



2020 LMM Advocacy Activities

Federal Advocacy Activities

LMM works with federally elected officials and the president's administration to advance LMM priorities related to housing, criminal justice and health care. Below is a sample of recent advocacy activities.

- Education Trust Guest Blogger Malika Kidd, [Second Chances are Real — Let's Make Sure More Students Get Them](#) (September 2019)
- LMM endorses the bipartisan S. 3030 [Eviction Crisis Act](#).
- LMM opposes federal efforts to weaken disparate impact protections ([October 2019](#))
- LMM opposes federal efforts to increase enforcements of mixed status housing. ([July 2019](#))
- LMM opposes federal effort to make it harder to qualify for SNAP. ([September 2019](#), [December 2019](#))

State Advocacy Activities

LMM works with Ohio's General Assembly and members of the Governor's administration to advance LMM priorities related to housing, criminal justice and health care. Below is a sample of recent advocacy activities.

- LMM hosted a public officials breakfast to discuss *Aging and the Future of Guardianship*. ([October 2019](#))
- Aging in Ohio and the Future of Guardianship blog post ([October 2019](#))
- LMM endorsed a [comment letter](#) submitted by the ACLU-Ohio providing recommendations for eliminating Ohio's two-tiered system of justice in the bail system. The Ohio Supreme Court is working to reform the bail process to promote fairness and reduce unnecessary incarceration. These reforms will be voted on by the State House in 2020.
- Policy Matters Ohio blog, ["Chopping for Change" shows the power of addiction treatment](#)

Local Advocacy Activities

LMM works with Cleveland's Office of the Mayor, City Council, Cuyahoga County Executive and Cuyahoga County Council to advance LMM's priorities related to housing, criminal justice and health care. LMM also deeply committed to using grassroots approaches to increase voter registration and voter turnout within low-turnout precincts. Finally, LMM is dedicated to ensuring all are counted in the 2020 Census.

- On March 17, 2020 the Health and Human Services Levy will be on the ballot, and voters will be left to decide whether to support a .7 mill increase to the levy, which would raise an additional \$35 million annually for the county. The failure of this levy would be devastating to nonprofits like LMM that utilize county dollars to provide social services.
- On April 1, 2020, the di-centennial census will be available to complete online. Cuyahoga County is historically a low-count county. For each under counted person, the County loses an estimated \$1,814 a year – or \$18,140 over 10 years - in federal funding. Undercounts can also lead to the loss of federal representation. In 2010, Ohio lost 2 congressional seats; in 2020, we are at risk of losing an additional seat.
- For more information on the 2020 Census, [click here](#).