



Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Committee

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- Founded in 1971—“Metropolitan” Inter-County Association
- MICA represents 15 of Minnesota’s larger, faster growing counties including four suburban and eleven Greater MN counties
- Member counties are home to 35% of Minnesotan’s
- 7 of the 12 fastest growing counties



- Board of Directors consists of two County Commissioners from each member county
- Board sets our legislative priorities and meets monthly to exchange information and guide advocacy
- Professional staff groups regularly meet to provide input into policy proposals and collaborate to solve mutual issues.



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- Supporting “local control” and self-governance of local issues
 - Aligning funding accountability with the level government that sets program rules
 - Transparent, open inter-governmental collaboration to address Minnesota’s policy challenges
 - Examples (*this Committee*): equity investment authority, local regulation related to adult use cannabis legalization, repeal of local government compensation limit, data practice and open meeting law requirements that ensure transparency and evolving technology, simplify overly prescriptive and restrictive financial and other reporting requirements



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- “Protecting Tax Base” –crosses budget jurisdictions
 - State legislative decisions consider and account for local fiscal impacts
 - County participation in state decisions that affect county operations/budget
 - Examples (*this Committee*): paid leave proposals, elections funding, PERA Pension Fund Stability, PERA Duty Disability benefits, worker’s compensation laws, Metropolitan governance
 - Federal and Emerging Local Grant Opportunities – information security funding
 - Examples (*other Committees*): probation services funding, solid waste and recycling funding, human services cost-shares, Deputy Registrar licensing fees, benefits funded by property tax base shifts, and more.