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Registration Deadline Extended Until June 3 for Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum

The League of California Cities® has extended the registration deadline for [two excellent back-to-back opportunities](#) for mayors and council members of all tenures. *For more, see Page 2.*



National Network Releases Guide for Mayors Aimed at Accelerating Gender Equality

[It's Time Network](#) (ITN), a national network of individuals and organizations working to advance gender equality, is calling upon mayors nationwide to prioritize women and girls in their leadership agenda. Mayors committed to taking action now have a first-of-its-kind guide at their fingertips offering immediate access to specific recommendations, resources, models and best-practices nationwide. [The Mayor's Guide: Accelerating Gender Equality — Strengthening Communities by Advancing Women and Girls](#) was released on May 17 at an event in San Francisco's City Hall with leaders of local and national women's organizations and commissions. *For more, see Page 2.*



Helping Small Businesses Become ADA Compliant Webinar *Scheduled for June 2*

The [California Pollution Control Financing Authority \(CPCFA\)](#), chaired by State Treasurer John Chiang, is pleased to introduce [California Capital Access Program \(CalCAP\) Americans with Disabilities \(ADA\) Financing Program \(CalCAP/ADA\)](#). *For more, see Page 3.*

Are you out of training funds in your city's FY 2015-16 budget? The League is making it possible for cities to pay for registration in the new fiscal year. To take advantage of this offer, please email [Megan Dunn](#).

June 22-23, Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum

This conference is designed for elected officials and staff who are interested in cutting-edge approaches to challenges facing cities. Learn about a wide range of topics, including trends in economic development, labor negotiations, city finance, council-manager relations, election year issues, water innovation, and much more. Discover more by viewing the [agenda and full list of educational sessions](#).

June 24, Mayors and Council Members Advanced Leadership Workshops

City officials who are interested in more education should also register for the Advanced Leadership Workshops on June 24. Choose between two informative workshops:

- City Finances — What You Need to Know; or
- Stretching Community Dollars through Local and Regional Leadership.

Both will be held between 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and includes breakfast and lunch. Class size is limited to 110 participants. Review the [announcement and workshop information](#) and decide which workshop best meets your city's needs.

Register early, as space is limited. There is a **separate registration** for both events.

- [MCM Executive Forum Registration](#)
- [MCM Advanced Leadership Workshops Registration](#)

Register for the [MCM Advanced Leadership Workshops](#) on the League website. Register early, as space is limited.

For questions, please contact [Caitlin Cole](#).

Despite vast gains for women in recent decades, significant gender inequality persists across the country. By focusing on gender equality, local governments can ensure that women and girls are fairly treated, represented in their cities, and that their communities thrive. For example, the wage gap extends across professions and hurts the entire economy. From construction workers to doctors, women make only 78 percent of their male counterparts' salary. For African-American and Latina women, the pay gap is even greater: the average African American woman earns only 64 cents and the average Latina only 55 cents compared to white men. It is estimated that improving gender parity will add millions to local economies and add \$12 trillion to the global economy.

ITN also announced the launch of its national Network City Program as another support for local jurisdictions, with San Francisco as its first chapter. The Network City Program will support the implementation of recommendations in the *Mayor's Guide* and the needs of particular cities through a constellation of network cities that employ cross-sector collaboration.

The guide emerged from a roundtable event sponsored by ITN, in partnership with the San Francisco Department on the Status of Women, on the eve of last year's annual U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting. The roundtable engaged mayors, women leaders, and experts across a variety of sectors to highlight successful models and innovations in 11 issue areas affecting women and girls. These included economic security and wage gap equity, ending violence against women, STEM education, and many others.

ITN seeks to fuel this innovation where it matters most in women's lives — at the local level — to drive equality forward with easy, practical access to these pockets of success.

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The CalCAP/ADA Financing Program encourages lenders to provide financing for small businesses to complete retrofits and modifications necessary for ADA compliance. CalCAP/ADA, currently in the program development phase, is offering a webinar to introduce the program and solicit input as CPCFA initiates the rulemaking process.

A webinar is scheduled for June 2 at 10 a.m. Register [online](#) for the webinar.

Please [email](#) CalCAP staff with questions about the program or webinar.
