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League of California Cities Resources

League Website: www.cacities.org is an invaluable resource for League members, policy makers, the press and the public. The comprehensive website allows visitors to search and track state legislation, monitor legal advocacy, register for League conferences and education programs, purchase League publications and stay informed of League activities.

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 different listservs and how to join, visit www.cacities.org/listserv.

CA Cities Advocate: Published one to four times a week, the League's newsletter provides subscribers with analysis, commentary and updates on legislative and policy issues that affect California cities. *City Advocate Weekly* is available via email by subscribing at www.cacities.org/cacitiesadvocate.

Educational Programs: The League has a wide array of educational programs to help keep city officials up-to-date about municipal issues from leading experts. These programs provide a unique opportunity for city officials to connect in person and learn how cities are dealing with mutual problems. A calendar of upcoming events is available at www.cacities.org/events.

Legal Advocacy: The League also engages in advocacy on behalf of cities before the courts, because laws affecting cities are made in the courts as well as in the Legislature. The League receives counsel on such activities from a Legal Advocacy Committee, comprised of city attorneys from throughout the state. Friend-of-the-court briefs are the chief mechanism through which the League engages in this activity. To maximize the program's effectiveness, briefs are only prepared in cases of true statewide importance. More information is available at www.cacities.org/legaladvocacy.

Western City: The League's award-winning monthly magazine focuses on issues of interest to cities state wide including: municipal finance, community development, public safety, the environment, parks and recreation and more. *Western City* is mailed to more than 10,000 subscribers — articles, job opportunities and the other information are also available online at www.westerncity.com.

Awards: The annual League Partner-sponsored **Helen Putnam Award for Excellence** recognizes cities that deliver the highest of quality and in the most effective manner possible to address community problems. Award-winning programs are highlighted throughout the year at the League's Annual Conference and in *Western City* so that other cities can learn more about these model projects of innovation. More information is available at www.helenputnam.org.

The Institute for Local Government: The institute for Local Government (ILG) is the nonprofit research and education affiliate of the League and the California State Association of Counties. ILG serves as a source of trusted research and information for local public officials and staff in California. Its mission is to serve as a source of independent research and information for California's communities and their leaders. More information is available at www.ca-ilg.org.