The term “local government” is often defined as the lowest tier of administration in the United States. This broad terminology does not account for the many divisions within local government including municipalities, townships, counties, school districts and other special districts. In Kansas, 82.9% of the state’s population resides in incorporated cities; however, municipalities represent only 14.2% of local government employment. The number of municipal employees in each city varies, but they all address the same challenges when striving to meet the needs of their residents.

Municipal employees are essential to a community. They are responsible for an abundance of tasks, ranging from police officers who have a duty to protect and serve their neighborhoods, to parks and recreation staff who promote a thriving community through the creation of wellness programs and team activities engaging residents of all ages. Every city must meet economic demands, which are becoming an ever-increasing challenge even with the advances in technology and public management innovation. Municipal employees are passionate about serving their cities and stop at nothing to make their neighborhood safe, enjoyable and stable.

The League appreciates the work of municipal employees and we thank you for your service to residents of our state.