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Deadline Reminder: Submit Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards Program Nominations by Friday, Jan. 30

The deadline for cities and counties to submit a nomination for the 2015 Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards is fast approaching. *For more, see Page 2.*



Webinar Announcement: The Rise of Vacation/Short-Term Residential Rentals and What Cities Are Doing About It

The League of California Cities invites city officials to attend an informational webinar presentation on the emerging issue of vacation or short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 10-11:30 a.m. *For more, see Page 2.*



UC Davis Civic Engagement Project Examines Youth Impact on Electoral Landscape of California

In a new research brief, [California's New Political Realities: The Impact of the Youth Vote on Our Electoral Landscape](#), the UC Davis California Civic Engagement Project examines youth electoral participation in the November 2014 general election and explores the impact of the youth vote on the current and future electoral landscape of California. *For more, see Page 3.*

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Sponsored by the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and County Engineers Association of California (CEAC), the Awards Program recognizes and raises awareness of the exceptional achievements made by California's cities and counties to preserve and protect the public's investment in the local streets and roads system.

Nearly every trip — whether by car, bus, bike or foot — begins and ends on a local street or road. The local system is critical for the safety and mobility of the traveling public, emergency responders, law enforcement, the economy, and multimodal needs such as bicycles and buses.

The Awards Program highlights cities and counties that are employing projects, programs, practices, and innovative technologies and materials to achieve safety, preservation, and sustainability goals for the statewide local streets and roads system.

New Awards Categories for 2015

This year, applicants can nominate projects in three specific categories that aid in the comprehensive improvement of the local network:

- Efficient and Sustainable Road and Bridge Preservation, Maintenance and Construction and Reconstruction Projects;
- Complete Streets and Multi-Modal Mobility Projects; and
- Safety or Intelligent Transportation System Projects.

Nominations are due no later than **Friday, Jan. 30** and must be submitted [online](#). Contact [Meghan McKelvey](#) for questions about the program.

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Due to high member interest, the League recently formed a working group on the issue of vacation or short-term residential rentals. The group has held several conference calls to discuss the impacts cities have experienced resulting from the increased popularity of these rentals in residential neighborhoods, and related issues such as the effective collection of city transient occupancy tax.

During the webinar, member cities will hear from Betsy Strauss, League special counsel, regarding the latest legal developments and tools available to cities as they navigate the home-sharing arena, including example ordinances and policy guidelines as well as alternatives for enforcement.

Additional speakers include:

- Michael Barrett, city attorney, Napa
- Christi Hogin, city attorney, Malibu, Lomita and Palos Verdes Estates
- Andrea Visveshwara, assistant city attorney, Petaluma

Participants will also be able to ask questions following the presentation.

This webinar is for League member cities and League Partners only. Please remember there is only one connection per city or partner.

Please register [online](#) for the webinar 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

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

'Youth Voting Brief' Continued from Page 1...

The brief showed voter participation of youth (age 18-24) was dramatically lower in 2014, starting with a nearly non-existent showing in the June 2014 primary, followed by a poor showing in November. Only 8.2 percent of California's eligible youth voted, as compared to 18.5 percent in the 2010 general election. This translated into only 285,000 of 3.5 million eligible youth who cast a ballot.
