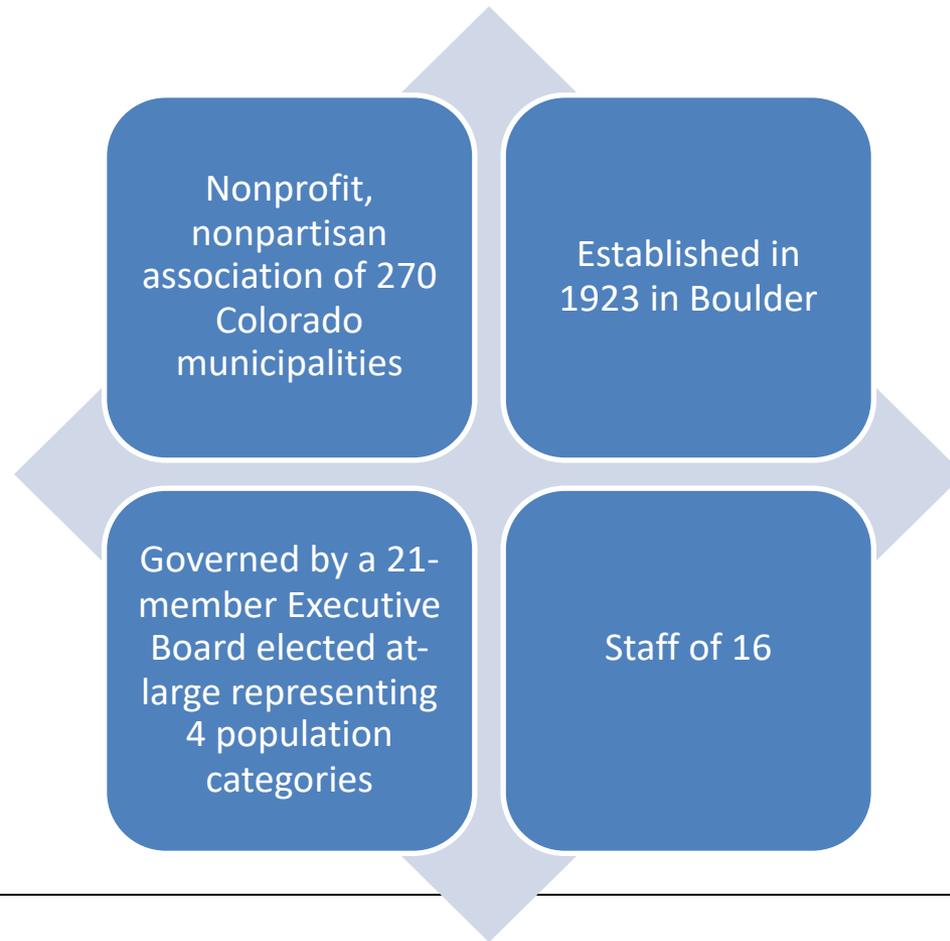
Largest municipality
Denver
711,973



Smallest municipality
Carbonate
9



What is CML?





About CML

Major policies of CML are established by the membership at the annual business meeting and by the CML Executive Board and various committees. Daily operations of the League are carried out by a 16-member staff. CML also has a variety of professional sections and 14 regional districts that give CML depth and breadth in its understanding of municipal needs.

CML is guided by a comprehensive strategic plan that informs key priorities and goals that support the League's mission, vision, and values.



Mission

Advocacy, information, and training supporting exceptional municipal governance.



