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Policy Development Process

Now Accepting Applications for the 2017-2018 Policy Committees
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Each year, municipal officials from across the state volunteer to serve on the League's five Legislative policy committees. Appointments are typically a one-year commitment and involve developing the League's Legislative Action Agenda detailing priority issues that are most likely to affect daily municipal governance and local decision making during the upcoming legislative session. Policy committee members also help League staff understand the real world implications of proposed legislation and are asked to serve as advocates throughout the legislative process. In an effort to get a broad spectrum of ideas and to more fully understand the impact of League policy proposals on rural and urban cities of all sizes, it is ideal that each of Florida's cities be represented on one or more of the League's Legislative policy committees.

Due to the 2018 legislative session beginning in January instead of March 2018, policy committees will be meeting this summer instead of this fall. All volunteers should make note of the dates and locations of the policy meetings. Information about the room blocks will be

distributed soon.

- Thursday, June 15 and Friday, June 16, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando (mtg. on Thursday will be at 4 pm and will be a Post Session review; regular policy mtgs. will be held on Friday)
- Friday, July 14, 2017 at the Hilton Orlando
- Thursday, August 17, 2017 at the Orlando World Center Marriott (during FLC Annual Conference)
- Legislative Conference will be held December 6-8, 2017 in Orlando.

If you would like to apply to serve on one of the policy committees for the 2017-2018 process, please **click here**. (<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07edzkj2frj0sfm7gl/start>)

Due to potential sunshine issues, only one elected official per city is appointed to each committee. However, a city could have both an elected and non-elected city official serve on each of the five committees. Appointments are made based upon a city official's support and advocacy of the League's adopted Legislative Action Agenda, participation at meetings, Legislative Action Days and other legislative-related activities.

Above are links to each of the five League policy committees. Review the issues that fall within the purview of that committee, current committee members, staff contact details and links to issue briefs and advocacy resources. If you are interested in learning more about the policy committee process, please contact Mary Edenfield at (850) 222-9684 or by e-mail at medenfield@flcities.com (<mailto:medenfield@flcities.com>).

The Legislative Committee

A key component to the final adoption of the League's Legislative Action Agenda is the Legislative Committee. Appointments to the Legislative Committee are made by the FLC president and usually includes each legislative policy committee chair and the chairs of the other standing committees; the president of each local and regional league; the presidents of several other municipal associations; chairs of the municipal trust boards; and several at-large members. These officials typically meet at the Legislative Conference to review the recommended priorities of the five Legislative Policy Committees. The role of the Legislative Committee is to provide a "big picture" perspective to ensure that issues are truly representative of statewide municipal interests, not duplicative or in conflict, and are timely and properly presented. The Legislative Committee may limit, reject, prioritize or rank recommendations. The policy priorities as adopted by the Legislative Committee are then recommended to the general membership for approval as the League's Legislative Action Agenda.

The Advocacy Committee

The Advocacy Committee is a standing committee that is responsible for building support in the Legislature for the Action Agenda adopted by the Florida League of Cities. Members are responsible for making direct contact with state elected officials on behalf of the policy issues and provide strategic direction on the Leagues' lobbying initiatives. The Advocacy Committee is appointed by the League president.

The Resolutions Committee

The Resolutions Committee is appointed by the League president and meets during the League's Annual Conference in August. The composition of this committee is similar to the Legislative Committee. The League's by-laws provide that only state legislative issues are to be considered by the Legislative Policy Committees and federal and state constitutional and commemorative issues are to be considered by the Resolutions Committee.



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The League was founded on the belief that local self-government is the keystone of American democracy. [📄 \(/about\)](#)

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