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## **ABSTRACT**

With globalization in the world economic, technological, political and administrative developments, the impact of state structures. Centralized, hierarchical management approach, the location of a democratic participatory, transparent, accountable approach to management has left. Expressed as a definition of the state of governance in this management approach, bringing new dimensions to the role and limits of, the powers and functions of the centralized state and local governments and civil communities by sharing provides for a more democratic state structure.

Today, attempts to further democratization of public management. Primarily to the realization of democracy in local democracy must be implemented at the national level. The most important actors in local and national democracy would take place, is thought to be non-governmental organizations and local governments.

In this thesis from the perspective of local governance for the realization of full democracy, civil society organizations in decision-making processes of local governments in the place of what is, is what should be the issue

In this context, the first part of the study dealt with the conceptual aspects of democracy, local democracy, local governance and management issues are discussed on the basis of the relationships between them and Turkey. The second section, the conceptual aspect of civil society, development, features, functions and NGOs focused on the relationship of democracy. The third section is the last part of the study from the perspective of local democracy and governance NGOs participation of local governments, the province of Aydin on the basis of the results of research in the area evaluated.

**KEY WORDS:** Local Governments, Local Democracy, Governance, Civil Society, Aydin

