

May 7, 2018

Fellow Mayors, Village Presidents, Managers and Municipal Leaders:

Welcome to the Third Annual Urban Policy Forum. Thank you for making the time for this important conversation within your busy schedule. And make no mistake; this is an important conversation.

At our last Urban Policy Forum, we discussed the principles that would guide us to a new system of financing local government. Those principles have been adopted by the League Board of Directors and are one of the key elements of our lobbying effort.

Today, we need to begin a conversation that is just as important, but perhaps more difficult. We need to examine the shared revenue program and the expenditure restraint program. Any discussion of providing a new source of revenue for local governments in Wisconsin will inevitably return to the question of distributing that revenue. Unless we want the Wisconsin Legislature or a future Governor to decide on that distribution for us, we need to tackle this challenging conversation.

Once again, this event is supported by an outstanding business partner. I thank Ehlers & Associates for their sponsorship of this event. The Ehlers team is a longstanding partner, and we appreciate their underwriting of this Forum.

Mayor Justin Nickels, Manitowoc  
*President of the Urban Alliance*

AGENDA *All sessions in Room TBA*

### **Wednesday, June 6**

5:30-7:30 p.m. Mayors' Welcome. Casual reception for early arrivals, hosted by Appleton Mayor Tim Hanna, Urban Alliance President and Manitowoc Mayor Justin Nickels and Urban Alliance Vice President and Wauwatosa Mayor Kathy Ehley.

### **Thursday, June 7**

8:00-8:30 Breakfast

8:45-10:15 Panel #1: Overview of Shared Revenue and Expenditure Restraint  
League Deputy Director Curt Witynski and Legislative Fiscal Bureau Analyst Rick Olin

10:15-11:45 Panel #2: Winners and Losers

Tom Barrett\*  
Dave Schmeiedecke\*  
Daniel Guild\*  
Mark Freitag\*

12:00-1:00 Lunch

**Thursday, June 7 (continued)**

- 1:15-2:45      Panel #3: The state-local partnership. Presentation by Jerry Deschane, reactions from Senator Scott Fitzgerald\* and Representative Robin Vos.
- 3:00-4:30      Panel #4: The state-local partnership. Presentation by Jerry Deschane, reactions from Senator Jennifer Schilling\* and Representative Gordon Hintz\*.
- 6:00 p.m.      Dinner  
To-be-announced public opinion expert will talk about the 2018 Fall Election

**Friday, June 8**

- 8:00-9:00      Breakfast
- 9:00              Introduction and discussion of intergovernmental collaboration led by Mayor Hanna with the board of directors of the Local Government Institute
- 10:00            Adjourn  
(The LGI Board will hold its regular meeting immediately following the Forum adjournment.)

\*Speaker invited but not yet confirmed.