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MEMORANDUM

TO: Task Force on the Structure of City Government

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RE: Spreadsheet on forms of other local governments

The resolution creating TFOGS instructed the Task Force to review the forms of other local governments with populations ranging from 200,000-500,000 residents. At TFOGS request, we compiled the attached spreadsheet to begin that process. First, the spreadsheet contains a random sampling of cities ranging in population size from 173,514 to 790,000 residents. Second, the spreadsheet groups Big Ten cities. Third, the spreadsheet contains a grouping of cities that are capitals, contains universities, and are located in a state that voted republican in the 2016 presidential election. Finally, the spreadsheet groups the ten largest cities in Wisconsin.

For each city, the spreadsheet notes whether it operates under the mayor-council, city manager, or some other form of government, the number of members on each city's council, and the number of boards, commissions, and committees in that city.

We obtained this information from the official websites of each city. The most difficult column to complete was the Boards, Commissions and Committees column. Some cities very clearly listed all BCCs. Others did not. Those columns left blank are cities that either did not list BCCs at all or the listings were too confusing to be sure if the resulting number would be accurate.

Our office views this spreadsheet as a work in progress that we can expand if TFOGS finds it helpful or has additional data it would like for us to explore.

City	Population (2010 Census)	Mayor-Council	Manager-Council	Other	Size of Council	Number of Boards, Commissions, Committees
Albuquerque, NM	545,852	Y			9	78
Anaheim, CA	336,265		Y		7	13
Anchorage, AK	291,826	Y			11	51
Aurora, CO	325,078		Y		18	30
Austin, TX	790,000		Y		11	88
Boise, ID	205,671	Y			6	12
Buffalo, NY	261,310	Y			9	
Cincinnati, OH	296,943	Y			9	14
Cleveland, OH	396,815	Y			17	
Colorado Springs, CO	416,427	Y			9	42
Columbus, OH	787,033	Y			7	
Detroit, MI	713,777	Y			9	24
Durham, NC	228,330		Y		7	26
Fort Wayne, IN	253,691	Y			9	38
Glendale, AZ	226,721		Y		7	19
Greensboro, NC	269,666		Y		9	23
Irvine, CA	212,375	Y			5	22
Jackson, MS	173,514	Y			7	23
Jersey City, NJ	247,597	Y			9	53
Kansas City, MO	459,787		Y		13	107
Laredo, TX	236,091		Y		9	
Lexington, KY	295,803	Y			15	68
Lincoln, NE	258,379	Y			7	
Lubbock, TX	229,573		Y		7	
Madison, WI	233,209	Y			20	102
Memphis, TN	646,889	Y			13	45
Milwaukee, WI	694,833	Y			15	
Minneapolis, MN	382,368		Y		13	
Oklahoma City, OK	579,999		Y		9	77
Omaha, NE	408,958	Y			7	
Orlando, FL	238,300	Y			7	
Pittsburgh, PA	305,704	Y			9	28
Portland, OR	583,776			Y (commission)	6	
Raleigh, NC	403,892		Y		8	28
Reno, NV	225,221		Y		7	25
Riverside, CA	303,871		Y		8	18
Sacramento, CA	466,488	Y			8	32
Scottsdale, AZ	217,385		Y		7	25
Spokane, WA	208,916	Y			7	52
St. Louis, MO	319,294	Y			28 (reduce to 14 in 2023)	15
St. Paul, MN	285,068	Y			7	31
St. Petersburg, FL	244,769	Y			8	32
Toledo, OH	287,208	Y			12	24

Tucson, AZ	520,116	y				6	52
Virginia Beach, VA	437,994	y				11	47
Winston Salem, NC	229,617	y				8	43
Totals							
BIG TEN							
Ann Arbor, MI	113,934	y				11	50
Bloomington IN	80,405 y					9	47
Champaign, IL	81,055	y				9	11
Columbus, OH	787,033 y					8	20
Evanston IL	76,150	y				7	21
Iowa City, IA	67,682	y				7	21
Lansing, MI	114,297 y					11	50
Lincoln, NE	258,379 y					7	
Madison, WI	233,209 y					20	102
Minneapolis, MN	382,368	y				13	
State College, PA	41,992 y					7	
West Lafayette IN	42,010 y					9	18
Capital City w/ University in 2016 Trump State							
Boise, ID	205,671 y					6	12
Cheyenne, WY	59,466 y					9	27
Columbia, SC	129,272	y				6	33
Columbus, OH	787,033 y					7	
Lansing, MI	114,299 y					8	30
Lincoln, NE	258,379 y					7	
Little Rock, AR	196,493	y				10	33
Madison, WI	233,209 y					20	102
Oklahoma City, OK	579,999	y				8	77
Salt Lake City, UT	186,440 y					7	
Top 10 Largest WI cities							
Appleton	72,623 y					15	22
Eau Claire	65,883	y				11	18
Green Bay	104,057 y					12	25
Janesville	63,575	y				7	15
Kenosha	99,218 y					17	20
Madison	233,209 y					20	102
Milwaukee	594,833 y					15	
Oshkosh	66,083	y				7	28
Racine	78,860 y					15	39
Waukesha	70,718 y					15	30