

Why reform home rule?

Critical structural flaws

- Missing states
- Ambiguity in authority
- Fiscal stability under threat

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Preemption

- Across a range of policy areas
- Often sweeping, sometimes quite targeted
- And increasingly punitive

Consequences?

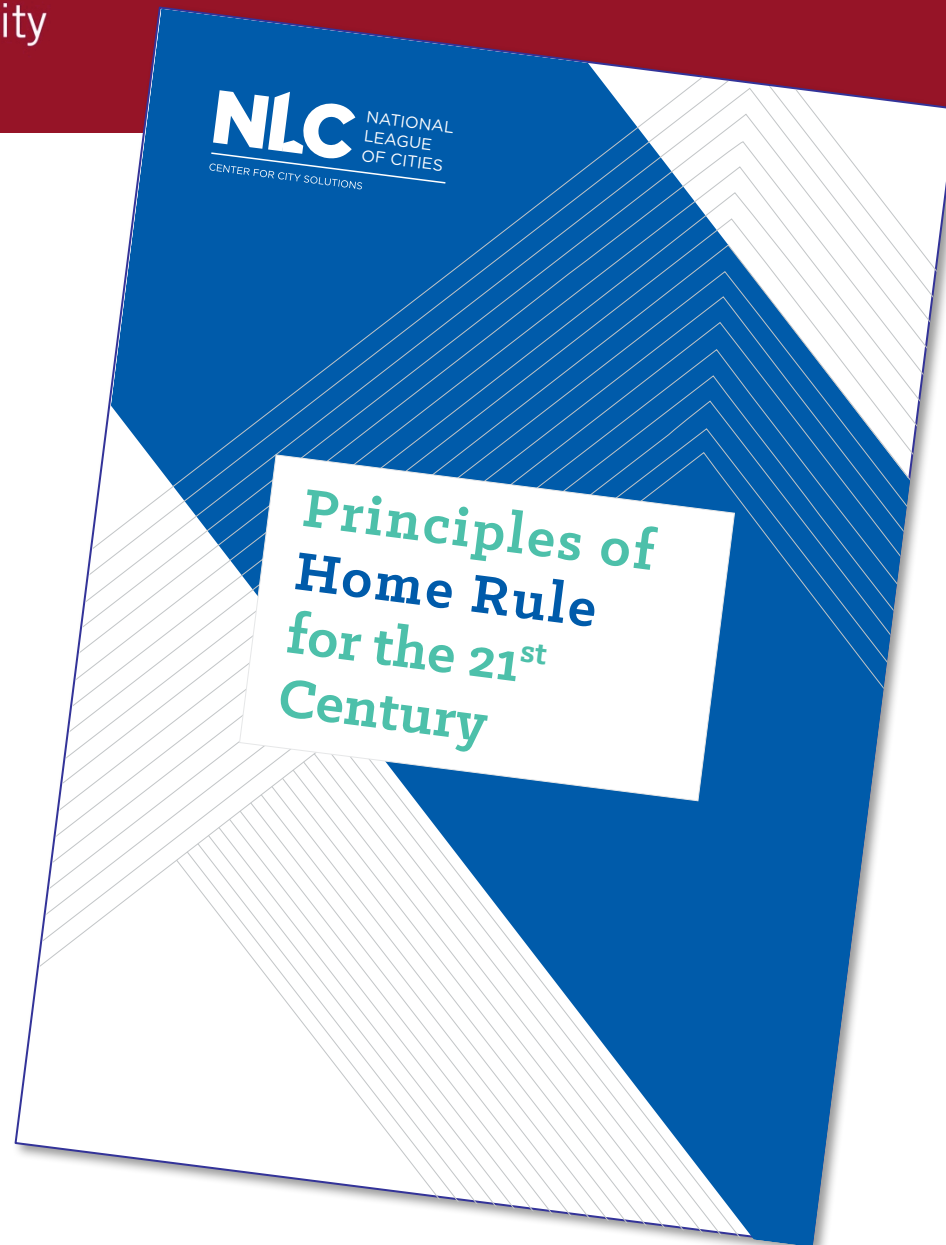
- Chills policy innovation and blocks proven policies
- Equity
- Democracy and community

A Structural Response to a Structural Challenge

- National League of Cities and the Local Solutions Support Center— scope and convening
- Working group – stakeholder outreach
- Research and refinement

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**Principles of
Home Rule
for the 21st
Century**

Principles of Home Rule

- Local Authority
- Local Fiscal Authority
- Presumption Against State Preemption
- Local Democratic Self-Governance

Model Constitutional Article and Commentary

- Section A. Home Rule and Local Self-Government
- Section B. Local Authority
- Section C. The Presumption Against Preemption
- Section D. Local Democratic Self-Government
- Section E. State Support for Local Democracy

Impact?

- A new foundation for state-local relations
- Allow advocates to advance their work holistically –
an attempt to slow the endless one-off battles