2019 Planning Commissioners Academy
Your League and How to Use It
Speaker: Meghan McKelvey

Session Goals

• Introduce you to the League
• Familiarize you with the Planning and Community Development Department
• Describe opportunities and resources to use within the League.
League Mission

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

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League Structure

Members participate in:

- Policy Committees
- Regional Divisions
- Professional Departments
- Diversity Caucuses

League Activities and Communications

- 20+ Conferences
- Webinars
- Regional Meetings
- Newsletters: CA Cities Advocate
- Western City magazine: www.westerncity.com
- Social Media:
  - Like the League on Facebook at www.facebook.com/leagueofcacities
  - Follow the League on Twitter @CaCities
Planning and Community Development

Individuals who are a commissioner, director, manager, or professional staff in the areas of planning and/or community development.

President – Eric Nelson, Planning Commissioner, Dana Point
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Department Director – Luis “Lou” Muñoz, Planning Commissioner, Rancho Cucamonga
Immediate Past President – Omar Dadabhoy, Director of Planning Services, Aliso Viejo
Professional specialists play an essential role in forming policy and programs.

- Fostering professional development and networking
- Serving as an advisory/resource to League Staff/Subject Matter Experts
- Education and Personal Development
- Two-way Communication between League Staff and Professional Departments
Planning and Community Development

Conferences
Monthly Calls
Serve as a technical resource for advocacy efforts
Listservs
Policy Committees
Representation on League and Statewide Committees
And much, much more...
Institute for Local Government

Resources:
• Understanding the Basics of Land Use and Planning - A Guide to Local Planning
• Planning Healthy Neighborhoods
• Information about civic engagement

www.ca-ilg.org/planningbasics

California Civic Leadership Institute (CCLI)

• Educational program for local officials who are looking to run for state office.
• Designed to give local elected officials a broad, in-depth understanding of critical issues facing cities and the state.
Take Aways

• You are the League!
• Get involved!
• Use our resources and give us feedback!

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