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Systemic Governance Risk in U.S. Law Enforcement: A Hidden Threat to Investor Confidence and Asset Valuations

Overview

- Systemic governance risks in U.S. law enforcement now directly impact municipal credit ratings and investor confidence through racial bias and political dynamics.
- Cities with larger Black populations or liberal governance face harsher fiscal scrutiny, driving up borrowing costs and straining budgets under police reform mandates.
- Phoenix and Minneapolis exemplify fiscal strain from consent decrees, while Albuquerque and New Orleans demonstrate how reform compliance preserves credit ratings and reduces risk.
- Investors must prioritize governance transparency, equitable revenue models, and fiscal discipline to mitigate systemic risks in municipal bonds and law enforcement-linked assets.

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