

# The 50-Year History of the Fiscal Disparities Program with Panel Discussion: Panelist Biographies

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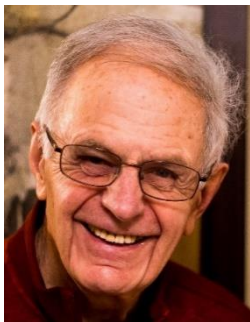
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Paul Gilje was the Associate Director at the Citizens League from 1964 to 1988 and served as staff to the Citizens League Fiscal Disparities Committee in 1968. After F. Warren Preeshl shared his suggestion for tax-base sharing, Paul wrote the committee report recommending the proposal. He followed the proposal's progress through the Legislature, administrative implementation, court challenges, and efforts to curtail or repeal the law. He prepared annual Citizens League analyses of tax-base sharing.

Paul graduated from Northwestern University with a BS and MS in Journalism. He was a staff writer for the Minneapolis Star from 1960 to 1964. Paul's other roles included: Director of stewardship and administrator at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1988-1993; stewardship consultant at The Rogers Company, 1993-2000; Executive Director, Presbyterian Homes Foundation, 2000-2005; and Executive Director, Civic Caucus, 2005-2017.

### STEVE HINZE

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Steve Hinze worked as a Legislative Analyst at the Minnesota House of Representatives Research Department from 1976 to 2018. At the non-partisan Department, Steve covered local government finance, state-local fiscal relations, and property taxes. For most of that time, Steve ran the property tax model, estimating the impacts of potential policy changes on the property tax system.

Steve grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota, and graduated from Purdue University with a BS in Mathematics. Steve received a Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree from the University of California (Berkeley).

## PATRICIA NAUMAN

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Patricia Nauman is the Executive Director for Metro Cities and has served in this role since January 2009. Metro Cities represents 89 member cities, including the core cities, inner ring and developing communities, before the State Legislature and Metropolitan Council. Previously, Patricia was a Government Relations Specialist for the association, covering state taxes and local government issues at the Capitol, as well as covering the Metropolitan Council.

Ms. Nauman holds a BA from the College of Saint Catherine, where she graduated with honors. Before joining Metro Cities, Ms. Nauman served on staff for the Minnesota State Senate for 18 years and as a Committee Administrator for both the Senate Taxes Committee, and prior to that, the Senate K-12 Education Finance Committee. Earlier in her career, she worked for the City of Columbia Heights Housing and Redevelopment Authority as a Housing Rehabilitation Specialist. She lives in Minneapolis with her spouse, Eric.

## TOM WEAVER

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Tom Weaver is the CEO of Achieve Services, providing employment and other life-enrichment services to adults with developmental disabilities.

In 2003, Tom helped Gov. Pawlenty's transition team select a new Metropolitan Council. He then became the Metropolitan Council's Regional Administrator, a role he held for the next eight years. Tom began his career as a lawyer in private practice but couldn't resist the public policy arena. In 1991, he became General Counsel at the Metropolitan Transit Commission, and in 1993 he joined Governor Carlson's staff, serving as Director of Legislative Affairs and Counsel to the Governor. In 1995, Tom became the lead lobbyist for NSP, followed by similar roles at Xcel Energy, and Excelsior Energy. Tom lives in Anoka with his wife, Kelly, and their two labradors and two golden retrievers.