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Advocacy Action

New Year, New Legislative Session

With the start of the new year comes the start of a new legislative session. The 2021/2022 legislative session began January 5 when members of both the House and Senate were sworn in. Currently, there are over 1,300 co-sponsor memos introduced within the first month of the new year, and as the legislative session gets rolling and more bills are introduced, it is important to remain an engaged and proactive advocate.

As a local official, you are in a unique position to represent your community's needs and ensure local government voices are heard in the General Assembly. Please view The League's [Advocacy Toolkit](#) to learn the right tools to effectively and successfully communicate a local connection with your House and Senate members. The Toolkit also provides information about the legislative process and ways to become a more involved advocate with The League, including the Legislative Committee.

If you're interested in becoming a stronger and more engaged advocate for your community, join The League's Legislative Committee. The Committee helps set legislative priorities and implements The League's advocacy agenda. Please reach out to Amy Sturges, Director of Governmental Affairs, at asturges@pml.org, if you're interested in joining The League's Legislative Committee.



Check out the section on our website dedicated to member [Community Response During Coronavirus](#).



League's Latest

[TUNE IN to Rick's latest Executive Director video report.](#)

[Pennsylvania Municipal League Expands Executive Committee](#) — League President Philadelphia Councilmember Derek Green announces the expansion of the Executive Committee of The League Board of Directors.

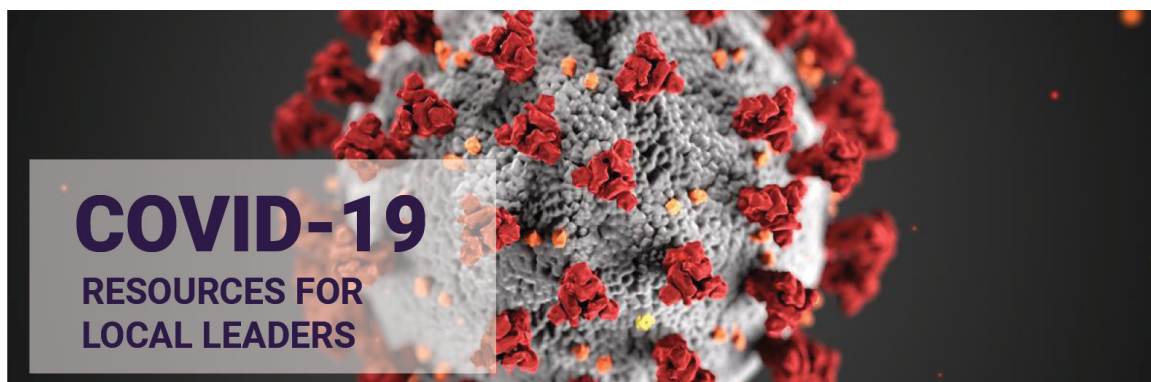
Trends and technologies in energy have emerged in 2020 as a result of the pandemic. [Here is a recap of these trends from Constellation](#). If anyone is interested in receiving a no cost quote for their future energy needs, please contact Harry Krot at hkrot@pml.org for more information about the Municipal Utility Alliance (MUA). Constellation Energy serves as The League's preferred energy supplier for the MUA.

2021 PELRAS Virtual Conference will be held March 17–19, 2021 — [Click here to save the date](#) and stay tuned to the website for more program details.

Message from PennPRIME Insurance Trusts — Now that vaccines are being distributed as a critical component in fighting the pandemic, many employers are in need of guidance on the employment law issues regarding this phase. The US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has provided detailed technical assistance questions and answers on their website titled, "[What You Should Know About COVID-19 and the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act, and Other EEO Laws](#)." Consulting this comprehensive guide will assist municipal entities and their solicitor in making informed decisions as the pandemic evolves. **Section K specifically addresses vaccinations.** Other important information includes: Disability-Related Inquiries and Medical exams, Confidentiality of Medical Information, Hiring and Onboarding, Reasonable Accommodation, Pandemic-Related Harassment Due to National Origin, Race, or Other Protected Characteristics, Furloughs and Layoffs, Return to Work, Age, Caregivers/Family Responsibilities, Pregnancy.

For more information, see our [News & Announcements and newsfeed](#) on our homepage as well as our League COVID-19 Weekly Update email blasts every Friday.

Also be sure to check out our [COVID-19 Resources for Local Leaders](#) webpage.



Resource Roundup

[Time is Running Out! Submit Your Nominations for the 2021 Local Gov. Awards](#) — Do you have local government leaders in your community who demonstrate exceptional dedication to improving public services? Nominate them by Jan. 31, 2021.

[CNRAC January 2021 Meeting Agenda and Updates](#) — Join CNRAC Wednesday, January 25 (10 a.m.-noon) for its virtual meeting. Due to COVID-19, the January 27 public meeting will be held virtually via WebEx. To attend the public meeting, please [click here](#) to register.

[EPA Invites 55 New Projects to Apply for WIFIA Loans to Improve Water Quality; New York Region Included](#) — This funding will help finance over \$12 billion in clean water and drinking water infrastructure projects to protect public health and improve water quality in communities across the United States.

[PCCD Funding Announcements](#) — The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) recently put out three funding announcements related to the Substance Abuse Education Demand and Reduction Act. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for all three solicitations, however the Categories Two and Three Funding Announcement is more specific in what type of nonprofit can apply.

[Gov. Wolf: 2021 Nonprofit Security Grant Fund Program Now Open](#) — Availability of \$5 million in funding for security enhancement projects for nonprofit organizations serving diverse communities throughout the commonwealth.

[The Pennsylvania Automated Vehicle Summit is Coming to You Virtually](#) — The 2021 PAAV Summit Series, an exciting line-up of topic-specific events and discussions throughout the year, leading up to the convening of the fourth PA AV Summit being held Oct. 25-27, 2021.



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