

## Advocacy is a Year-Round Job

### Engage legislators on important city issues all year.

In addition to the [LOC Advocacy Wheel](#) – a visual tool to understand the work needed in the interim and during the legislative session – the check list below will help you develop a work plan to work on these issues.

### Advocacy Checklist

- Publicly thank legislators who supported city issues.
- Hold legislators accountable if they did not support city issues.
- Attend LOC's Annual Conference in the fall.
- Educate your community about what your legislators do to help cities.
- Set up meetings with legislators and candidates, give them city tours, and tell them your challenges.
- Adopt your city's legislative agenda and share it publicly with media and legislators.
- Meet with your legislators and ask how you can support them.
- Prepare for session before the end of the year.
- Long session begins in January of odd-numbered years (short session in February of even-numbered years)
- The relationship you've cultivated over the interim will facilitate a stronger partnership.
- Attend LOC's City Day at the Capitol, held in Salem at the start of long sessions.
- Schedule at least one visit or call with your legislator during session.

