



**LOCAL
VOICES
MAKING
LOCAL
CHOICES**

CITIES 101

FLC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DIPLOMAT BEACH RESORT

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Welcome!



Course designed for newly elected and newly appointed officials



Discussion: philosophies of public policy, Home Rule, citizen engagement and public service



Fundamentals of municipal government structure and function



Resources and Florida-specific information

| Speakers:



Norton Bonaparte, ICMA-CM

City Manager, City of Sanford



Lynn Tipton

FLC staff (30 years) and Trainer/Presenter with FLC University



Orientations: **What to Cover**

Newly Elected

- ✓ Public meeting process
- ✓ Agenda item requests
- ✓ Budget, audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report overview
- ✓ Visit all facilities
- ✓ Review Ethics/Sunshine with attorney

Newly Appointed

- ✓ Same as above

Plus +

- ✓ Employee handbook, policies and procedures
- ✓ Take a tour
- ✓ Learn area

Packet Includes:



Presentation from both presenters



Resource pages



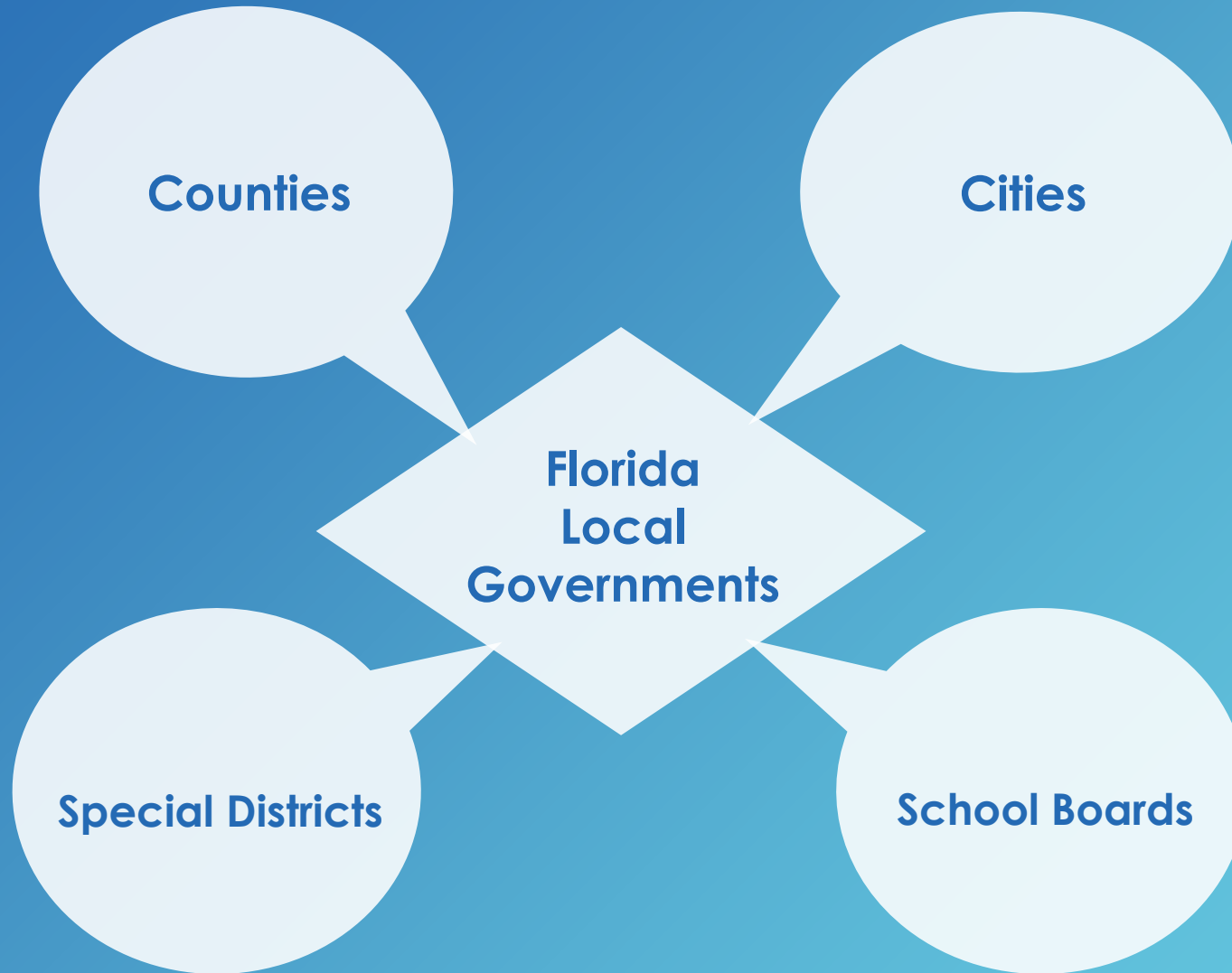
Glossary of terms and abbreviations



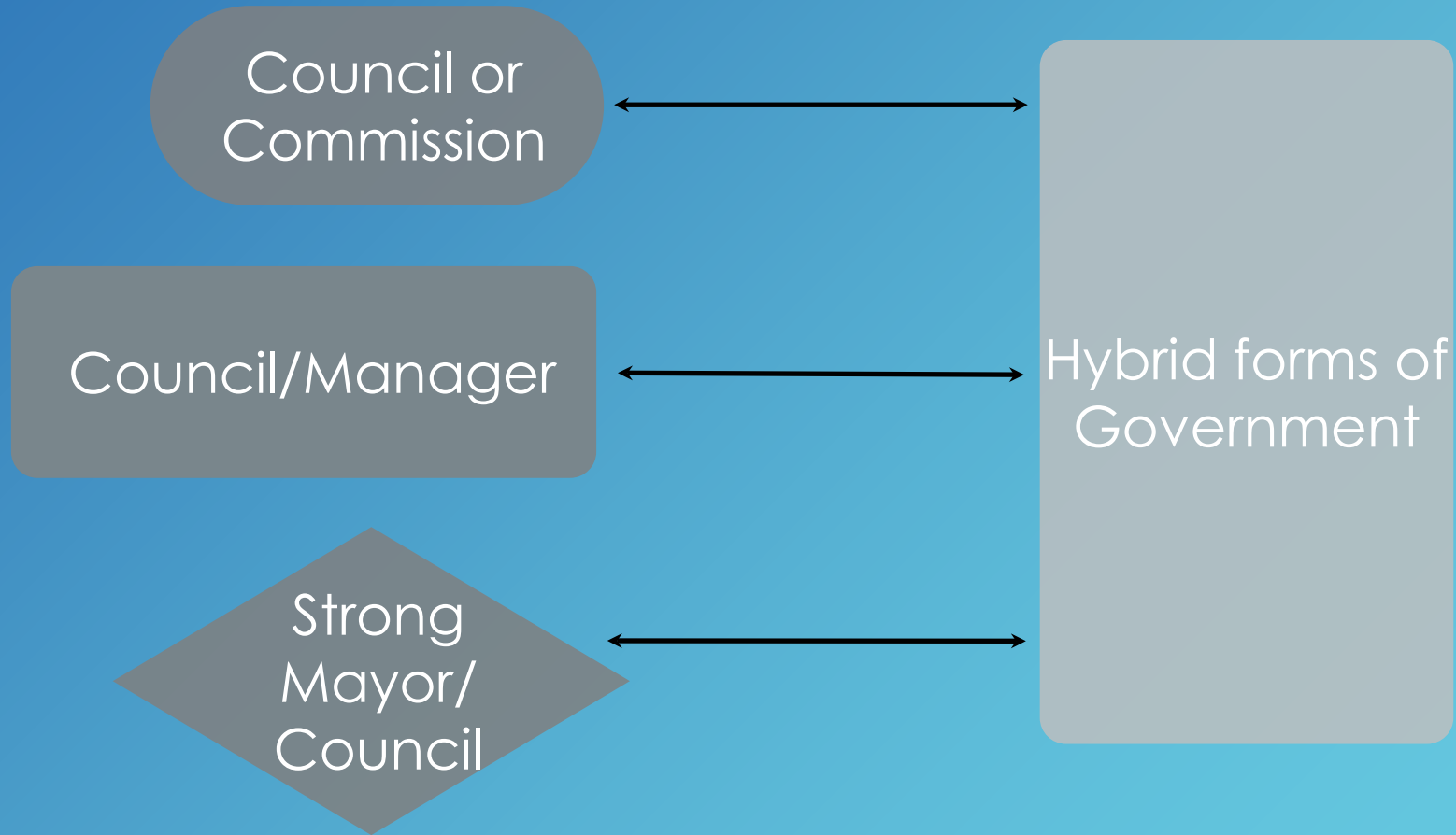
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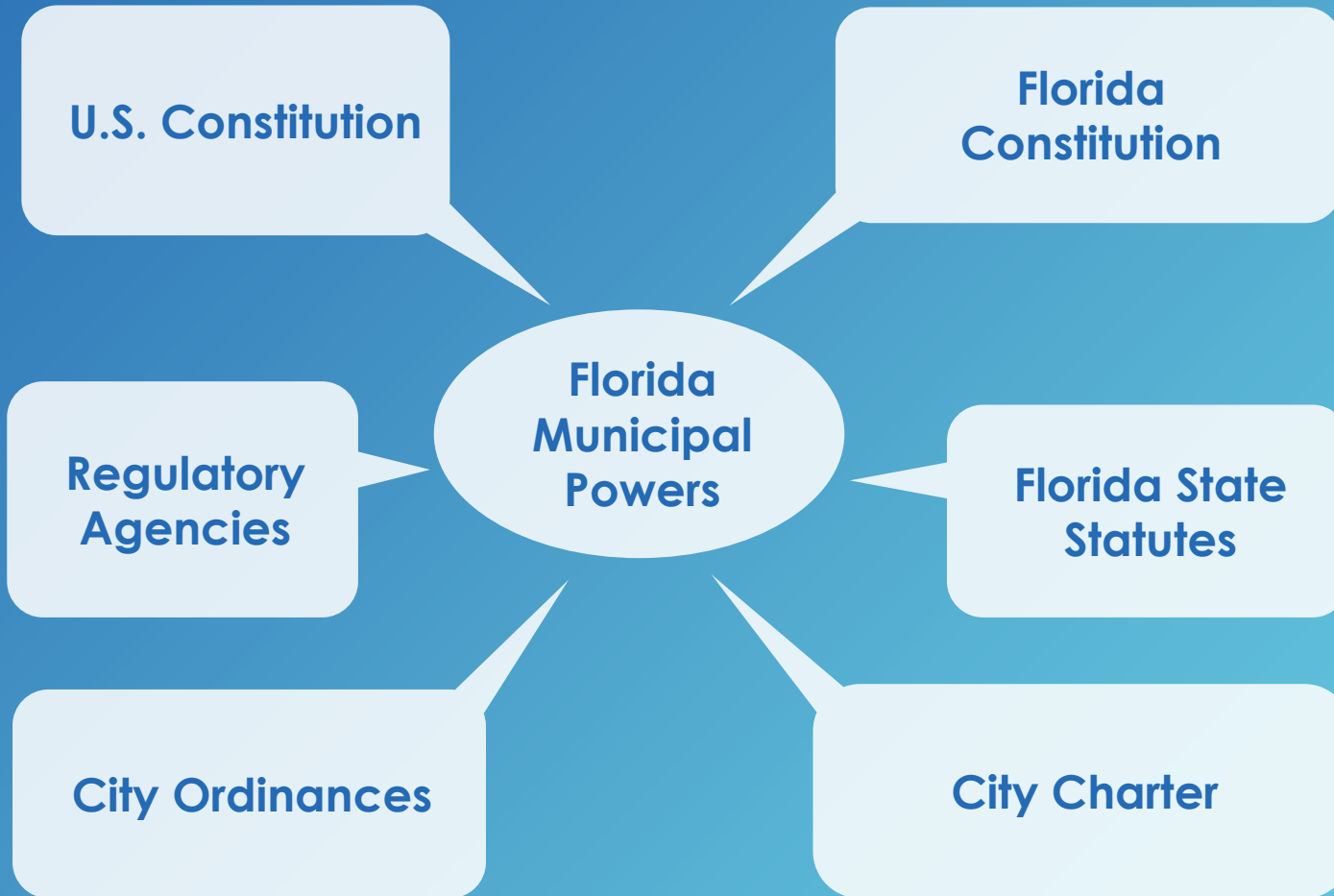


