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NLC to Host City Leaders During 2015 Congressional City Conference

The National League of Cities (NLC) will hold its annual Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. from March 7-11. During the conference, participants from throughout the nation will engage and meet with U.S. Senate and House of Representatives members and their staff to discuss federal policy issues of paramount importance to cities and local governments. *For more, see Page 2.*



DEADLINE EXTENDED: Mayors and Council Members Department Survey Now Due March 6

The deadline for the League's Mayors and Council Members' Department survey has been extended to Friday, March 6. The department is conducting the brief online survey to assess a range of issues related to city elected officials to help the department best meet the needs of its members. Survey results will guide the department's executive committee's efforts to improve communication, increase participation and plan department-led educational programming. *For more, see Page 2.*



Trial Court Revenue Distribution Trainings Offered in May

For the third consecutive year, the Judicial Council and State Controller's Office (SCO) will partner to provide in-person training on trial court revenue distribution. The Judicial Council's Court-Ordered Debt Task Force established this ongoing training in 2013 for court, county, city, and parking entities that perform revenue collection and distribution activities. *For more, see Page 2.*

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This year, the conference will cover a range of topic areas, including:

- Federal Transportation Authorization Bill
- The Affordable Care Act impacts on cities
- Federal Lobbying Tips
- Homeland Security
- Telecommunications Update
- Immigration Reform
- Innovations in Housing

The League's Executive Committee will be attending the conference along with other members of the League board of directors. The League's Executive Committee comprises League President Stephany Aguilar, League First Vice President L. Dennis Michael, League Second Vice President JoAnne Mounce, League Immediate Past President José Cisneros and League Executive Director Chris McKenzie.

On Tuesday, the League will host a special briefing for U.S. House of Representatives staff on the League's Federal Priorities with a focus on Transportation. As the House will not be in session during the conference, the League encourages all California attendees to attend the briefing and connect with the staff of the representative. Details are below. While RSVPs for this event are not required, the League would like to have a general count in order to appropriately plan.

California attendees registered for the NLC Congressional City Conference are invited to attend the following events hosted by the League of California Cities:

League of California Cities Reception

Monday, March 9

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
2660 Woodley Road, NW
Washington, D.C.

League of California Cities Priorities Briefing for Congressional Staff

Tuesday, March 10

3:00-4:00 p.m.

1416 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Information on the League's 2015 Federal Priorities is available online, and additional materials will be released this Wednesday, March 4. Printed materials will be available for lobbying at the reception Monday night.

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The survey is designed to take five to 10 minutes and all of the information and answers will remain confidential. The League is sending out the request to participate in the survey through several communication channels but only needs each elected city official to complete the survey once.

[The survey is available online.](#)

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In 2015, there will be two in-person trainings:

- Friday, May 8, in San Diego
- Tuesday, May 12, in Sacramento

Specific training and registration information will be provided next month.

Judicial Council and SCO staff are currently developing the curriculum for the May training and are interested in collections and revenue distribution related suggestions you may have regarding topics, issues, or specific subject areas that should be covered.

Past training sessions have addressed:

- Overview of Appendix C Changes;
- Review of the Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedule;
- Revenue Distribution FAQ Updates;
- Audit and Distribution Issues;
- Court-Ordered Debt Task Force Pilot Program; and
- Revenue Distribution Worksheets.

Expect to see updates regarding these topics as part of 2015 training. Conference planners are interested in suggestions for other topics.

Please submit suggested training topics and all other questions to RevenueDistribution@jud.ca.gov.

Additional resources are online.

Judicial Council

- [Revenue Distribution](#)
- [Collections](#)

State Controller's Office

- [Revenue Distribution](#)

Upcoming Webinars Offered on PACE Financing through CSCDA

Register Today for Either March 4 or 25 Webinar

Sponsored by the League of California Cities, the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) established the CSCDA Open PACE Program to offer its members a turn-key PACE solution that provides residential and commercial property owners the choice among prequalified PACE financing providers.

On March 4 and 25 informational webinars will give local agencies more information about this funding opportunity. The webinars will be hosted by CSCDA, AllianceNRG and Renewable Funding (CaliforniaFIRST).

Webinar Details

- Register [here](#) for the March 4, 10 a.m.
- Register [here](#) for the March 25, 10am

Additional Information

CSCDA has provided an Opt-In Resolution, sample staff report and details on how to authorize the program. Information is on the [CSCDA Open PACE webpage](#).

If you have adopted a CaliforniaFIRST Opt-In Resolution already, please note that CSCDA recently expanded its PACE Program to include an additional program administrator in order to increase access and competition, and you should adopt the new form of Opt-In Resolution to include the expanded Program in your jurisdiction.

Questions about the Opt-In Resolution may be presented at the webinar or submitted separately to clanctot@cscda.org.
