

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

City officials can hone their professional skills through the League's educational programs. League conferences are an opportunity for city officials to network, learn about new developments in their field and exchange ideas on how to better serve their cities. The calendar of conferences and online registration is located at www.cacities.org/events. CityBooks, the League's bookstore, offers additional resources to help city officials stay informed about developments in their areas of specialization or interest.

City officials are encouraged to share their knowledge and expertise with their colleagues across the state by speaking at League conferences or educational programs. The League's award-winning *Western City* magazine also routinely features articles on various topics written by knowledgeable city officials.

"Connecting through the League offers city officials a tremendous resource for communication, advocacy and education. The League's programs for local government officials have helped me keep connected and current, while saving my city thousands of dollars."

— JEFF KOLIN, City Manager, City of Santa Rosa



LEAGUE INFORMATION RESOURCES

Stay Informed, Stay Involved

The League uses regular publications to keep city officials and other interested audiences in touch with League activities and city issues.

Western City, the League's award-winning magazine, focuses each month on a key topic of concern for cities: municipal finance, community development, public safety, the environment, parks and recreation, infrastructure, housing, ethics, flood protection and more from the perspective of cities statewide. The magazine is mailed to more than 10,000 subscribers — articles, job opportunities and other information are also available online at www.westerncity.com.

City Advocate Weekly, formerly known as *Priority Focus*, is a free, weekly, electronic newsletter that provides analysis, commentary and updates on legislative and policy issues affecting California cities. To subscribe, visit www.cacities.org/cityadvocateweekly.

Institute for Local Government

The League's nonprofit research arm offers a wealth of information on cutting edge local government issues through its Web site (www.ca-ilg.org) and publications. The Institute's "Local Government 101" program provides basic information about local government operations and issues. Other Institute topic areas include civic engagement, public service ethics, land use, climate change, intergovernmental dispute resolution and healthy communities.

League Partners

This program provides Partners with a valuable opportunity to connect with local officials. Partner-sponsored programs include the prestigious Helen Putnam Award for Excellence and the California Civic Leadership Institute (CCLI). CCLI is an exclusive educational program covering key state policy issues for local elected officials interested in pursuing a career in the legislature.

League Listservs

League Listservs are a vehicle for city officials working in different positions and subject areas to tap into a network of their colleagues to ask questions or share solutions about issues affecting their work. For information on the types of Listservs and how to join, visit www.cacities.org/listserv.

League Web site

The League Web site (www.cacities.org) is updated frequently with the most current information on policy developments, legislation, upcoming conferences, publications and other items of interest. League staff is also available to help city officials looking for ways to get involved.

"The League provides an invaluable opportunity to work and talk with people — including a highly motivated group of fire chiefs — who have some of the same day-to-day issues I have."

— DOUGLAS FRY, Fire Chief, Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department

Information Resources

The League's Inquiry Service collects ordinances, staff reports, surveys and other materials submitted by cities. We encourage cities to share copies of their ordinances and related materials. To access this service and add to the League's resources, contact the Inquiry Services Manager at (916) 658-8236.

CONNECT WITH THE LEAGUE

All city officials are encouraged to get involved with the League of California Cities to represent their city and their profession. Visit www.cacities.org for more information about League activities. To learn more about how you can participate with the League, please send an e-mail with your contact information to: getinvolved@cacities.org.



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MISSION: To restore and protect local control for cities through education and advocacy to enhance the quality of life for all Californians.

The League offers numerous opportunities for California city officials to enhance their professional skills, engage in legislation and issues affecting their city, and join others in advocating on behalf of their communities.

INVOLVEMENT IN LEAGUE ADVOCACY

Collaborate with city officials in your region on advocacy activities as a member of one of the League's **16 regional divisions**; with others in your profession as a member of a **municipal department**; or with others who share your interests and expertise on a League **policy committee**.

Each year departments and divisions elect representatives to sit on the League's governing body, the **board of directors**. The board ultimately sets League policy and priorities and oversees the League's operations.

LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES' ADVOCACY PROGRAM



LEAGUE REGIONAL DIVISIONS

Sixteen divisions covering every corner of California function as the League's primary advocacy organizations. City officials in each division work closely with the **League's regional public affairs managers** to develop regional informational programs and carry out grassroots activities to support specific legislative, regulatory or ballot measure goals. Increasingly, division members play a major role raising private funds for CITIPAC, the League's political action committee.

Divisions also participate in policy development by appointing representatives to the League's board of directors, resolutions and policy committees. Division appointments are also made to the League's annual conference program committee.

LEAGUE DEPARTMENTS

Functioning as professional societies with educational and networking events, the **League's 11 municipal professional departments** form policies and programs, and receive staff support from League policy analysts. The departments conduct their own professional conferences annually and help plan the League's annual conference program. They also help develop League policies and legislative positions by appointing departmental members to the League's policy committees, board of directors and resolutions committees.

League Departments:

- City Attorneys
- City Clerks
- City Managers
- Fire Chiefs
- Fiscal Officers
- Mayors & Council Members
- Personnel & Employee Relations
- Planning & Community Development
- Police Chiefs
- Public Works Officers
- Recreation, Parks & Community Services

"League membership drives home the fact that, as city officials, we're all in this together. From Davis to Davenport, from San Francisco to Santa Fe Springs, our city services make a difference in people's lives. Working together with the League helps us each make our communities stronger."

— DON SAYLOR, Davis City Council

POLICY COMMITTEES

If you are a city official who wants to help shape policies benefiting cities, join one of the League's eight policy committees. Meeting several times throughout the year, policy committees are staffed by the League's expert legislative representatives and policy analysts, and make recommendations to the board of directors on priority issues. Policy committee appointments are made by League divisions and departments as well as by the League president.

League Policy Committees:

- Administrative Services
- Community Services
- Employee Relations
- Environmental Quality
- Housing, Community & Economic Development
- Public Safety
- Revenue & Taxation
- Transportation, Communication & Public Works

Diversity Caucuses

The League recognizes four diverse caucuses that present additional opportunities for city officials who share common interests to connect with one another:

- African-American Caucus
- Asian-Pacific Islander Caucus
- Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender Local Officials (GLBTLO)
- Latino Caucus

Membership in any of these caucuses is open to all city officials who wish to participate.

LEAGUE REGIONAL DIVISION MAP