Vision

Empowered cities and towns, united for a strong Colorado



Values

Commitment, service, collaboration



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CML Executive Officers



President Jessica Sandgren
Thornton mayor pro tem



Vice President Wynetta Massey
Colorado Springs city attorney



Vice President Seth Hoffman
Lone Tree city manager



Immediate Past President Dale Hall
Greeley Councilmember



CML Executive Board



Larry Atencio
Pueblo council president



Jim Keehne
Burlington city administrator



Liz Hensley
Alamosa councilmember



Michelle Eddy
Blue River manager/clerk



Katie Sickles
Bayfield town mgr



Dave Kerber
Greenwood Village mayor pro tem



Barbara Bynum
Montrose councilmember



John Fogle
Loveland councilmember



Seth Hoffmann
Lone Tree city mgr



John Marriott
Arvada councilmember



Shannon Lukeman-Hiromasa
Northglenn mayor pro tem



Carol Saade
Breckenridge councilmember



Anna Stout
Grand Junction mayor



Carrie Hartwell
Julesburg clerk/treasurer



Amanda Sawyer
Denver councilmember



Dana Sherman
Brush! mayor



Laura Weinberg
Golden mayor



Robert "Bob" Widner
Centennial city attorney



CML Belongs to Our Members



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CML Resources

MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS

- *CML Statehouse Report* in your inbox
- Website
 - [Advocacy info](#)
 - [Register for events](#)
 - [Purchase/download publications](#)
 - [Search for info](#)
- Social media
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [Twitter @CO_Municipal](#)
 - [LinkedIn](#)
- *Colorado Laws Enacted Affecting Municipalities*
- *CML Newsletter* (bi-weekly)
- *Colorado Municipalities* magazine (quarterly)
- *Knowledge Now*

TRAINING

- CML Annual Conference
- Workshops and Seminars
- Webinars

In-person, hybrid, virtual options, depending on the training event

NETWORKING

- Spring District Meetings
- Fall District Meeting



CML Resources

- **Colorado Municipal Clerk Advisor Program**

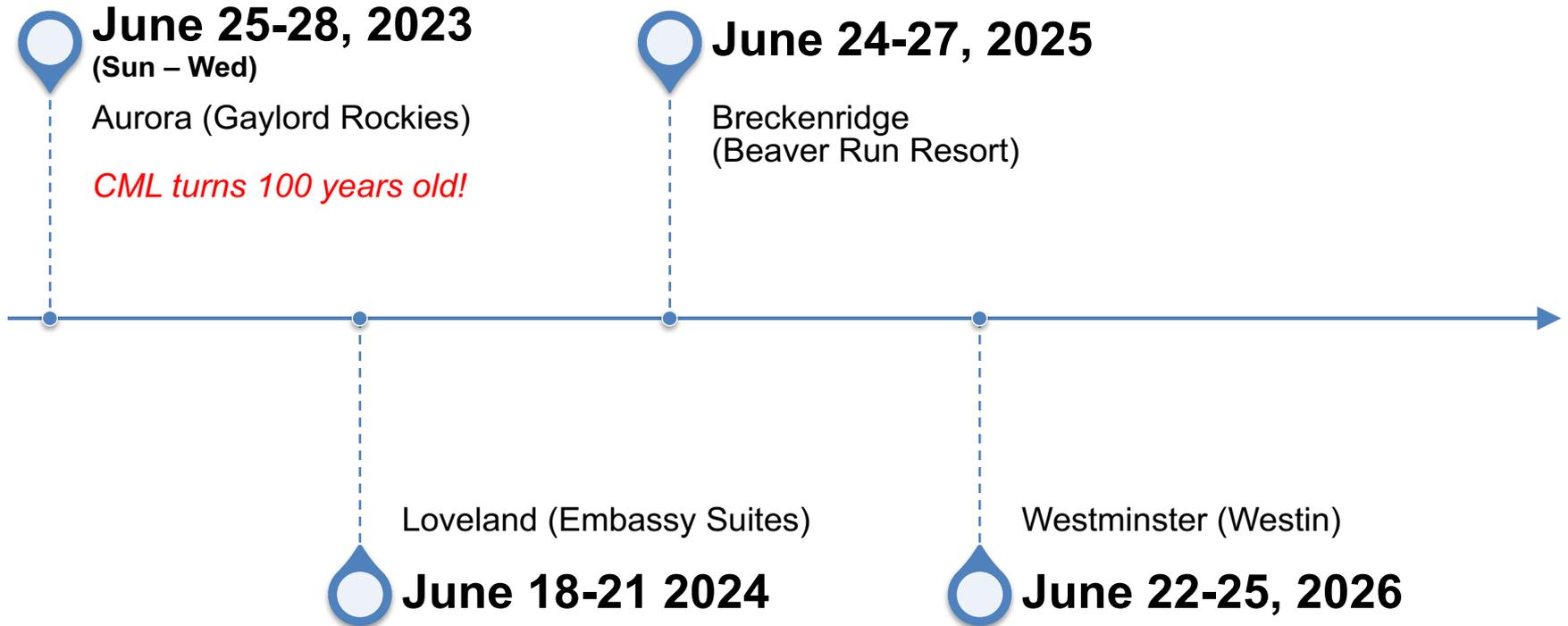
- Provided by:
 - CML
 - Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency (CIRSA)
 - Colorado Municipal Clerks Association (CMCA)
- FREE service to assist municipal clerks with specific job-related questions or challenges.
- Karen Goldman
 - Offer insight and provide guidance on certain issues or questions
 - A “helping hand”
- Contact Karen at 303-981-8022 or charna48@comcast.net

