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## **Carolyn Coleman Named Executive Director of the League of California Cities®**

The League of California Cities® Board of Directors is pleased to report to its member cities that it has selected a new executive director, Ms. Carolyn Coleman, Esq. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **Registration Deadline Extended to Today for the Oct. 26 Webinar Detailing Results of 2016 Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment**

The results are in and once again the biennial Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment has concluded that California's local system remains on the brink of a rapid, downward spiral if maintenance funding shortfalls are not addressed. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **Deadline Reminder: Submit Proposals Now for the 2017 Mayors & Council Members Executive Forum**

*Deadline to Submit is Oct. 31*

The League of California Cities® is now accepting session proposals for the 2017 Mayors & Council Members Executive Forum taking place June 28–29 in Monterey. *For more, see Page 3.*

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Ms. Coleman currently serves as the director of Federal Advocacy for the National League of Cities (NLC), and has served in that capacity since 2006. She has a law degree from Indiana University and a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Kansas. Before working for NLC, Ms. Coleman served as a deputy mayor for the city of Indianapolis, Ind. and practiced law in the private sector. She will join the League in the middle of December.

Ms. Coleman was selected to replace the League's former executive director, Chris McKenzie, following a national recruitment conducted by a search committee comprising the League's executive officers and other members of its board of directors.

With only four executive directors serving the League since 1934, Ms. Coleman joins an organization with a long history of stability. She also becomes the first woman to serve as a League executive director since the organization's founding in 1898.

League President JoAnne Mounce, council member for the city of Lodi welcomed Ms. Coleman to the California League.

"On behalf of the search committee and League board, I want to welcome Carolyn to California and the League," said President Mounce. "Carolyn is a seasoned executive with strong interpersonal skills and management experience in the public and private sectors. The executive search committee spent long hours and invested tremendous energy into interviewing the candidates and deliberating the options. In the end, I feel the committee's hard work has resulted in the best candidate being chosen for the job. Welcome to California, Carolyn!"

Ms. Coleman conveyed her appreciation and excitement on assuming her new role.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to lead the League of California Cities during an important time for America's cities," said Coleman. "The California League has a great legacy and national reputation for providing excellent advocacy and education services for its members, and I look forward to continuing that tradition. I can't wait to get started meeting with California city officials. I also look forward to continuing the strong partnership between the League of California Cities and the National League of Cities."

Earlier today, the League issued a [joint press release](#) with NLC announcing Ms. Coleman's appointment.

Scheduling requests for Ms. Coleman should be directed to [Mimi Sharpe](#) at (916) 658-8232. Dan Carrigg, the League's deputy executive director/legislative director will serve as acting executive director until Ms. Coleman joins the League in mid-December.

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Cities, counties and transportation officials are invited to a briefing on this crucial research that will be released on Oct 25.

Scheduled for Oct. 26 from 2-3 p.m., [the webinar](#) will cover the report's findings, what they mean for your community, and how you can help get the word out about the funding shortfall. The 2016 update surveyed all of California's 482 cities and 58 counties, capturing data from more than 99 percent of the state's local streets and roads.

This webinar is free for League and California State Association of Counties/County Engineers Association of California members and Partners. There are only 500 lines available so please register for one line per entity.

**Register by Today**

The deadline to register was extended to 5 p.m. today, Oct. 24 and can be completed [online](#). Webinar log-in information and background materials will be sent to attendees by Oct. 25.

For registration questions, please contact [Megan Dunn](#). For all other questions related to the streets and roads report, contact [Meghan McKelvey](#).

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**'Proposal Deadline' Continued from Page 1...**

This two-day conference is for California mayors and council members of all tenures and focuses on current issues and timely topics that will assist officials in their daily roles and operations within their city.

Submit proposals through the [online proposal form](#) by Monday, Oct. 31 to be considered by the Executive Forum Program Planning Committee. There are a limit to the amount of words allowed within the title and description of each proposal. It is recommended that proposals are written in a word-processing program first, then paste the final version into the online form.

Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from any individual, group, business or organization, on any topic are welcome. The committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new or significant information. Sessions may not include sales, commercialism or product promotion of any kind.

If you have any question about this event, please contact [Caitlin Cole](#), conference program manager at (916) 658-8248.

Visit the [Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum](#) webpage for additional information.

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