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Deadline Extended to Monday, Jan. 9 to Submit 2017 Annual Conference Session Proposals

There is still time to submit a session proposal for the League of California Cities® 2017 Annual Conference, which will be held Sept. 13–15 in Sacramento. Jan. 9 is the deadline to submit session proposals. *For more, see Page 2.*



Registration Open for the Planning Commissioners Academy

Do you know someone who might be interested in attending the 2017 Planning Commissioners Academy? [Registration is now open](#) for this event that will be held March 1–3 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott. Don't miss your chance to secure a spot for this premier training opportunity. The deadline to register and reserve a hotel is Tuesday, Feb. 7. *For more, see Page 2.*



U.S. Communities Announces New Contract for Waste and Recycling Solutions

U.S. Communities, the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties sponsored government purchasing alliance, is excited to announce that Rehrig Pacific Company has been awarded a multi-year contract to provide waste carts, recycling carts and related products and services. *For more, see Page 2.*

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City officials have great ideas that make great learning opportunities that can be shared. The League's Annual Conference is organization's conference that brings together elected and appointed officials and staff and stakeholders for three days of educational sessions, workshops and networking.

Proposal Session Submission Instructions

Submissions, non-commercial in nature, from any individual, group, business or organization, on any topic are welcome. The Annual Conference Program Planning Committee will consider the educational value of each proposal and the extent to which it presents new and/or significant information. Sessions should not be product or venter commercialization oriented.

Proposals may be submitted [online](#) only. For questions, please contact [Katie Sacco](#) at (916) 658-8251.

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For professionals of all career levels, this academy offers participants the opportunity to learn about the major planning and land use issues facing California cities. Concurrent sessions will be offered, featuring fundamental basics and nuts & bolts sessions, as well as emerging issues and innovative ideas for more seasoned professionals.

The full conference registration includes:

- Two and a half days of important educational sessions;
- AB1234 Ethics Training;
- Many networking opportunities;
- A keynote presentation by distinguished research professor Donald Shoup on the high cost of free parking;
- Words of wisdom from the curator of cool, Shaheen Sadeghi of LAB Holding, LLC; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

The [announcement](#), [full list of sessions](#), and other useful information can be found on the [Planning Commissioners Academy](#) page of the League website.

Please contact [Megan Dunn](#) for conference and registration question and [Caitlin Cole](#) for any other questions.

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This contract was awarded through a competitive solicitation process conducted by the lead public agency, Miami-Dade County, Florida. The initial contract term is for five years through Sept. 30, 2021, with the option to renew the contract for five additional one year periods. To learn more, register for a [complimentary 30-minute webinar](#).

Through this contract, agencies will have access to durable products at a competitive price. Rehrig Pacific uses a consultative approach to identify how they can best serve your communities, integrate technology to eliminate waste and enhance the customer's experience, and provide simple and easy to implement solutions with a focus on sustainability such as:

- Highly engineered roll-out carts, commercial containers and recycling bins;
- Actionable business intelligence in truck and container assets; and
- On-street services such as assembly and distribution, container maintenance and route auditing.

To learn more about this new contract with Rehrig Pacific join one of the 30-minute webinars. If you are unable to attend one of the webinar dates, [contact U.S. Communities](#) for additional information.

Webinars

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 8 a.m.

Register [online](#).

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 10 a.m.

Register [online](#).

For additional information on Experian or the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance visit www.uscommunities.org or contact [Amanda Cadelago](#) with the League at (916) 658-8226.

About U.S. Communities

The U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, a strategic partner of the League of California Cities, is a government purchasing cooperative that reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. U.S. Communities provides world class procurement resources and solutions to local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education, and nonprofits. State and local governments have access to a broad line of competitively solicited contracts with best in class national suppliers.

ILG Offers Free Public Engagement Training in the Inland Empire

The Institute for Local Government is offering free public engagement training for local government teams in the Inland Empire, Jan. 31–Feb. 31. The training will showcase a new [step-by-step framework](#) to effectively engage residents. While networking with other local cities, counties and special districts, participants will have the opportunity to learn about the public engagement challenges they experience and brainstorm solutions together. The training is designed to provide skills that to help agencies overcome barriers, challenging situations and political roadblocks in public engagement efforts.

To learn more about this training opportunity contact [Madeline Henry](#) or visit ILG's [website](#).

ILG Hosts 2017 Out-of-School Time Nutrition Summits

Out-of-school time presents a unique opportunity for city leaders to lead community-wide collaborations to keep youth healthy and on the right track. Join ILG and the Summer Meal Coalition for a day of learning, networking and sharing ideas about leveraging USDA summer and after school meal programs to build healthy, connected communities when school is out.

Summits will be held in Northern and Southern California and will convene leaders from across disciplines to discuss new opportunities for programming and partnerships, ideas to engage local leaders and youth, tips for effective outreach and ways to address challenges.

These free events are open to all agencies with an interest in supporting low-income youth when school is out.

[Register online](#).

Contact [Patrice Chamberlain](#) for more information.

BBK Offers Three Part Webinar on How to Deal with Dangerous Dwellings in Your City

Series will be held Jan. 19, 26 and Feb. 2

Within the jurisdiction of every municipality are nuisance residential and commercial properties that create serious problems for the surrounding community. These properties often take the form

of hoarder houses, drug houses or unsafe commercial buildings riddled with state and local law violations and a magnet for criminal activity. If left unchecked, these blighted properties become a chronic drain on the time and resources of cities and counties — and can lead to deadly consequences.

In this three-part webinar series presented by Best Best & Krieger LLP attorneys, and featuring the perspectives of city and county staff and court-appointed receivers, municipalities will be presented with proven administrative, criminal and civil tools to rehabilitate these problem properties and return them to productive use.

Mark Easter, a partner with more than 25 years of experience in eminent domain, real estate and receivership litigation, will serve as moderator.

The series is designed for:

- City managers;
- Council members;
- City attorneys;
- Building officials;
- Community development directors;
- Planning directors; and
- Police/fire chiefs.

Webinar Details

Webinar #1: Administrative Remedies, Thursday, Jan. 19, 12–1 p.m.

This segment will address various administrative remedies available to local entities to address public nuisance structures or activities. This includes the administrative citation process and permit and license revocations. The webinar will also cover the cost recovery and cost effectiveness of this approach. Attorneys [Christy Marie Lopez](#) and [Joshua Nelson](#) from BB&K will provide guidance and explore administrative remedies.

Webinar #2: Criminal Prosecution, Thursday, Jan. 26, 12–1 p.m.

This webinar will cover the potential criminal remedies available that can be effective in achieving compliance with various codes. This panel will focus on how criminal penalties can be used as an effective tool, while often being time efficient and cost effective. City prosecutors [Christy Marie Lopez](#) and [Charlene Wynder](#) from BB&K will provide guidance for the appropriate use of the criminal enforcement mechanism by local entities.

Webinar #3: Injunctions, Receiverships and Other Court-Approved Remedies, Thursday, Feb. 2, 12–1 p.m.

This segment will explore the different civil solutions available for combating nuisance commercial and residential properties with insights from a knowledgeable panel including attorneys [Mark Easter](#) and [Samuel Emerson](#) from BB&K, court-appointed receiver Kevin Randolph, San Bernardino County Code Enforcement Chief Andy Wingert and the former city attorney for the city of Riverside and current county counsel for the county of Riverside, Greg Priamos.

[Register](#) online.

For questions about these webinars, please contact [Ashley Fernandez](#).
