



**Mayors and Council Members
Leadership Academy Torch Program**



Mayors and Council Members Leadership Academy Torch Program

The League of California Cities® Mayors and Council Members Department honors the hard work and dedication of its peers through the Torch Program.

Each year elected officials from throughout California earn recognition as they progress upward through three sequential levels of achievement. These are:

- Level I — Leadership;
- Level II — Advanced Leadership; and
- Level III — Leadership in Action.

Program Details

The Torch Program is a recognition program for mayors and council members who are seeking continuing education and League engagement to enhance their own knowledge and leadership skills in order to better serve the public. The program is a voluntary program, achievements are self-reported.

Recognition

Mayors and Council Members who reach *Advanced Leadership* and *Leadership in Action* levels are honored at the League's Annual Conference with a certificate and torch lapel pin. The League can also arrange for recognition at your own city council meeting along with a news release.



Lapel pin levels I, II, and III

LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
Mayors and Council Members Torch Program
Earn Recognition for Your Service and Continued Education

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date: _____
 Title: _____ City: _____
 Phone: _____
 League Regional Division: _____
 Email Address: _____

Level I: Leadership

Met criteria? 1. Attendance and completion of the New Mayors and Council Members Academy in January. OR
 2. At least three (3) years as an elected official AND two (2) attended at least one (1) League conference AND one (1) League Regional Division meeting.

Elected Years (in 2012/2013): _____
 Conference Name and Year: _____
 Attended Regional Division Meeting: Yes No

Level II: Advanced Leadership

Met criteria? 1. Completion of the MCLA Leadership Level I.
 2. Completion of at least three (3) years as an elected city official.
 3. Completion of one of the following:
 • League of California Cities Mayors and Council Members Advanced Leadership Workshop;
 • National League of Cities Workshop;
 • University-level program that is relevant to local government; or
 • Participation in at least five League hosted webinars.
 4. Attendance and completion of three additional League conferences. Duplication of conferences is acceptable because content changes from year to year.
 5. Participation in at least two (2) Leadership Activities, one (1) of which MUST be a League activity.

Elected Years (in 2012/2013): _____
 List your qualifications: _____
 Conference Name and Year: _____

Level III: Leadership in Action

Met criteria? 1. Completion of the MCLA Advanced Leadership Level II.
 2. Completion of at least five (5) years as an elected city official.
 3. Attendance and completion of two more League conferences. Duplication of conferences is acceptable because content changes from year to year.
 4. Participation in five (5) Leadership Activities, two (2) of which MUST be League activities.

Elected Years (in 2012/2013): _____
 Conference Name and Year: _____
 Please see list of Leadership Activities on next page to select your qualifications and complete the application.

*Please email completed application to: Caitlin Cole, ccole@cacities.org


Learn more about this program or download an application at:
www.cacities.org/TorchProgram or contact your regional public affairs manager





Mayors and Council Members Academy Torch Program

Earn Recognition for Your Service and Continued Education

Applicant Information	
Name:	Date:
Title:	City:
League Regional Division:	Phone:
Email Address:	

Check All That Apply	Level I: Leadership 	
	1. Attendance and completion of the New Mayors and Council Members Academy in January; OR	Year(s):
	2. At least three (3) years as an elected official AND has attended at least one (1) League conference AND one (1) League Regional Division meeting.	Elected Years: (i.e. 2012-2016) Conference Name and Year: Attended Regional Division Meeting: Yes

Must Check All	Level II: Advanced Leadership 	
	1. Completion of the MCMLA Leadership Level I.	
	2. Completing of at least three (3) years as an elected city official.	Elected Years: (i.e. 2012-2016)
	3. Completion of one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> League of California Cities Mayors and Council Members Advanced Leadership Workshop; National League of Cities Workshop; University-level program that is relevant to local government; or Participation in at least five League hosted webinars. 	List your qualification(s):
	4. Attendance and completion of three additional League conferences. Duplication of conferences is acceptable because content changes from year to year.	Conference Name and Year:
	5. Participation in at least two (2) Leadership Activities, one (1) of which MUST be a League activity.	Please see list of Leadership Activities on next page to select your qualifications and complete the application.

Must Check All	Level III: Leadership in Action 	
	1. Completion of the MCMLA Advanced Leadership Level II.	
	2. Completion of at least five (5) years as an elected city official.	Elected Years: (i.e. 2012-2016)
	3. Attendance and completion of two more League conferences. Duplication of conferences is acceptable because content changes from year to year.	Conference Name and Year:
	4. Participation in five (5) Leadership Activities, two (2) of which MUST be League activities.	Please see list of Leadership Activities on next page to select your qualifications and complete the application.

*Please e-mail completed application to Caitlin Cole, ccole@cacities.org.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

The following Leadership Activities must be completed while in office or within five (5) years prior to becoming an elected city official in order to qualify as a graduation requirement.

Check All That Apply	League Activities	
	Active League Policy Committee member for at least two years	Committee(s): Years:
	Having served as a moderator, facilitator, or speaker at a League conference	Conference(s): Year(s):
	Served as a member of the League's Board of Directors	Year(s):
	Served as a League Department executive officer	Department: Year(s): Office held:
	Served as a League Regional Division executive officer	Division: Year(s): Office held:
	Chair or vice-chair for a League Policy Committee	Committee: Year(s):
	Served as officer for a League Diversity Caucus	Caucus: Year(s): Office held:
	Member of a League task force or ad hoc committee	Name of task force/ad hoc committee:
	Participated in the California Civic Leadership Institute® (CCLI)	Year(s):

Check All That Apply	Community Activities	
	Service on a COG, LAFCO board, CalCOG or its subgroups	Describe your involvement:
	Member of a public sector association as an officer or on the board of directors	Association: Office held:
	Service as an officer of a local or statewide not-for-profit organization or professional organization	Organization: Office held:
	Instructor in relevant educational programs for city officials	Describe your experience:
	Member of a county, regional, state, or national commission, agency, or board.	Describe your involvement:

*Please e-mail completed application to Caitlin Cole, ccole@cacities.org.