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Strengthening California Cities
through Advocacy and Education

Your Cal Cities and How to Use it

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Mayor, El Cerrito

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Lawmakers recognize value of cities



Cal Cities Mission

To expand and protect local control for cities through education and advocacy to enhance the quality of life for all Californians.



Who we are

473

**Member
Cities**

57

**Board
Members**

16

**Regional
Divisions**

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**Municipal
Departments**

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**Diversity
Caucuses**

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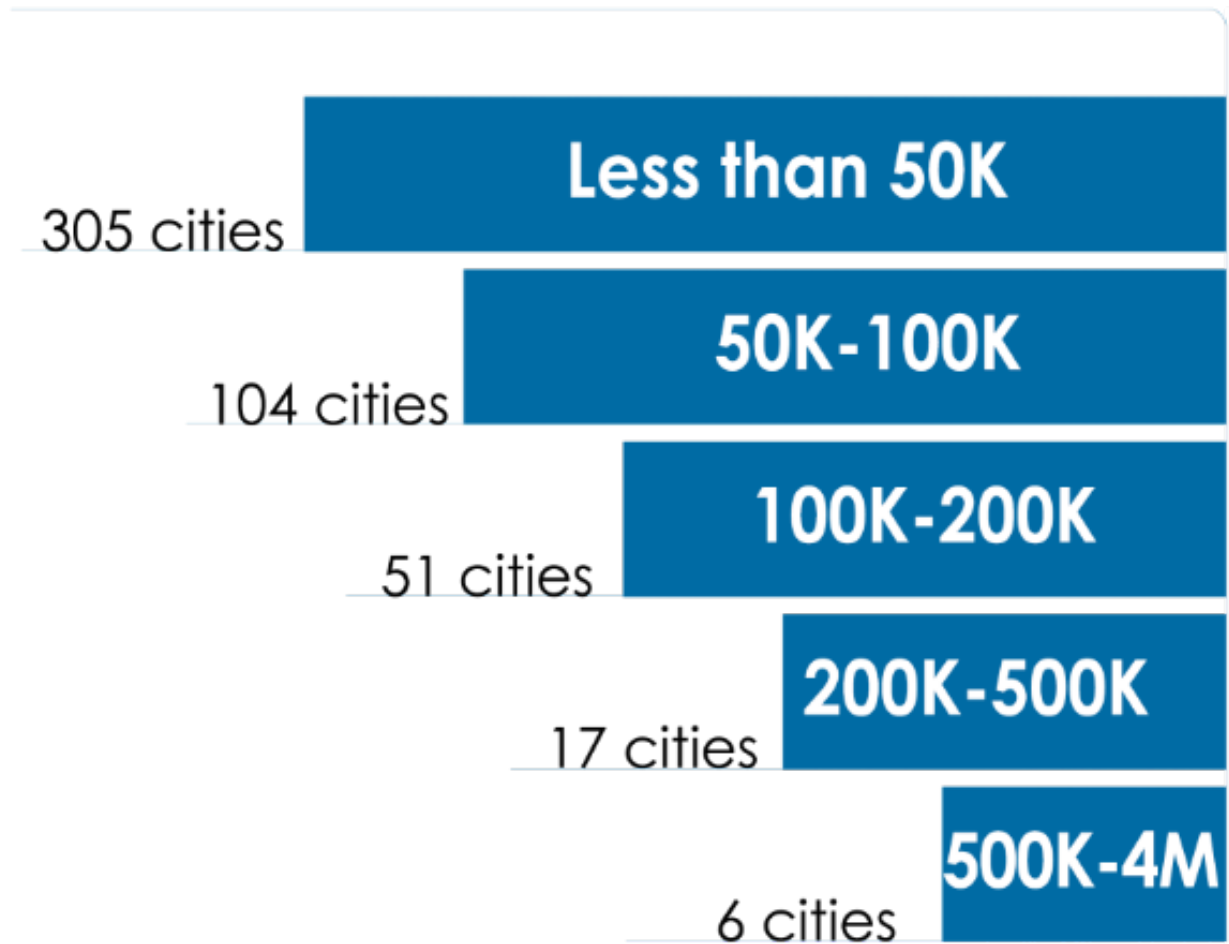


