



Essential Hour: Your First Planning Commission Meeting

Friday, Aug. 8 • 10:30 a.m.-noon

This event is hosted by the Attorney Development and Succession Committee in conjunction with Cal Cities.

[Registration](#) can be completed here by Thursday, Aug. 7.

You're preparing to staff your first Planning Commission meeting and a controversial project, land use plan, or zoning amendment is on the agenda. How do you prepare, not just for the meeting, but so that your commission is well-informed and can make legally sound decisions that impact the growth and development of your city?

In this Essential Hour Webinar, we will discuss the planning process, important and relevant policy considerations, the role of the planning commission counsel, how to prepare action items, and what to do when you get curveballs during a hearing.

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Presenters:

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Heidi Vonblum, Planning Director, San Diego

[Registration](#) is \$50 for Cal Cities members. Nonmember cities and other government entities will be charged \$150. Registration must be completed by Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025. Registration is limited.

For questions about how to register for the webinar, please contact [Megan Dunn](#). For all other questions, please contact [Janet Leonard](#).

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