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CCI's 2009 Legislative Agenda

The following CCI initiated legislation items were approved by CCI's Legislative Committee members on October 3, 2008.

Issue	CCI Legislation	CCI Staff
Unfunded Mandate Report	Amend and add language to CRS Title 29 to require the Colorado State Auditor to monitor, prepare and distribute a report on state mandates affecting local governments. The desired outcome for the proposed legislation is to eliminate state unfunded mandates on local governments in compliance with pre-existing Colorado law.	Andy Karsian
Allow Mail-in Ballots for All Elections	Change language in CRS 1-7.5-104 to allow for counties to choose to use mail ballot elections in partisan elections.	Andy Karsian
Index County Fees Caps	Index county fees to better cover the ongoing administrative cost of providing services. Alternatively, allow the BOCC to raise county fees without legislative approval.	Andy Karsian
Non-TANF Employment Assistance	Strike the definition of noncustodial parent in CRS 26-2-703 to allow counties to provide services pursuant to CRS 26-2-706 (1) (d) to promote the sustainable employment of a noncustodial parent ordered to pay child support	Pat Ratliff
Reinstate Pending Ordinance Doctrine	Repeal provisions of SB96-61 and any limits on the pending ordinance doctrine including those in CRS 30-28-133.5 and 24-67.1-105.5	Pat Ratliff
Existing Plats Technical Amendments	Allow counties to approve amendments to existing plats that adjust lot lines between lots, consolidate lots or create not more than three lots from one platted lot.	Pat Ratliff
TIF Reform	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Counties should be provided with an opportunity to request judicial review of an authority's approval of an urban renewal plan. 2. Counties should be deemed to have standing to judicially challenge an authority's blight determination. 3. Counties should be provided with the opportunity to act in an advisory role where the county will be impacted by a TIF funded project. 4. Arbitration should not be the only option for enforcement of the Urban Renewal Law. 5. If arbitration is the only option for enforcement, then the authority or municipality should bear the burden of paying for a county's expert reports and the standard of review should be higher than "abuse of discretion." 	Chris Mendez
Bond FML Local Government Permanent Fund	Under SB 218, FML bonus payments are split 50/50 between Higher Education and the Local Government Permanent Fund. The 50% share that is channeled to the Local Government Permanent Fund may, at the discretion of the General Assembly, be distributed to DOLA for direct distribution payments when total FML receipts (rents, royalties, earnings and bonus payments) are projected to be 10% lower than the preceding fiscal year. Amend CRS 34-63-102 (5.3) (a) (I) to grant local governments, as opposed to the General Assembly, the discretion on how the Local Government Permanent Fund is used.	Chris Mendez
County Collection of Sales Tax	Allow counties the opportunity to collect their own sales tax and administer the processes necessary for the accurate collection, enforcement, and audit of county revenue. The county is not recommending a change in legislation that requires counties to collect their own sales tax; simply the option and opportunity to do so.	Chris Mendez
Utility Notification & Road Maintenance	Change the definition of the word "excavation" in statute to exclude routine road maintenance operations when performed by the state or any political subdivision thereof.	Chris Mendez
Require Right-of-Way Annexation by Municipalities	Since the cities and towns, by their very nature, will only continue to grow and the counties will only continue to be reduced in size relative to unincorporated areas, require full R-O-W annexation with each municipal annexation (even if annexation takes place only on one side of the road).	Chris Mendez