Your League and How to Use it

2020 New Mayors and Council Members Academy

League President John F. Dunbar
League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman

Congratulations and Welcome!
Today’s Roadmap

- Who we are
- What we do
- How to get the most from the League

Who we are

Established in 1898, the League of California Cities is a member organization of city officials who work together to enhance their knowledge and combine resources to influence and shape policy that affect cities.

League 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

League Officers

Cindy Silva, Second Vice President  
Council Member, Walnut Creek

Jan Arbuckle, Immediate Past President  
Council Member, Grass Valley

Carolyn Coleman, Executive Director  
League of California Cities

John Dunbar, President  
Mayor, Yountville

Cheryl Viegas Walker, First Vice President  
Council Member, El Centro
League Board of Directors

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- Representatives from the 10 Largest CA Cities
- CA Representatives on NLC Board

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### Inside the League

League Staff in Sacramento & around state

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What we do

Legislative Advocacy

• Advocate on behalf of cities to protect the common interests of cities
• Seek state and federal funding to support cities
• Protect local decision making

Legal Advocacy

• Represent the interest of California cities in federal and state court
• File friend-of-the-court briefs and letters in appellate courts and with state Attorney General for cases affecting city authority
What we do

Education & Training

• Host conferences, seminars, and academies throughout the state
• Host webinars for remote access to training and information
• Provide best practices for leaders to bring back to their cities
• Provide opportunities for peer-to-peer sharing

Membership Engagement Opportunities
Contact your Regional Public Affairs Manager

Sara Sanders
Redwood Empire

Charles Anderson
Sacramento Valley

Nancy Hall
Bennett North Bay

Sam Caygill
East Bay

Seth Miller
Peninsula

Deanna Sessums
Monterey Bay

Stephen Qualls
Central Valley

Rajveer Rakkar
South San Joaquin

David Mullinax
Channel Counties

Jeff Kiernan
Los Angeles County

Kristine Guerrero
Los Angeles County

Jennifer Quan
Los Angeles County

Tony Cardenas
Orange County

Erin Sasse
Riverside County

Laura Morales
Desert Mountain Inland Empire

Catherine Hill
San Diego County Imperial County

Bismarck Obando
Director of Public Affairs

Get connected with League news!

• Explore the Website: www.cacities.org
• Sign up for the weekly newsletters:
  CA Cities Advocate
  • You will receive a complimentary monthly magazine: Western City and online at www.westerncity.com
• Like, follow, and share league news on social media!
  www.facebook.com/leagueofcacities
  Twitter: @CaCities
  Youtube: leagueofcacities
Join a Policy Committee and make a difference

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

Explore the Diversity Caucuses

- African-American Caucus
- Asian-Pacific Islander Caucus
- Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Caucus
- Latino Caucus
- Women’s Caucus
Get the most from your Professional Department

- City Attorneys
- City Clerks
- City Managers
- Fire Chiefs
- Fiscal Officers
- Mayors & Council Members
- Personnel & Employee Relations
- Planning & Community Development
- Police Chiefs
- Public Works

Awards and Recognition

- **Torch Program** recognizes mayors and council members for continuing their education
- **Helen Putnam Award Program** recognizes cities that deliver the highest level of service to residents
- **Local Streets and Roads Awards** recognizes exceptional achievement in protecting the public's investment in the local street and road system.
- **Local Government Beacon Program** honors local government’s efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adopt policies that promote sustainability.
League Partners

The League Partner program:

- Fosters relationships between businesses, nonprofits, and others
- Provides a unique opportunity for dialogue between League Partners and local leaders
- Is mutually beneficial as League Partners are connected to and support local government
- Supports engagement opportunities, events, and other programmatic activities within League Departments and Divisions

The League has more than 150 active League Partner organizations.

League Platinum Partners
Mark your calendars!

- **April 22**: Legislative Action Day, Sacramento
- **June 17-18**: Mayors and Council Members Executive Forum, Monterey
- **Oct. 7-9**: 2020 Annual Conference & Expo, Long Beach

Conclusion (but really just the beginning)

- Congratulations again!
- We are proud to have you as part of the League family.
- This is your League and we are here to help.
Questions?