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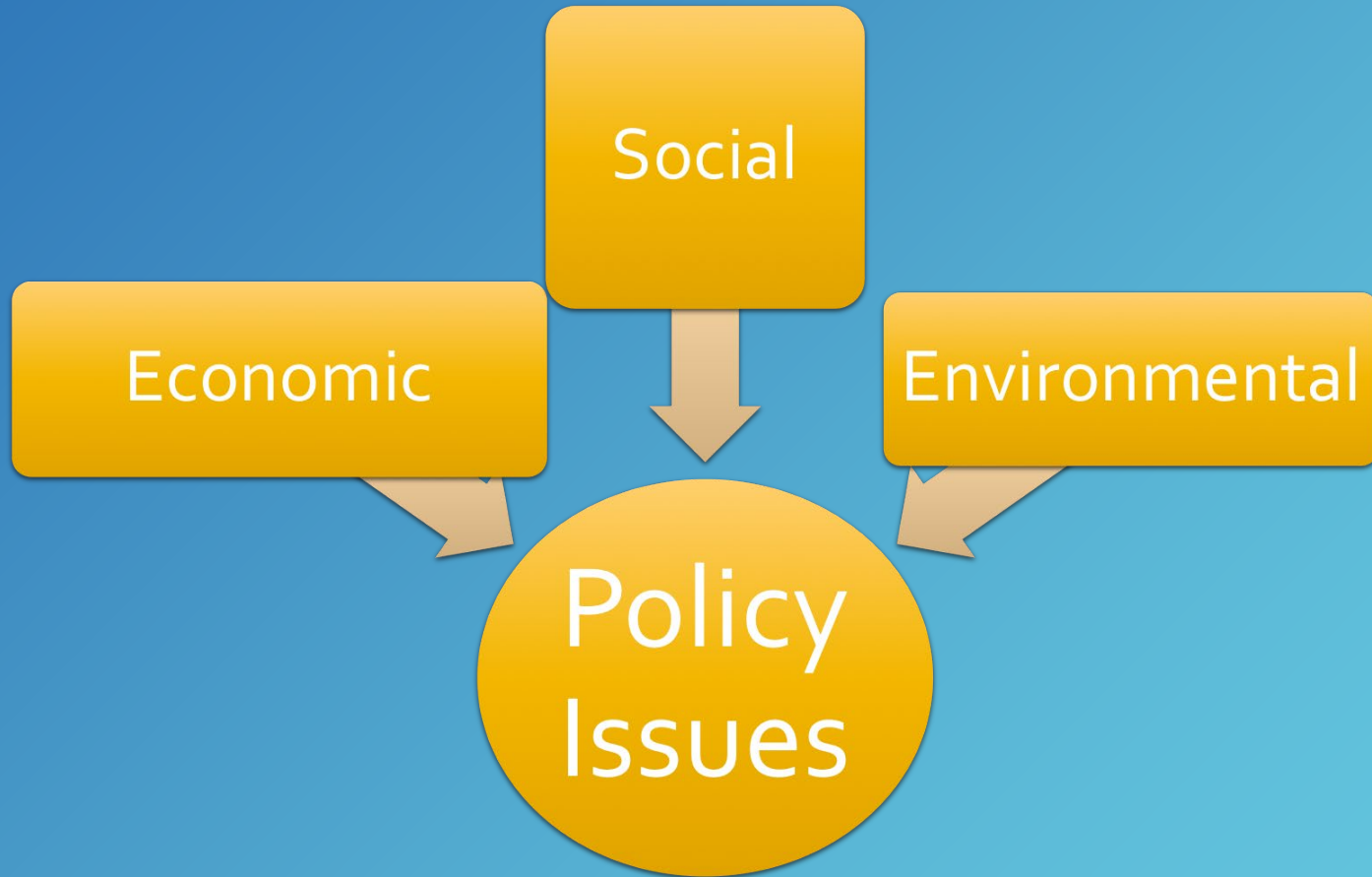


