Sound Cities Association
2024 Legislative Agenda

**Improve Public Safety**
Increase tools and resources, including local taxing authority, to address auto theft and property crime and to support officer recruitment and retention.

**Support Sustainable Funding for Core Local Services**
Replace the 1% cap on annual property increases with a limit tied to inflation and population growth and increasing flexibility for use of

**Invest in Transportation Infrastructure & Mobility**
Increase investment in the Public Works Assistance Account, honor commitments made in Move Ahead Washington, and provide local funding options with an emphasis on preservation and maintenance.

**Promote Economic Vitality**
Increase support for community revitalization and workforce development programs in critical fields with hiring shortages.

**Address the Behavioral Health Treatment Crisis**
Increase the capacity of the crisis response system and fund local programs that connect individuals with needed care and diversion programs.

**Promote Housing Affordability**
Provide resources such as local option REET to assist cities with implementation of local affordable housing plans and recently adopted planning and zoning changes, and reduce the cost of regulations on housing production.

**Mitigate and Prepare for Impacts of Climate Change**
Allocate state and federal funding to cities to mitigate and prepare for the impacts of climate change, including responding to extreme weather events.

**Legislative Guiding Principles**
SCA adopts the following guiding principles through which all legislative proposals will be measured against:

* Advance racial equity and social justice
* Improve the social safety net
* Make no unfunded mandates to cities
* Preserve local decision-making authority
* Honor commitments to shared revenues

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