Carolyn Coleman
Executive Director and
CEO, League of
California Cities

Board of Directors



We serve cities of ALL sizes



How we serve you: Advocacy

**In the Supreme Court
of the State of California**
CITY OF OROVILLE,
Petitioner,
vs.
SUPERIOR COURT OF BUTTE COUNTY,
Respondent,
**CALIFORNIA JOINT POWERS RISK
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, et. al.,**
Real Parties in Interest.
Published Decision of the Court of Appeal Third District Court
Case No. C077181 arising from Butte County Superior Court,
No. 152036, The Honorable Sandra L. McLean, Judge

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CALIFORNIA CITIES, CALIFORNIA JOINT POWERS
RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, PUBLIC ENTITY RISK
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, CALIFORNIA SPECIAL
INTEREST GROUPS ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION
OF MAYORS AND CALIFORNIA
CITIES AND COUNTIES RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**



Advocacy: Guiding Principles

- Protect the common interests of cities statewide.
- Protect and promote local decision-making.
- Seek and protect funding to support cities.



2025-26 Advocacy Priorities



1. Protect and enhance local revenues and expand economic development tools.



2. Strengthen partnerships with the state to improve public safety.



3. Secure investments to prevent and reduce homelessness and increase the supply of affordable housing.



4. Strengthen climate change resiliency and disaster preparedness.

How we serve you: Member Services and Education

- Conferences, seminars, roundtables, and academies for city officials to learn about new developments in their field and exchange ideas.
- Webinars on pressing city issues and legislative developments.
- Online communities to share insights, information and ask for help.



How YOU can help us better serve your city!

Attend a Division meeting

Regional Divisions are at the core of our advocacy efforts. City officials — both elected and career — help develop region-specific programs and carry out grassroots activities that support chosen legislative, regulatory, and ballot measure goals.



Get the most from your Municipal Department



Professional departments connect city officials with like-minded colleagues to share ideas and shape Cal Cities' policy and advocacy efforts. Members receive access to tailored, cutting-edge professional development programs, conferences, and seminars.

Explore our Diversity Caucuses

Cal Cities' five diversity caucuses provide city officials with common interests, characteristics, issues, and identity another way to connect with each other.



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**AFRICAN
AMERICAN** Caucus



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**ASIAN PACIFIC
ISLANDER** CAUCUS



LEAGUE OF
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CITIES
LATINO CAUCUS



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CITIES
LGBTQ Caucus



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WOMEN'S Caucus

Join a Policy Committee

- Community Services
- Environmental Quality
- Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations
- Housing, Community, and Economic Development
- Public Safety
- Revenue and Taxation
- Transportation, Communications, and Public Works



Connect with Partners

- The program fosters relationships between cities and businesses, nonprofits, and other organizations.
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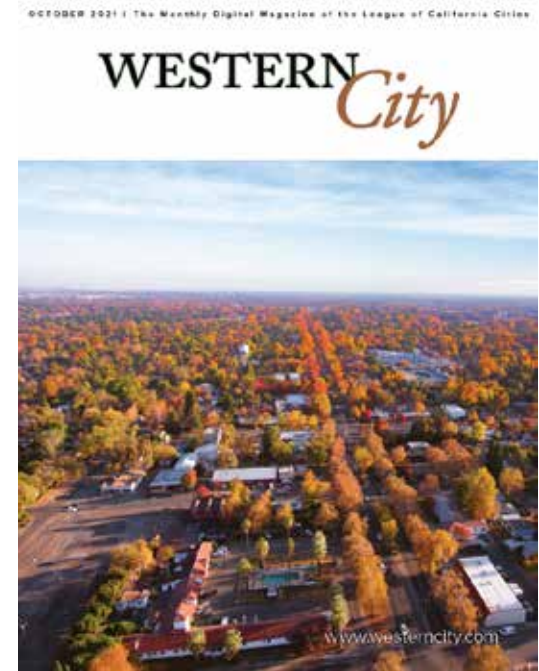
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