



Elevating the Municipal Partnership

Baker-Polito Administration

The Baker-Polito team is committed to elevating its partnership with Massachusetts cities and towns. The Administration's first act was to release \$100 million in new Chapter 90 funding for local roads and bridges. In addition, we have pledged to hold harmless local aid accounts as we deal with a \$765 million budget gap in FY15, and we will increase local aid in a way that tracks state revenue growth.

Both Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito served as selectmen and intimately understand the challenges facing municipalities. Therefore, today we are elevating municipal concerns directly into the Governor's Office.

Via Executive Order, we are empowering Lt. Governor Polito to be a champion for municipal issues across state government; we are restructuring the Department of Revenue to include a new Senior Commissioner for the Division of Local Services, reporting directly to the Commissioner; and we are creating a Community Compact Cabinet that will work toward mutual accountability, work to reduce red tape, promote best practices, and develop specific "community compacts" with local governments.

Community compacts will create clear, mutual standards, expectations, and accountability for both the state and municipalities as we seek to create better government for our citizens.

Executive Order 537

The Municipal Affairs Coordinating Cabinet

September 2011

New Executive Order

The Community Compact Cabinet

January 2015

Leadership	<p><u>Agency:</u> Exec. Office of Admin. & Finance <u>Chair:</u> The Deputy Commissioner for Local Services; Department of Revenue</p>	<p><u>Agency:</u> Office of the Governor <u>Chair:</u> Lieutenant Governor <u>Vice Chair:</u> The Senior Deputy Commissioner, Division of Local Services; DOR</p>
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State Purchasing Agent ▪ State Chief Information Officer ▪ Commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance ▪ Executive Director of the Group Insurance Commission ▪ Personnel Administrator ▪ Chairman of the Civil Service Commission ▪ Any member of the Governor's Cabinet or their designee and any other person whom the Secretary of ANF may designate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secretary of the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development ▪ Secretary of the Executive Office of Education ▪ Secretary of Transportation ▪ Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs ▪ Assistant Secretary for Operational Services ▪ Chief Information Officer ▪ Any other person whom the Lieutenant Governor may designate from time to time.
Charge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to implement policies and coordinate activities throughout the executive branch that are designated to enhance the partnerships between local and state government; 2. to assess ways in which state government may provide assistance to local government in the provision of services, including, but not limited to, technology, procurement, construction, employee benefits and other areas where the assets of state government may be utilized to assist local governments; 3. to assist in the interpretation and implementation of the various municipal partnership bills signed into law over the past five years in order to assist cities and towns in reducing costs, streamlining operations and generating revenue 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to champion municipal interests across all executive secretariats and agencies; 2. to develop, in consultation with cities and towns, mutual standards of best practices for both the state and municipalities, working toward the creation of community compacts that will create clear standards, expectations and accountability for both partners; 3. to develop ideas to incentivize adoption of best practices at the municipal and school district level; 4. to work with the Local Government Advisory Commission (the "LGAC") to resolve issues and implement recommendations made by the LGAC and approved by the Governor; 5. to review state regulatory burdens on municipalities and school districts and recommend reforms to lessen the burdens on municipalities and school districts; 6. to understand the major cost drivers of municipalities and school districts and identify actions that the Commonwealth, municipalities and school districts can take to control them; 7. to identify and remove barriers to economic development opportunities for cities and towns; and 8. to empower cities and towns and school districts by finding new ways for them to leverage state resources and capacity