Selected Comparison Cities: Stronger Mayor

	Population in 2013	Mayor's role on council	Veto	Full- or part-time	Manager appoint/remove	Department heads appoint/remove	Council: numbers and structure
Tucson	526,116	Mayor presides over council, with vote in most matters	No mayoral veto	Mayor and council are part time	Council appoints, removes manager	Manager appoints/removes most department heads	6 members; by district but elected citywide
Long Beach	469,428	Mayor presides over council, but has no vote	Mayor has veto, 2/3 council override	Mayor full time, council part time	Council appoints/removes manager with mayoral veto	Manager appoints/removes department heads	9 members, elected by district
Albuquerque	556,495	Mayor does not serve on the council	Mayor has veto, 2/3 council override	Mayor full time, council part time	Mayor appoints CAO with council approval	Mayor appoints department heads without council	9 members elected by district
Seattle	652,405	Mayor does not serve on the council	Mayor has veto, 2/3 council override	Mayor full time, council full time	No manager or CAO	Mayor directs city departments	7 members elected by district, 2 at large
El Paso	647,433	Mayor serves on the council, breaks tie votes	Mayor has veto mayor cannot veto manager removal	Mayor full time, council full time	Council appoints/removes manager	Manager directs departments	8 members elected by district
Colorado Springs	439,866	Mayor does not serve on the council	Mayor has veto, 2/3 council override	Mayor full time, council part time	Mayor appoints chief of staff to administer government under mayor's direction	Mayor appoints and removes most department heads w/ council approval	6 elected by district, 3 at large
Anchorage	300,950	Mayor does not serve on the council	Mayor has veto, 2/3 council override	Mayor full time, council part time	Mayor appoints manager with approval of assembly; mayor removes	Mayor appoints dept. Heads with assembly approval; mayor removes	Assembly of 11 members, by district
San Bernardino	213,708	Mayor serves on the council, breaks tie votes	Mayor has veto, supermajority override	Mayor full time, council part time	Mayor appoints manager, manager subject to council approval	Mayor appoints and removes department heads, council approval	7 members

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