

SAVE YOUR CITY

State raids on city government and redevelopment funds threaten the safety of our communities and vital services and deepen the state's financial crisis

Businesses in your community face serious impacts

Safe cities foster economic growth - don't let the state take this away

- We cannot afford to reduce our commitment to vital city services during this economic crisis. Rising crime rates and gang violence will create more fear and uncertainty and threaten the health of our communities and local economies.
- Blighted, abandoned and economically depressed areas are a breeding ground for criminal activity which demand more public safety resources. Cities revitalize these areas, creating safer, more livable communities.

Protecting basic city services and creating jobs are essential to our economic recovery

- City budgets are suffering from serious declines in revenue and other economic forces. Cities have enacted painful cuts to balance their own budgets—including layoffs, furloughs, reduction of services, and project and maintenance delays.
- Cities are creating new jobs through redevelopment and infrastructure investment. We can't afford to stifle these investments that are so vital to our economic recovery.
- Many industries would be impacted by a loss in local government funding, including: utilities, construction, manufacturing, trade, transportation, warehousing, finance, real estate, professional services and management, and public private partnerships.
- Redevelopment is the state's only ongoing economic stimulus tool and raids on it threaten public-private partnerships. On average, each \$1 of redevelopment spending generates \$7 in total construction activity. Economists contend that these investments act as a multiplier in the economy, generating \$14 for every \$1 invested.