



# **Cut Through the Complexity: Resources That Make Planning Easier**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026  
2:45pm – 3:05pm**

# NON-PROFIT, NON-PARTISAN AND HERE TO HELP

- The Institute for Local Government is the non-profit training and education affiliate of the League of California Cities
- We were founded in 1955, 70 years ago, and our mission is to serve and support local government
- Our target population is the 2,500+ cities, counties, and special districts in California
- We provide practical and easy-to-use resources so local agencies can effectively implement policies on the ground



# INTER-CONNECTED PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Our mission is to help local government leaders  
**navigate complexity, increase capacity & build trust**  
in their communities.

## PROGRAM AREAS

Leadership &  
Governance

Workforce  
Development & Civics  
Education

Public Engagement

Sustainable & Resilient  
Communities



## SERVICES

Education &  
Training

Technical  
Assistance

Capacity Building

Convening

# PLANNING COMMISSIONER HANDBOOK

- Digital toolkit for planning commissioners
- Updated content on:
  - CEQA
  - Community Engagement
  - Legal Issues
  - Housing Laws
  - Financing & More!



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# ON DEMAND PLANNING COMMISSIONER TRAINING

On Demand Modules:

- Planning Commissioner Training Intro
- Introduction to Planning and Planning Framework
- Your Role as a Planning Commissioner & Public Meetings
- Community Engagement
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Housing Laws and Policies

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# ON DEMAND WEBINARS

## Topics:

- Effective Leadership in Housing and Development
- Rental and Mortgage Assistance, Tenant Protection and Other Tools to Support Residents During the COVID Pandemic
- Strategies to Engage Your Community on Housing Issues
- Equity in Housing: Meeting and Exceeding California's Fair Housing Requirements
- Climate-Resilient Land Use and Housing Policies
- Housing Strategies to Help Address Homelessness
- New Housing Laws, Programs and Funding



**TACKLING CALIFORNIA'S  
HOUSING CRISIS**  
*A FREE WEBINAR SERIES FOR LOCAL GOV'T STAFF & ELECTED OFFICIALS*



**ABOUT THE SERIES**  
California's housing crisis is growing. While local governments do not build housing units, local officials play an integral role in land use and housing decisions that set the stage for housing development.  
This new series from ILG will help city and county leaders better navigate complex housing issues. Experts will tackle timely topics like land use and housing, legal regulations and parameters, and community engagement.

**REGISTRATION  
IS FREE!**

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This series is hosted by the Institute for Local Government with funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development

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# BEACON PROGRAM



The Beacon Program provides a framework for local governments to **share best practices** and be **recognized** for voluntary efforts to take climate action in ways that make sense for their communities.



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# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



**Housing and Public Engagement Toolkit:**  
[www.ILGHousingToolkit.org](http://www.ILGHousingToolkit.org)



**Housing Planning Hub Site**  
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/b52bcd2cd9734f02b1c0502bbbe5028d/>



**Statewide Housing Plan**  
<https://statewide-housing-plan-cahcd.hub.arcgis.com/>



**Housing Element Video**  
<https://hcd.wistia.com/medias/9mr2gli886>



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **California Office of Planning and Research (OPR)**
  - <https://opr.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/guidelines.html>
- **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**
  - <https://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/>
- **Environmental Court Decisions**
  - <https://ceqaportal.org/>
- **California Legislative Information Code Search (laws)**
  - <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>
- **League of California Cities**
  - [www.cacities.org/](http://www.cacities.org/)
  - Planning and Community Development Department [www.cacities.org/Member-Engagement/Professional-Departments/Planning-Community-Development](http://www.cacities.org/Member-Engagement/Professional-Departments/Planning-Community-Development)
- **CalEnviroScreen**
  - <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenvirosc>
- **Housing and Community Development (HCD)**
  - [www.hcd.ca.gov/](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/)
- **State Department of Finance (DOF)**
  - [www.dof.ca.gov/Forecasting/Demographics/](http://www.dof.ca.gov/Forecasting/Demographics/)
- **CEQAnet**
  - <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>

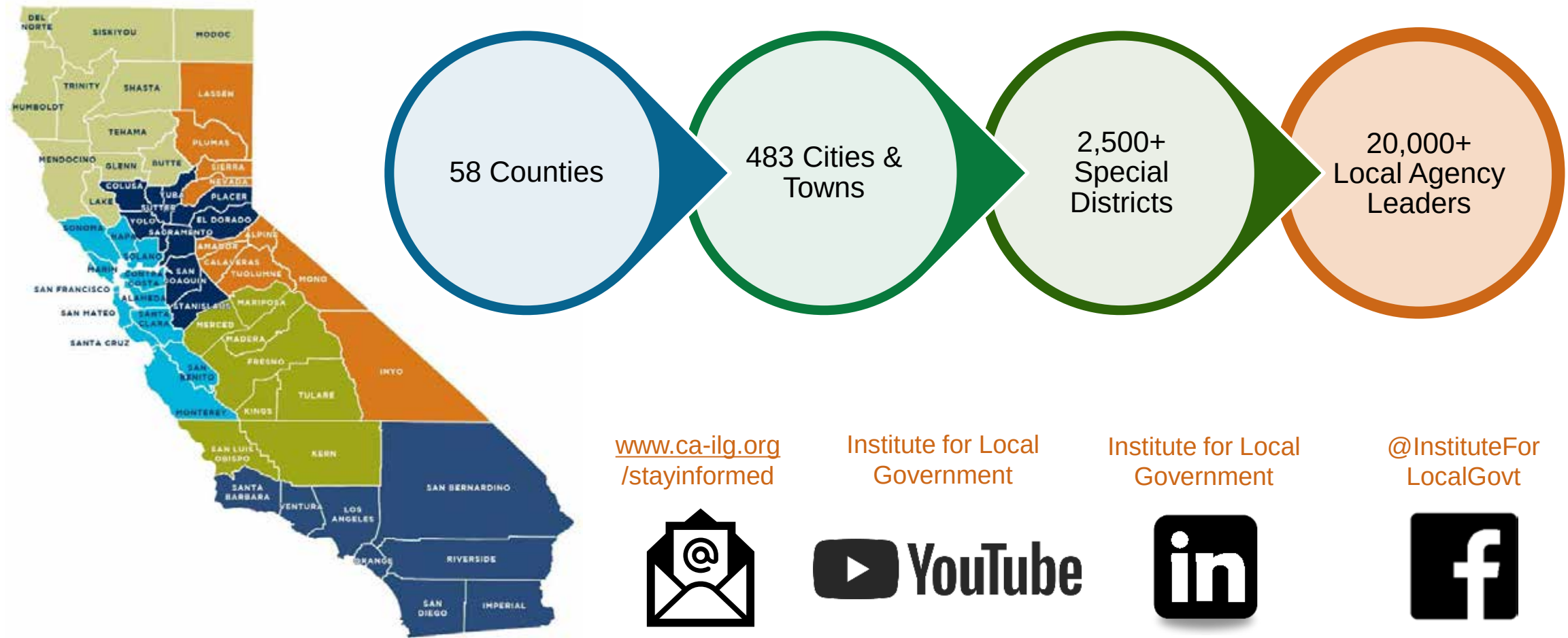
# AUDIENCE Q&A

What questions  
do you have?

What resources do you  
need?



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