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Register Now for DOF's Webinar on Governor's FY 2015-16 Budget Proposal Affecting RDA Dissolution Process

The League of California Cities invites city officials to attend a webinar presentation by the Department of Finance (DOF) on Monday, Jan. 12 from 2-3:15 p.m. regarding a proposal affecting the redevelopment dissolution process that will be included in Gov. Jerry Brown's FY 2015-16 budget proposal. *For more, see Page 2.*



Webinars Today and Tomorrow Explain Application Process for HCD's Housing-Related Parks Program Grants

The [California Department of Housing and Community Development](#) has space in two webinars this week on how to apply for the available [\\$35 million Housing-Related Parks Program grants](#). The webinars will be Wednesday, Jan. 7 from 1:30-4 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 8 from 9-11 a.m. Grant applications are due Feb. 5. *For more, see Page 2.*



Registration Is Now Open for the Feb. 27 Municipal Law Institute's Symposium

Registration is open for the [2015 Municipal Law Institute Symposium](#) that will be held on Friday, Feb. 27, 2015. The one-day symposium is presented by the Municipal Law Institute of the League of California Cities® and the Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law. *For more, see Page 2.*

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The League expects that many cities will be interested in a further explanation of the Governor's redevelopment-related proposal and has invited DOF to participate in a webinar for League members on Monday.

During this webinar, member cities will hear directly from DOF Local Government Unit representatives about the Governor's proposal. DOF Local Government Unit staff will also be on hand following the presentation to answer attendee questions.

This webinar is for League member cities and League Partners only. A heavy demand is expected for the webinar and only one connection per city or partner will be permitted.

Please register for the webinar at www.cacities.org/events by Monday, Jan. 12th by 11 a.m.

For questions on how to register for the webinar, please contact [Megan Dunn](#). For all other questions, please contact [Lauren Kimzey](#).

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Registration

Please register online.

- [Wednesday](#)
- [Thursday](#)

Background

The purpose of the funding program is to reward local governments that approve housing for lower-income households and are in compliance with state housing element law with grant funds to create or rehabilitate parks. The program awards funds on a per-bedroom basis for each residential unit affordable to very low- and low-income households permitted during the designated program year. The program provides funds for parks and recreation projects that benefit the community and add to the quality of life.

Please refer to the revised [HRP Program Guidelines](#) for additional information on eligibility and documentation requirements.

HCD invites program applicants to contact the following Program Representative with questions.

- [Fidel Herrera](#), Northern California/Bay Area Region
- [James Johnson](#), Sacramento/Central Valley/Central Coast/Eastern Sierra/Central Coast/Eastern Sierra Region
- [Hilda Sousa](#), Southern California Region
- [Jennifer Seeger](#), Program Manager

For more information please visit the [HRP Program webpage](#).

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The topic of this year's symposium is Local Government in a Brave New World: Law Enforcement, Code Enforcement, and Public Agency Liability. Public agencies have recently faced many new and challenging issues. Presenters will discuss issues from developing technology, including regulating businesses in the new "sharing economy" and balancing new technology with privacy concerns, particularly in the context of law enforcement. Additional issues include how public agencies have arisen from emerging jurisprudence in the areas of the Second Amendment and police and municipal liability.

The symposium will take place at Chapman University School of Law. The law school is approximately 11 miles from John Wayne Airport in Orange County, just one block from the lively Old Towne dining and shopping district in the city of Orange, and just minutes from Disneyland.

Make travel and hotel arrangements early and register soon, as a limited number of seats are available for this conference. Register [online](#).

Chapman University School of Law has preferred rates at two hotels:

The Double Tree-Anaheim
100 The City Drive
Orange, CA 92868
(714) 634-4500
\$139 per night plus tax
Book reservations [online](#) for Chapman preferred rates.

The Ayres Inn Orange
3737 West Chapman
Orange, CA 92868
(714) 978-9168
\$105 per night plus tax

This symposium is approved for five and a half hours of MCLE credits.

The 2015 Planning Commissioners Academy Is Almost Here

This year's Planning Commissioners' Academy will be held from Wednesday, March 4 to Friday, March 6 at the Fairmont Newport Beach. The conference covers everything from Trimming the Fat: Streamlining Government Policies and Operations to Sex, Lies and Social Media: A Survival Guide for Public Officials.

The closing general session will feature Chuck Marohn, Strong Towns president and co-founder.

Here's a summary of what you can expect at the closing general session, Curbside Chat:

- Many local government decisions are dominated by a desire to experience growth and create jobs, but what if these short term objectives are undermining the long term financial health of our cities? Local leaders who focus on placemaking, right-sizing public infrastructure and resilient municipal growth strategies will create cities and towns that are economically stable as well as environmentally responsible. Discover how the way we currently build and finance cities provides a short term "illusion of wealth" but creates enormous long term liabilities. Learn how your government can make high-return investments and update methods for evaluating the financial viability of a building or transportation project.

Register [online](#) and select Planning Commissioners Academy. Registration must be received by Tuesday, Feb. 3. After this date all registration must be completed on site.

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What Can You Expect At 2015 Public Works Officers Institute?

The holidays have come and gone and now it's time to start looking forward to registering for the 2015 Public Works Officers Institute (PWOI). This year's PWOI will be held from Wednesday, March 25 to Friday, March 27 at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach.

The conference covers everything from Sustainable Pavement Preservation Strategies to Using Tire-Derived Products in Public Works Projects and Storm Water Funding Strategies and will even feature an exclusive mini-expo.

The closing general session will showcase speaker Laura Faye Tenenbaum. Here's a sneak peek of what you can expect at the closing general session:

- Climate change is a phenomenon that, at times, can be a hot button issue. Attend this closing general session to take a look at climate change through the eyes of a NASA scientist. Laura Faye Tenenbaum from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena will offer some new insight into the current state of the climate and provide some thought provoking ideas that you may be able to implement in your agency.

Register [online](#) by selecting the Public Works Officers Institute. Registration must be received by Friday, Feb. 27. After this date all registration must be completed on site.

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