Forms of Local Government









Importance of Strategic Planning



*“Remember, when you
are dealing with people
you are not dealing with
creatures of logic, but
creatures of emotion.”
Dale Carnegie*



“A CONVERSATION ON
CIVILITY in 2022...”



Florida-Specific Information

Who and what are Florida's municipalities?
Independent, public corporations – great definition



411
cities



Populations range
from 8 to 960,250

60%

have populations
under 10,000

6,351

Median
population

Florida's Cities

City, Town or Village:

- ✓ No legal difference in aesthetic name

Incorporated or unincorporated

- ✓ Only two choices
- ✓ Always within a county

Elected body

- ✓ Council or commission
- ✓ Sizes from 3 to 19 members – 5 is most common
- ✓ Part-time and non-partisan
- ✓ Every city has a charter

| More on Cities

25 incorporations since 1990

5 dissolutions since 1980

Services vary greatly

✓ All have comprehensive plans

| City Challenges in Common



Balancing demands with resources



“Doing more with less” – since the Great Recession



State preemptions and mandates



Intergovernmental issues



Financing outdated infrastructure

| City Fiscal Structures

Property tax is granted through Constitution

Utility tax, business license tax and sharing in state taxes through Legislature

About half of each city budget (50%) is fees, charges for service

No fiscal Home Rule



Home Rule in Florida



Citizens put it in Florida Constitution in 1968 for cities and counties



Legislature recognized it and passed the Home Rule Powers Act in 1973



Under attack: legislators who believe state should decide with one-size-fits-all laws or want to preempt local authority

Municipal Challenges in Florida

Intergovernmental:

City to County

City to School Board

City to State

Getting heard in Legislature/Congress

Battling special interest groups

Financing Infrastructure

Doing more with less

Statewide population boom is back!



| Your Resources



FLC website
flcities.com



Training
FLC University
Institute of Government
CFLGE and others



**Florida Municipal
Officials Manual**



**Local/Regional
Leagues**



CMR
Research and
Peer Cities



**Staff: Associations
for professions**

Grassroots Advocacy



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**LOCAL
VOICES
UNITED**

Local Voices United- a grassroots network dedicated to supporting **local self-government**. The idea is simple: **The government that is closest to the people - is most accountable to the people.**

Sign up - Text "**Local Voices**" to **50457** to receive Grassroots Alerts or visit **localvoicesunited.com**

Questions and Discussion

Thank you for attending!

Certificates

For those requesting them – clipboard in the back of room

Conference presentations

Will be posted on the FLC website

