

Promoting Good Government at the Local Level

WHO WE ARE

The Institute for Local Government (ILG) is the nonprofit 501(c)(3) research and education affiliate of the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties and the California Special Districts Association. Our mission is to promote good government at the local level with practical, impartial and easy-to-use resources for California communities.

WHAT WE DO

ILG supports California's local governments as they work to establish and implement good governance policies and practices to better serve their communities. We conduct research and provide education through technical assistance, trainings, webinars and online and printed resources to:



FOSTER ethical, transparent local governments,



CREATE active and engaged communities; and



ENSURE elected officials have the tools they need to make informed, ethical decisions.

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PROGRAM AREAS



Local Government Basics

Promotes good decision-making at the local level by explaining key concepts related to local government structures and processes for newly-elected officials, newly-hired staff, the media and members of the public.



Sustainable Communities

Seeks to speed up innovation by providing a systematic way for officials and staff to learn about, adapt and apply sustainability practices in their communities.



Offers resources to help local officials and their communities implement effective and inclusive public engagement activities. Well designed public engagement helps local agencies better understand residents, improve local agency decision-making, create a more informed and involved community and lead to greater public trust in local government.



Aims to help local officials understand the unique legal and ethical obligations of being a public servant. In California, state and federal laws create a complex set of requirements that guide elected officials and agency staff in their service to their communities.



Highlights best practices of local agencies working together to effectively and efficiently serve communities through shared services and joint use of facilities.