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## **League Members to Consider Four Resolutions during Annual Business Meeting on Oct. 2**

*Resolutions and Analysis Now Posted on League Website*

League members have an opportunity to directly weigh in and shape League policy through the annual conference resolution process. This year, voting delegates will take action on four resolutions on a wide range of issues. The annual business meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference's closing general session on Friday, Oct. 2 in San Jose. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **WEBINAR: Employee Relations Webinar Will Discuss Pending Legislation**

The League of California Cities® Personnel and Employee Relations Department is hosting the next installment in its webinar series on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. League staff will discuss bills moving through the legislative process. On Sept. 11, the curtain will come down on the session, so please take advantage of what may well be your final opportunity to ask questions and share your perspective on proposed legislation relevant to human resources professionals. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **State Traffic Amnesty Program Could Help Cities Recover Portion of Unpaid Traffic Ticket Fines**

*Program Begins Oct. 1, Runs 18 Months*

Local agencies could collect additional amounts of unpaid traffic and non-traffic fines under an amnesty program approved recently as part of the state budget. *For more, see Page 2.*

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If your city has not yet designated a voting delegate for this year's Annual Conference, cities should plan to do so prior to attending the conference. Forms should be submitted to League staff Kayla Gibson via fax at (916) 658-8240 or [email](#). Forms can be found on the League [website](#).

League staff has prepared an analysis for each of the four resolutions, which is included in the official [2015 Resolution Packet](#).

Additional information about the League resolution process can be found at [www.cacities.org/resolutions](http://www.cacities.org/resolutions).

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Please [register for this webinar](#) no later than Aug. 21. Cost to participate is free for League members and partners; \$100 for non-members. For registration questions, please contact [Megan Dunn](#).

Questions on personnel-related policy matters can be directed to Legislative Representative [Alicia Lewis](#).

For more information about the Personnel and Employee Relations Department, contact [Meghan McKelvey](#), department and member services manager, or see the [department page](#) on the [League's website](#).

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The Judicial Council is scheduled to consider [proposed guidelines](#) for the statewide [traffic amnesty program](#) passed in the FY 2015-16 state budget act during its meeting Aug. 20-21. These guidelines will give implementation direction for the 18-month program that begins Oct. 1. People with unpaid traffic and non-traffic infraction outstanding tickets will be eligible to pay their fines at significantly reduced rates. Local agencies will recover proportional amounts from funds collected.

The state's prior traffic fine amnesty program was in effect for the first six months of 2012 and generated \$14 million through the resolution of more than 42,000 cases. Participants under that program were required to pay 50 percent of the amount owed.

The new program, which is set to run Oct. 1, 2015-March 31, 2017, is expected to produce significantly higher revenues, upwards of \$150 million, because of the longer timeframe as well as changes in the incentives offered.

The amnesty rate of 50 percent will be standard, however, low-income individuals on public assistance can be eligible to pay only 20 percent to eliminate their traffic and non-traffic infraction debt. Participants will also be able to close out their debt through either a lump sum payment or a series of payments. One additional incentive offered under the new guidelines, allows participants to get their driver's license back upon entering the repayment program (as opposed to upon completion of the payments).

The Judicial Council has produced a [video](#) about the amnesty program. Additional information is on the Judicial Council's website at [www.courts.ca.gov/trafficamnesty.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/trafficamnesty.htm).

Since cities will receive a portion of any amounts collected, those cities with significant outstanding uncollected debt may see benefit in sharing information about the program with their residents.

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