- **Listservs**

- For:
 - Attorneys
 - Clerks
 - Managers
 - HR Directors
 - Finance Directors
 - PIOs
 - Public Works Directors
- Share information and ideas
- Subscribers can post a question or provide information to the listserv
- All responses from other members of the group are emailed to all subscribers



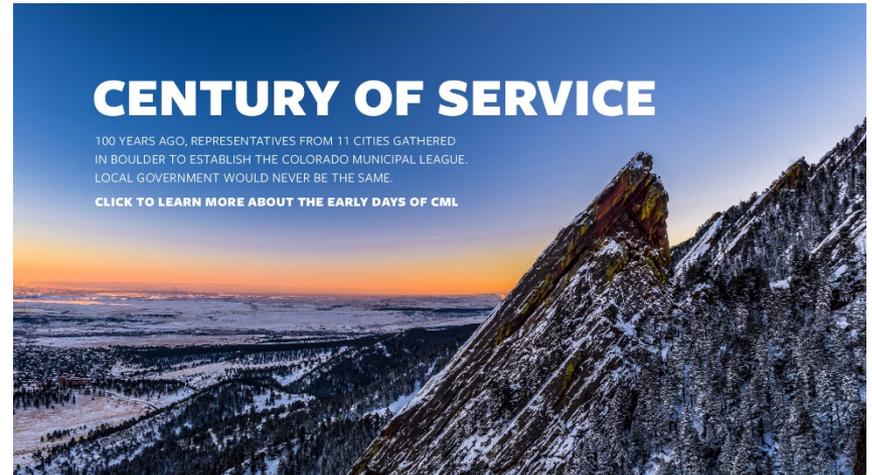
CML Annual Conference





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HIGHLIGHTS FROM

CML LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



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Legislative Trends

Land Use

Building Codes

Open Records

Sustainability

Criminal Justice

Housing

Public and
Behavioral Health



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The availability and affordability of housing is of utmost concern to Colorado's municipalities.

- CML supports an adequate supply of diverse housing options, regardless of income level, and continued support from state and local governments, as well as private partnerships, for such an effort.
- CML is opposed to state preemption of local authority to adopt and enforce zoning and land use ordinances and any interference with home rule authority granted by Art. XX, S. 6 of the Colorado Constitution.





Colorado municipalities are leaders on affordable housing

Affordable housing will be a top legislative priority during the 2023 legislative session. For CML and its 270 municipal members, meeting the housing needs of citizens has always been a priority.

Municipalities are at the forefront of land use reforms, and CML has been a staunch supporter of state reforms that advance affordable housing regardless of the size or location of a municipality. In 2021, CML led the charge to return the authority to municipalities to require inclusionary zoning through HB21-1117. More recently, CML supported the passage of Proposition 123, which directs the state to set aside \$300 million a year for affordable housing projects, creating an option to access a sustainable funding source for municipalities to meet the affordable housing needs of their communities. CML also supported HB22-1282, which will provide \$40 million a year in loans to help support the development of manufactured housing factories, and HB22-1287 that provides protections for mobile home park residents.

