



May 31, 2022

Dear Emigration Canyon Metro Township,

After careful review of the Utah League of Cities and Towns Constitution and bylaws, along with our League Board's contemplation, we are excited to officially offer full membership to the metro townships of Utah. You'll find two important documents attached here. We are excited to share with you all we have accomplished for our membership in our **2021-2022 Advocacy, Engagement, and Operations Report**. Therein, you will find information about our legislative successes during the session, the scope of our membership engagement throughout the year, and how to enhance your involvement with the League. Our strength lies in our unity, and we are proud of the fact that 99% of Utah's municipalities are League members.

You'll also find the invoice for your membership dues in the 2022-2023 year. To improve communication to cities about membership dues, the Board intends in 2022 to change our bylaws, which currently require that dues be adopted at the April Board meeting, to accelerate the dues setting process to earlier in the fiscal year.

Please notify us if your metro township will join the League for 2022-2023 by contacting me at cdiehl@ulct.org as soon as possible. Likewise, please send your dues payment by September 30, 2022.

While League staff has significantly increased our revenue from conference sponsors and exhibitors, **membership dues are the primary source to fund our operations and personnel.**

The number of bills and year-round commissions and task forces that the Legislature generates is increasing significantly, requiring League analysis, research, engagement, and advocacy. For example, the staffing in the Utah House of Representatives has almost tripled since 2010, the average number of bills we track during the session has doubled since 2010, and the League engages with dozens of state task forces and commissions year-round.

The League expanded our internal legislative staff this year for the first time during that time frame. In 2022, the League hired a Deputy Director and a second Legislative Research Analyst so that we could cover more issues at the capitol and provide support to communities with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). We also strategically partnered with subject matter experts on economic development, taxation, and land use to boost our advocacy and research efforts. The League faces the same challenges as municipalities in recruiting and retaining our dedicated and capable staff.



The League has many major legislative policy challenges ahead related to population growth. Please engage with us as we tackle challenges about housing, land use, economic development, taxes, transportation, public safety, and water. We believe it would be difficult for cities acting alone to equal the effectiveness of our collective lobbying efforts. Please contact Cameron for more information about how to engage in the League at cdiehl@ulct.org.

This last spring, we hosted a record number of municipal leaders—more than 500—at our Midyear Conference in St. George along with selling out our sponsor and exhibitor spaces. We know that metro township leaders have attended League trainings and we are excited to have you participate as League members. **We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Convention at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City on October 5-7, and at Legislative Policy Committee meetings or other events.** In the meantime, you can contact us anytime to discuss League advocacy, engagement, and operations. Cities work to ensure the quality of life of today and tomorrow’s residents. The strength of the League is within our membership. Join us today!

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Executive Director
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League Immediate Past President

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Gary Hill, Bountiful City Manager
UCMA Representative