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League to Host Health Benefits Marketplace ACA Compliance Webinar on Wednesday, Sept. 14

The League conducted a survey following its Aug. 11 Health Benefits Marketplace (HBM) webinar and found that 80 percent of survey respondents indicated that Affordable Care Act (ACA) Compliance is a challenge for their city. Through a partnership with Accord Systems, the League's HBM provides optional ACA compliance and reporting services as a tool available to cities to help mitigate this challenge. Please join the League for a free one-hour webinar on ACA New Reporting Codes for 2016 on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. *For more, see Page 2.*



League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$39.7 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing Apartments in Rancho Mission Viejo

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the [California Statewide Communities Development Authority](#) (CSCDA). *For more, see Page 2.*



Learn about NLC's Federal Advocacy Committees *City Officials Invited to Participate in Sept. 13 informational Webinar*

The National League of Cities (NLC) will be hosting a webinar for local elected officials to learn more about NLC's Federal Advocacy Committees and the application process. The webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. *For more, see Page 3.*

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The ACA New Reporting Codes for 2016 webinar will examine the new 2016 IRS 1095-C reporting requirements and how to manage them on your year-end IRS filings. Ryan Moulder, chief compliance and legal officer for Accord Systems, will provide insight on these new reporting requirements and answer questions that you may have. Participants will also learn about the automated ACA solution provided on the Health Benefits Marketplace by Accord Systems and how it can help your city meet ACA compliance and reporting requirements with ease.

Register [online](#).

About Accord Systems

Accord Systems is a leading provider of ACA services in the marketplace. Located in Alpharetta, Ga., Accord has been at the forefront of ACA since the legislation's implementation. Its award winning ACA application was built around the concepts of ease of use, information at a glance and pro-active data verification services.

Accord Systems offers two ACA solutions to meet the needs and capabilities of the marketplace. The first is full service ACA, which provides tracking and measurement of full-time equivalent employees throughout the year along with year-end 1094/1095 fulfillment and IRS e-filing services. The second service is forms only ACA, which provides year-end 1094/1095 fulfillment and IRS e-filing services.

Watch this [short video](#) for a brief introduction to Accord Systems' services.

About the Health Benefits Marketplace

Through the League of California Cities Health Benefits Marketplace™, (HBM) cities have the ability to redesign their approach to medical insurance for active employees and retirees. HBM is a consumer-driven platform that gives active employees and retirees choices, allowing participants to align coverage with their individual needs.

For additional information on the Health Benefits Marketplace visit www.cacities.org/HBM or contact [Norman Coppinger](#) with the League at (916) 658-8277.

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This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued \$39,700,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for Sendero Bluffs and Esencia Norte Apartments in Rancho Mission Viejo.

About Sendero Bluffs Apartments

Sendero Bluffs Apartments is the new construction of 107 affordable housing units by Western National Group (WNG). The benefits of the project for the Orange County include the following:

- 100 percent of the affordable rental housing units will be rent restricted for low-income senior tenants;
- The project will bring new economic vibrancy to the area; and
- The project consists of 87 one-bedroom units, 19 two-bedroom units, and one manager's unit.

CSCDA and [WNG](#) partnered with Citibank to provide \$17,700,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the project. The financing for the project requires the affordability of units for low-income senior tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

About Esencia Norte Apartments

Esencia Norte Apartments is the new construction of 112 affordable housing units by WNG. The benefits of the project for Orange County include the following:

- 100 percent of the affordable rental housing units will be rent restricted for low-income tenants;
- The project will bring new economic vibrancy to the area; and
- The project features 20 one-bedroom units, 57 two-bedroom units, 34 three-bedroom units, and one manager's unit.

CSCDA and [WNG](#) partnered with Citibank to provide \$22,000,000 in tax-exempt multi-family affordable housing bonds for the project. The financing for the project requires the affordability of units for low-income tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

Background

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties. It was created by cities and counties for cities and counties. More than 500 cities, counties and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently finance locally-approved projects. CSCDA has issued more than \$50 billion in tax exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools and other fundamental services. Visit [CSCDA's website](#) for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.

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Serving on one of NLC's [seven federal advocacy committees](#) is one of the most rewarding ways for you as a local leader to bring your expertise to the service of cities and towns at the national level. By representing your city or town and contributing your voice, you have the opportunity to shape NLC's efforts to proactively drive federal policy on issues that matter the most to cities.

The informational webinar will feature Mayor Pro Tem Sheri Capehart, Arlington, Texas, who serves as chair of NLC's Information Technology and Communications Committee as well as Commissioner Gil Ziffer, Tallahassee, Fla., who serves on NLC's Human Development Committee.

Details

Sept. 13 at 11 a.m.

[Register online.](#)

For questions please contact [Ashley Smith](#).
