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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message



Time to hold our collective breaths to see if we garnered enough valid signatures to qualify our **Protect Local Taxpayers and Vital Services** ballot initiative for November.

Our ballot petition signatures are ready to submit to county registrars' offices. We need about 700,000 valid signatures. As of March 31, we'd collected around 900,000, but we want 1,100,000 to ensure that we have enough valid signatures. If you have petitions with signatures, please contact Jennifer, Kristine or Teresa immediately. There may still be time to submit your signatures, depending on when you read this message. Every signature is important.

Thank you to all who worked so hard. **Lakewood** and **Paramount** lead the division in number of signatures, while **Avalon** and **La Habra Heights** posted the highest percentage of registered voters in their communities.

Dr. Richard Green, Director of the USC Lusk Center for Real Estate, gave an optimistic update on the housing market in Southern California at our April meeting. We have survived the depths of the recession, and the housing market is starting to pick up. He predicts that the recovery will be gradual, but steady. Already, state revenue has exceeded projections for the last two months.

Please join us on May 6 to learn how your city can benefit from Southern California Edison's electric vehicle plug-in program.

Finally, I invite all who are interested to submit their name to serve as Treasurer for the division in the coming year. Please let Joe Garcia or your regional manager know of your interest. Also, there are many opportunities to serve on the state League policy committees next year. These are challenging times for cities. We need your participation. Serving your colleagues as a board member or a committee member is rewarding and fun.



Owen Newcomer
President, Los Angeles County Division
League of California Cities
Council Member, City of Whittier



**Los Angeles County
Division Cities Pass
Resolutions in
Support of Local
Revenue Protection
Measure**

- Arcadia
- Artesia
- Avalon
- Azusa
- Baldwin Park
- Beverly Hills
- Bradbury
- Calabasas
- Carson
- Cerritos
- Claremont
- Commerce
- Culver City
- Gardena
- Hermosa Beach
- Hidden Hills
- Huntington Park
- Inglewood
- La Canada Flintridge
- La Puente
- La Verne
- Lakewood
- Lawndale
- Lomita
- Lynwood
- Malibu
- Manhattan Beach
- Maywood
- Monrovia
- Paramount
- Pasadena
- Rolling Hills
- Rosemead
- San Dimas
- San Gabriel
- Santa Clarita
- Santa Fe Springs
- Santa Monica
- Signal Hill
- South El Monte
- Torrance
- Walnut
- West Hollywood
- Whittier

Signature Gathering by the Numbers:

The Californians to Protect Local Taxpayers and Vital Services, the coalition supporting the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Act of 2010, launched their signature gathering efforts on January 4, 2010.

The Coalition will need to collect more than 1.1 million signatures to ensure it meets the required 694,354 valid signatures needed to qualify a constitutional amendment for the statewide ballot. If it qualifies, it will appear on the November 2010 statewide ballot. The League's Los Angeles County Division has a goal to collect 80,000 signatures.

The April 15 deadline for turning in volunteer signatures is fast upon us! Volunteer for a Signature Saturday event and collect signatures from your family, friends and neighbors. Below are the city-by-city signature totals to date. Keep up the good work!

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| Agoura Hills | 108 |
| Alhambra | 279 |
| Arcadia | 25 |
| Artesia | 185 |
| Avalon | 269 |
| Azusa | 191 |
| Bell Gardens | 190 |
| Bellflower | 170 |
| Beverly Hills | 99 |
| Bradbury | 26 |
| Burbank | 20 |
| Calabasas | 123 |
| Carson | 730 |
| Cerritos | 291 |
| Claremont | 685 |
| Commerce | 120 |
| Compton | 10 |
| Covina | 91 |
| Culver City | 157 |
| Downey | 14 |
| Duarte | 129 |
| El Monte | 48 |
| Gardena | 78 |
| Glendale | 53 |
| Hawthorne | 98 |
| Hermosa Beach | 65 |
| Huntington Park | 90 |
| Inglewood | 18 |
| La Canada Flintridge | 147 |
| La Habra Heights | 184 |
| La Verne | 375 |
| Lakewood | 1096 |
| Lawndale | 10 |

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|-----------------------|-----|
| Lomita | 88 |
| Long Beach | 145 |
| Los Angeles | 240 |
| Lynwood | 171 |
| Malibu | 39 |
| Maywood | 120 |
| Monrovia | 176 |
| Montebello | 221 |
| Norwalk | 277 |
| Palos Verdes Estates | 236 |
| Paramount | 917 |
| Pasadena | 175 |
| Pico Rivera | 310 |
| Rancho Palos Verdes | 221 |
| Redondo Beach | 408 |
| Rolling Hills | 108 |
| Rolling Hills Estates | 300 |
| Rosemead | 391 |
| San Dimas | 186 |
| San Marino | 12 |
| Santa Clarita | 769 |
| Santa Fe Springs | 294 |
| Santa Monica | 274 |
| Signal Hill | 312 |
| South El Monte | 151 |
| South Gate | 146 |
| South Pasadena | 32 |
| Torrance | 250 |
| Walnut | 155 |
| Westlake Village | 15 |
| West Covina | 86 |
| West Hollywood | 166 |
| Whittier | 496 |

Call for Nominations: Election of Division Officers

The Bylaws of the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities, indicate that the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually, with the State League Director to be elected biannually in odd numbered years, at the June meeting of the membership. The Bylaws also specify that the retiring President shall become the Immediate Past President for the coming year without election, and is the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

It is the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate one candidate for each of the offices referred to above and to report its recommendations at the regular membership meeting in May.