Municipalities are using tools that currently exist and are developing innovative programs on their own to create housing that serves the people who live and work in their cities and towns. Look to Norwood, Fort Collins, Breckenridge, Greeley, Golden, Denver, and Colorado Springs for just some of these examples.

Colorado has a strong tradition of local control, especially around land use and zoning decisions. Cities and towns have been proactive in updating land use and zoning to create and incentivize housing, often with state partnership and without state preemption.

CML and its 270 member municipalities are committed to collaborating with partners at the state level and those representing many other interests, as well as other local government associations to increase the availability of affordable housing across the state in responsible and meaningful ways.

CML IS COMMITTED TO

- Supporting local innovation driven by Coloradans who know what's best for their communities, including implementing HB21-1117;
- Continuing public and private sector support for housing, including the robust implementation of Proposition 123 and increased grant funding for low- and moderate-income housing;
- Using existing state resources to help local governments increase planning capacity and update land use practices;
- Enhancing state resources for supporting persons experiencing homelessness.

CML OPPOSES

- Preemption of local authority to craft comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances designed to work for their communities, their budgets to provide services and amenities, and the environment;
- One-size-fits-all approaches to zoning that disregard community needs and lead to displacement of residents;
- Unfunded mandates or restrictions on cost recovery that require municipalities to bear the direct and indirect costs of development;
- Restrictions on managing development that would prevent municipalities from ensuring that they can provide adequate services for residents and manage their staff resources.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- CML supports collaborative relationships with the state on criminal justice issues but opposes unduly prescriptive mandates on police and court operations and procedures, as well as expansion of local taxpayer liability.
- CML also supports legislative efforts to mitigate and manage increased rates of vehicle theft in local communities.



MUNICIPAL COURTS

- CML will initiate legislation to study the feasibility of municipal courts having access to the statewide case management system, which could create efficiencies for municipal courts, as well as county and district courts statewide.
- CML also supports the extension of the First Appearance Grant Program, established in 2018, and supports expanding that program to allow municipalities to receive reimbursement for costs associated with HB 22-1067, which requires municipal courts to conduct a bond hearing for a person detained on a municipal offense within 48 hours.



OPEN RECORDS

- CML opposes undue burdens placed upon municipal operations and unfunded mandates borne by taxpayers' revenue that would provide preferential treatment to specific entities and overcomplicate public records access.
- CML will oppose any requirement to provide itemized estimates and receipts for Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) requests and carving out CORA fee exemptions for members of the media or other entities.



PUBLIC SAFETY

CML supports legislation to expand the use of automated vehicle identification systems in local communities – unless that legislation contains prescriptive and burdensome requirements that would only deter the use of the systems by local governments.



SUSTAINABILITY

- CML supports sustainability and sustainable solutions to meet the needs of the present population without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.
- CML supports state and local partnerships to improve waste diversion and recycling programs across the state in a manner that respects local control.



TAX AUTHORITY

- CML and 68 self-collecting municipalities support efforts to simplify collection efforts without impairing local control, including collection of remote sales taxes in a manner that complies with *South Dakota vs. Wayfair*.
- CML supports the state in their efforts to partner with the business community and supports municipalities that self-collect their sales and use taxes but opposes any efforts to undermine constitutional home rule authority to set tax policy and manage tax administration and audits.
- CML discourages state sales tax exemptions that negatively impact statutory municipalities.



TRANSPORTATION

- CML supports legislation that would provide local governments with support in enforcing noise ordinance violations from commercial vehicles that fail to have mufflers installed.
- CML opposes “off-the-top” diversions from the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF).



WILDFIRES

- CML supports legislation that aims to help municipalities recover from large-scale wildfires and prevent future wildfires through proactive fire mitigation efforts.
- CML will oppose legislation that does not allow municipalities the ability to identify and implement the most appropriate means of mitigation and fire prevention for their individual communities.



Thank you!



Questions?