

## **Illinois Republican Party 2024 Resolution**

### **Local Government Funding and Control**

WHEREAS, until 2011, 10% of total income tax collections were dedicated to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) Revenues; and

WHEREAS, since 2011 the state has not fully funded LGDF resulting in over \$10 billion being withheld from local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the LGDF was reduced to 6%; and in 2017 the LGDF on individual tax collections was reduced to 5.45%; and

WHEREAS, the LGDF is currently 6.47% on individual tax collections and 6.845% on corporate income tax collection; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the state budget was \$39.5B and Governor Pritzker's 2025 proposed budget is \$52.7B, an increase of \$13.2B or 33.4%; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 the State of Illinois underfunded LGDF by \$1.04B; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's FY 2025 budget calls for \$325M of additional funding cuts to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 the legislature introduced 166 bills that preempted local government authority, 16 of which became law; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, approximately 100 more bills were introduced that preempt local government authority, including bills to eliminate crime free housing that over 160 communities in Illinois use as a crime prevention tool to keep neighborhoods safe; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has enacted the Illinois Power Agency Act (IPA Act), the Illinois Public Utilities Act (PUA), the Illinois Power Agency Act and the Illinois Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA), all of which preempt local authority for wind and solar energy projects; and

WHEREAS, the preemption of local zoning laws disempowers communities but also weakens their ability to shape their own futures; and

WHEREAS, the legislature continues to pass laws with mandates on local government authorities that either do not fund these mandates or restrict local government funding requiring taxing bodies to raise property taxes or cut other services; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 that according to the Illinois State Association of Counties 2023 State Mandates Report, the legislature passed 43 bills with unfunded mandates;

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* that the Illinois Republican Party calls on the General Assembly to pass legislation to immediately restore the LGDF to the full funding level of 10%; and

*BE IT RESOLVED* that we oppose unfunded mandates on local governments, and call on the state to provide the financial resources to implement any mandates; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the Illinois Republican Party opposes local government preemption and supports local government control which is fundamental to democratic governance as it ensures that decision making power is closest to the people it affects which fosters greater citizen engagement, accountability and responsive governance while *preserving* the identity of local communities.

***Adopted and affirmed by the Platform and Resolutions Committee on May 24, 2024 in Collinsville, Illinois and agreed upon by the state convention delegates on May 25, 2024***