The Los Angeles County Division is pleased to announce one opening on the executive committee for the position of **Treasurer**. The opening provides a great opportunity for elected officials to make a difference with the Division and the League. The Treasurer monitors the Division's finances and serves as a member of the executive committee, steering policy and setting direction for the only organization that represents all 86 cities in Los Angeles County. The Treasurer position is for a one-year term.

To be considered for the position of Treasurer, please send a letter indicating your interest along with a resume no later than April 14, 2010 to:

Joe Garcia, Nominating Committee Chair
c/o League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division
P.O. Box 1444 Monrovia, CA 91017
FAX: 626-301-0387 Email: jquan@cacities.org



The nominating committee will review all applications and make recommendations for a slate of officers. The committee's report will be presented at the general membership dinner on May 6, 2010 with the election to be held the following month at the Division's meeting on June 3, 2010.

VACANCY on the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs

Duties: The Commission meets monthly and serves as an advisory board to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on alcohol and other drug issues with the goal of reducing problems and the negative impact of alcohol and other drug use on the quality of life in the county.

Term of Office: Three years. All members of the Commission serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors. **Qualifications:** Potential commissioners shall have a professional interest in, or personal commitment to, alleviating problems related to alcohol and other drug abuse in their community. Persons are ineligible to serve if they are a member of the Board of Supervisors, a staff member of the board, or a county employee of a health related agency with which the alcohol and drug program administrator may be affiliated.

Stipend: \$25.00 for each meeting attended.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Jennifer Quan at jquan@cacities.org or 626-786-5142

Upcoming Events

You are cordially invited to participate in a **FREE AB 1234 Ethics Training**
Presented by...



INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

AB 1234 requires specified **elected** and **appointed officials** to take ethics training if the officials receive compensation for their service or are reimbursed for their expenses. The basic requirement - two hours of training - must be completed within **12 months of taking office** or within **two years of previous training**.

Date: Saturday, April 24, 2010
Time: 9:30 a.m. - Check-in
10:00a.m. - 12:00 p.m. -Training

Place: Metropolitan Water District
700 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
FREE parking for advance registrants. Enter underground garage at the southeast corner of the building.

Cost: *As a service for our member cities, the Division Board of Directors has waived the registration fee for Los Angeles County city officials ...for all other registrants, the cost is \$40.00, which includes course materials and "proof of participation" certificate.*

Space is limited...Please register early to guarantee your seat.

----- Reservation / Registration Form -----

*RSVP April 20, 2010 - COST: FREE to officials from member cities... \$40 for all others
Due to limited seating, "no shows" or cancellations after April 20th, may be
invoiced for the full \$40.00 cost*

*RSVP by providing the requested information on a printed copy of this form.
Please FAX to (626) 445-2454*

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Street, City, State, ZIP: _____

Work #: _____ Mobile #: _____ Home #: _____

Email: (please type or print carefully) _____

*If not an official from a member city, please indicate how you will pay:
[] check to be mailed; [] pay at the door; [] please invoice*

*If paying by check, please make payable to: League of California Cities and send to: P.O. Box 1444,
Monrovia, CA 91017*

Please RSVP by April 20th to Kristine Guerrero, kguerrero@cacities.org, (626) 716-0076

Upcoming Events



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

Thursday, May 6, 2010

6:30 p.m. Networking Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner / Meeting

Metropolitan Water District – Courtyard Café
700 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Is Your City Ready for Plug in Electric Vehicles (PEVs)???

Robert Graham

Manager, Electric Transportation, Advanced Technology
Southern California Edison

Major automotive manufacturers have announced that Southern California will be the market launch site for plug-in hybrid and battery electric vehicles. The economic and environmental value from the transition to electric fuel will be significant. What can your city do to get ready for the arrival of these plug in vehicles? What are the key actions necessary to ensure your residents can easily adapt to this new technology? Robert Graham with SCE's PEV Readiness Program will discuss the actions being taken to support the Los Angeles region with this important effort.

--- Please RSVP by April 28th using the form below ---

COST: \$35.00 per person. "No shows" or cancellations after April 28, 2010, will be billed.
Please complete this form by April 28 and fax to 626-301-0387 or send with your payment to:
League of California Cities, c/o Jennifer Quan, P.O. Box 1444, Monrovia, CA 91017

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Please indicate how you plan to pay: check to be mailed pay at the door please invoice

For more information please contact Jennifer Quan at jquan@cacities.org or (626) 786-5142.

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