2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Wednesday, September 22 - Friday, September 24
SAFE Credit Union Convention Center – Sacramento, CA
CITY ATTORNEYS PROGRAMMING

2020-2021 City Attorneys Department Officers
President: Lynn Tracy Nerland, City Attorney, San Pablo
1st Vice President: Dave Fleishman, City Attorney, Pismo Beach and Solvang, Of Counsel, Richards, Watson & Gershon
2nd Vice President: Eric Danly, City Attorney, Petaluma
Director: Amy Albano, City Attorney, Burbank

Wednesday—September 22

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.                   Registration Open

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.                     Opening General Session (Whole Conference; No City Attorneys Programming)

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.                        Legal Issues: Social Media; Cannabis
Moderator: Lynn Tracy Nerland, City Attorney, San Pablo

Social Media, First Amendment and Government: New Rules of Engagement
Speaker: David Mehretu, Meyers Nave

Overview of Cannabis Regulation Guide
Speakers: Lisa Vidra, City Attorney, Culver City
          Emilio Camacho, Senior Deputy City Attorney, Sacramento

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.                        Grand Opening Expo Hall & Host City Reception

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Thursday—September 23

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Registration Open

8:30 – 9:45 a.m.  City Attorneys Business Meeting and Ad-hoc Emergency Response Committee
Moderator:  Lynn Tracy Nerland, City Attorney, San Pablo

Welcoming Remarks
Speaker:  Susana Alcala Wood, City Attorney, Sacramento

Report from the Ad Hoc Emergency Response Committee
Speaker:  Gregory G. Diaz, Ad Hoc Emergency Response Committee Chair, City Attorney, San Buenaventura

Department Business Meeting
– Bylaws Amendment (Lynn Tracy Nerland)
– Director’s Report (Amy Albano)
– President’s Report (Lynn Tracy Nerland)
– Nominating Committee Report (2nd VP & Director Nominees) (Celia Brewer)
– Election of Department Officers (President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Director) (Lynn Tracy Nerland)

9:45 – 11:45 a.m.  General Session (Whole Conference; No City Attorneys’ Programming)

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.  Attendee Lunch in Expo Hall (Whole Conference; No City Attorneys’ Programming)

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  Policy and Legal Considerations in Serving the Unsheltered
Moderator:  Amy Albano, City Attorney, Burbank

Speakers:  Elizabeth L. Atkins, Deputy City Attorney, San Diego
Bridgette Dean, Director, Office of Community Response
Aaron M. Israel, Deputy City Attorney, Sacramento
Andrea M. Velasquez, Deputy City Attorney, Sacramento

2:30 – 2:40 p.m.  BREAK

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2:40 – 4:10 p.m.  **Legal Issues: Land Use, CEQA and Surplus Land Act**

*Moderator:* Dave Fleishman, City Attorney, Pismo Beach and Solvang, Of Counsel, Richards, Watson & Gershon

- **Land Use and CEQA Litigation Update**
  *Speaker:* William Ihrke, City Attorney, La Quinta, Partner, Rutan & Tucker

- **Impact of Recent Changes to the Surplus Land Act**
  *Speakers:* Erin Lapeyrolerie, Attorney, Goldfarb & Lipman LLP
               Karen Tiedemann, Attorney, Goldfarb & Lipman LLP

4:10 - 4:20 p.m.  BREAK

4:20 – 5:50 p.m.  **Legal Issues: Design Immunity and Tort and Civil Rights Litigation**

*Moderator:* Eric Danly, City Attorney, Petaluma

- **The Basics of Design Immunity: Creating a Paper Trail**
  *Speaker:* Robert Ceccon, Shareholder, Richards, Watson & Gershon

- **Municipal Tort and Civil Rights Litigation Update**
  *Speaker:* Timothy T. Coates, Partner, Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland

7:00 p.m.  **Evening On Your Own**

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Friday—September 24

7:30 – 10:00 a.m.  Registration Open

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.  Legal Issues: Labor and Employment Law  
*Moderator:* Lynn Tracy Nerland, City Attorney, San Pablo

  Labor and Employment Litigation Update  
*Speaker:* Brian P. Walter, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

  Impacts of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts on Employment Litigation  
*Speaker:* Suzanne Solomon, Partner, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

9:30 – 9:40 a.m.  BREAK

9:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.  Legal Issues: Advancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Specialty MCLE)  
*MCLE Specialty Credit – Recognition and Elimination of Bias in the Legal Profession and Society*  
*Moderator:* Eric Danly, City Attorney, Petaluma

  Report on the Cal Cities Advancing Equity Advisory Committee  
*Speaker:* Eric S. Casher, City Attorney, Pinole, Meyers Nave

  Early Lessons on Setting up a DEI Committee  
*Speakers:* Elena Gerli, Partner, Aleshire & Wynder  
Sunny Soltani, Equity Partner, Aleshire & Wynder

  Implementing DEI in your City  
*Speaker:* Jason R. Alcala, City Attorney, Livermore

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11:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.  Legal Issues: Municipal Litigation Update
Moderator: Dave Fleishman, City Attorney, Pismo Beach and Solvang,
            Of Counsel, Richards, Watson & Gershon

45 min.  General Municipal Litigation Update
Speaker: Holly O. Whatley, Assistant City Attorney, South Pasadena, Ojai, Sierra Madre,
         Shareholder, Colantuono Highsmith Whatley, PC

10 min.  Closing Remarks

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  Closing Luncheon with Voting Delegates & General Assembly

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