Wednesday, Dec. 13

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

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Premium Sponsor Tables Open

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Opening Keynote: The Challenger Mindset: Personal Resilience and Mental Strength
Motivational speaker Michael Wigge will share his excellent adventure-challenge background to inspire clerks and staff to embrace a mindset of leaving one’s comfort zone to grow personally and professionally. The fear of the unfamiliar can make us shy away from achieving our goals. Wigge’s motivational talk based on his book, "How to Travel the World for Free," will inspire you to navigate obstacles with strength and resilience.

Welcoming Remarks: Jessica Blair, President, City Clerks Department and Communications Director / City Clerk, Half Moon Bay
Speaker: Michael Wigge, Adventurer, Coach and Keynote Speaker

12:00-1:30 p.m.
Networking Luncheon

1:30-3:00 p.m.
What’s New with the Brown Act?
This session will include a review of Brown Act fundamentals, including public notice and meeting administration. Receive an update on recent legislation related to virtual meetings and public participation along with potential Brown Act changes and trends for the future.
Moderator: Leilani I. Brown, Second Vice President, City Clerks Department and City Clerk, Newport Beach
Speakers: Eric Danly, City Attorney, Petaluma
Tracy M. Noonan, City Attorney, Thousand Oaks
3:00-3:30 p.m.  
Exclusive Premium Sponsor Break

3:30-5:00 p.m.  
When Decorum and Civility Do Not Work, Then What?  
In defining roles, values, and expectations, the elected body and city manager help set the tone and tenor for effective and respectful city operations. If an elected official attempts to violate those expectations (i.e., interfering in elections, personnel decisions, etc.), there may be consequences and impacts for the whole organization. In this session we will review the legal and policy process for such a situation, related sensitivities, and discuss opportunities for solutions.  
**Moderator:** Johnnie Piña, Legislative Representative, League of California Cities  
**Speaker:** Shelline Bennett, Managing Partner Fresno/Sacramento, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

5:00-6:00 p.m.  
Joint Networking Reception with Fire Chiefs  
Make new friends and catch up with old ones while enjoying delicious appetizers and tasty beverages during the evening networking reception. This joint reception is open to attendees from the Fire Chiefs Leadership Seminar and City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar. It’s the perfect opportunity to form support networks inside and outside your profession.

**Thursday, Dec. 14**

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Registration Open

8:00-9:00 a.m.  
Networking Breakfast

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
New Law and Election Update  
**Featuring remarks from California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.**  
It’s that time of year again. In this session, we will share highlights from the previous legislative session and discuss new bills related to open meetings, records, and more. We will also work to identify legislative solutions to future challenges in the profession, especially as it relates to elections.  
**Moderator:** Randi Johl, Department Director, City Clerks Department and Legislative Director/City Clerk, Temecula  
**Speakers:** Michael S. Cohen, Associate, Renne Public Law Group
Dane Hutchings, Managing Director, Renne Public Policy Group
Johnnie Piña, Legislative Representative, League of California Cities

12:00-1:30 p.m.
Networking Luncheon

1:30-3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Core Responsibilities of a Filing Officer
In this session, the FPPC will review the role of the local filing officer under the Political Reform Act, the core responsibilities related to statements of economic interest and campaign disclosure filings, and potential solutions when challenges arise regarding the same.
Speaker: Chloe Hackert, Education & External Affairs Unit Manager, FPPC

Political Reform Act - Beyond the Basics
Learn about conflicts of interest in the decision-making process and how to identify potential challenges and solutions before they arise on the dais. The speaker will also discuss how the Political Reform Act applies to elections beyond filings.
Moderator: Leilani I. Brown, Second Vice President, League of California Cities and City Clerk, Newport Beach
Speaker: Sukhdip Brar, Assistant Chief Counsel, FPPC

3:00-3:30 p.m.
Break

3:30-5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

Elections 101: Congratulations! You’re the Elections Official. Now What? (This session is eligible for CMC points only)
Get ready to dive into the dynamic world of local elections! Learn the basic components of conducting a local election for measures and election of members to your legislative body. Panelists will discuss requirements of the California Elections Code, preparing resources for prospective candidates, communicating with the public, and tips for managing the complex and numerous deadlines pertaining to running a municipal election.
Moderator: Ashton R. Arocho, First Vice President, City Clerks Department and City Clerk, Westminster
Speakers: David Carnahan, City Clerk, Sunnyvale
Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, El Cerrito
Michael MacDonald, City Clerk, Ventura

Elections: Beyond the Basics
Are you ready to take your expertise in election administration to the next level? This session is tailored to experienced city clerks, election officials, and professionals involved in election administration. Join us to learn about political ramifications and pitfalls you might experience during an election and what precautions you can take to prevent them. This session is especially ideal for those looking to enhance their expertise and stay ahead in the field of election management.

**Moderator:** Jessica Blair, President, City Clerks Department and Communications Director / City Clerk, Half Moon Bay  
**Speakers:** Candice Alvarez, City Clerk, Lake Elsinore  
Lisa Pope, City Clerk, Vernon  
Genoveva Rocha, City Clerk, San Bernardino

**Friday, Dec. 15**

**8:00-10:30 a.m.**  
Registration Open

**8:00-9:00 a.m.**  
Networking Breakfast

**9:00-10:00 a.m.**  
**Navigating the Transition: Empowering New Council and Board Members for Effective Governance**  
New council and board members face a steep learning curve when stepping into their newly elected or appointed roles. Often, the skills and experience they bring are vastly different than the knowledge they will need to navigate unique government processes, communicate with fellow officials under new constraints, and interact with the clerk’s office. Hear about best practices, gain knowledge from real-world experiences, and understand the value of being involved in the onboarding process.

**Moderator:** Marc A. Donohue, Past President, City Clerks Department and City Clerk/Communications Director, Eastvale  
**Speakers:** Kerry Bigelow, City Clerk, Chula Vista  
Diana Fuentes, City Clerk, San Diego  
Tony R. Russell, Director, Board Services/Authority Clerk, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority

**10:00-10:30 a.m.**  
Break

**10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**  
**New Laws for District Elections: Santa Monica and FAIR MAPS Act Changes**
Santa Monica’s California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) lawsuit reached the State Supreme Court, potentially impacting the 190 California cities who made the move to by-district elections in 2002, and for those facing future CVRA challenges. In parallel, an expanded FAIR MAPS Act is expected to pass in Sacramento. The expansion will broaden its scope, outreach, and reporting, tighten its criteria, and expand legal liability for redistricting cities. Legal, demographic, and outreach experts will share the details of what all of this means legally, politically, demographically, and financially for California cities.

**Closing Remarks:** Ashton R. Arocho, First Vice President, City Clerks Department and City Clerk, Westminster

**Moderator:** Randi Johl, Department Director, City Clerks Department and Legislative Director/City Clerk, Temecula

**Speakers:** Douglas Mark Johnson, President, National Demographics Corporation
Marguerite Mary Leoni, Partner, Nielsen, Merksamer, Parrinello, Gross & Leoni
Jennifer Nentwig, Principal, Tripepi Smith