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2020 Support Local Control **RESOLUTIONS PASSED**

DIPRA supports water professionals dedicated to delivering safe drinking water to communities across our nation.

Local officials have rallied to ensure that engineers and local water experts continue to be empowered to select the most efficient, resilient infrastructure materials to meet the unique design requirements of any community.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read commentary from National League of Cities President Kathy Maness about the importance of trusting local engineers and experts to choose the right materials for their community's needs.

Here are excerpts from three resolutions that passed in 2020, as a result of city and local officials who took action to protect local control when it comes to managing the precious resource of water.



Resolution #29

Supporting Local Control of Water Infrastructure Projects

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National League of Cities (NLC) supports local control of drinking water and wastewater systems and the ability of local governments to make water infrastructure decisions based on engineering and design, not solely based on cost; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NLC opposes federal and state policies that mandate, or in any way promote, material preferences or otherwise undermine local autonomy for local water and wastewater infrastructure systems.



THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

Supporting Local Control of Water Infrastructure Projects

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The United States Conference of Mayors supports local control of drinking water and wastewater systems and opposes federal and state policies that promote material preferences or otherwise undermine local autonomy for local water and wastewater infrastructure systems.



Resolution in Opposition of Material Preference Legislation

ADOPTED POLICY: The National Association of Counties (NACo) supports local control of decisions related to water infrastructure and thus opposes Material Preference Legislation, or so-called "open competition" or "innovative materials" legislation. Local communities are in the best position to determine the type of water infrastructure investments that are best for their community.



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Thank you,
Patrick Hogan
President, DIPRA