



## LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES REPORT OUT

**October 2015**

The 2015 League of California Cities Conference was held in San Jose September 30 – October 2, 2015. Attendees included Mayor Mensinger, Council Member Genis, CEO Hatch, Assistant to the CEO Dan Baker, and Kelly Shelton, Executive Assistant to the CEO.

This year's conference offered a vast array of educational sessions as well as numerous vendor exhibitors. Staff attended the following educational sessions:

- Two General Sessions:
  - If You Build It They Will Come – The Huge Civic Payoff of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Libraries
  - A Workplace in Transition
- Trends and Challenges in Public Records Requests
- Successfully Navigating Conflict of Interest Reporting
- Effective Crisis Communications for City Leaders
- Cap and Trade: What Cities Needs to Know
- The Future of Energy Efficiency in California
- Maximizing Efficiencies in Your Fire Department
- Balancing the Scales: Fire Department Service and Community Expectations
- Government's Crucial Employer Brand
- Economic Development Project Funding in 2015 – "Sustainability" Replaces Redevelopment

Also included as part of the Conference activities, various organizations host receptions for attendees. Costa Mesa staff attended the following:

- League of California Cities Orange County Division
- Townsend Public Affairs
- Jones & Mayer
- Rutan & Tucker, LLP
- Citipac

At the conclusion of the Conference, the League holds its Annual Business Meeting where a voting delegate from each city considers items submitted to the General Assembly and must be concurred by five cities or by city officials from at least five or more cities. This year's items included:

- RESOLUTION RELATING TO LEAGUE BYLAWS AMENDMENTS REGARDING SUCCESSION OF LEAGUE OFFICES TO FILL VACANCIES – League Board of Directors - Approved
- RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CALLING FOR LEGISLATION TO PRESERVE THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENTS FOR GROUP HOMES AND AVOID IMPACTS OF OVERCONCENTRATION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE RECOVERY AND TREATMENT FACILITIES IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS – City of Malibu - Approved

- RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES SUPPORTING SB 593 (MCGUIRE) AND CONTINUED LOCAL FLEXIBILITY FOR CITIES AS THEY ADDRESS NEIGHBORHOOD AND FISCAL IMPACTS OF TEMPORARY RENTALS OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS – City of West Hollywood – Approved
- RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO WORK WITH THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES TO ENACT LEGISLATION OR TO OTHERWISE COMPEL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON TO CREATE A PROGRAM TO AUTOMATICALLY PROVIDE DIRECT COMPENSATION TO ITS CUSTOMERS AFFECTED BY PROLONGED ELECTRICAL POWER OUTAGES UNDER SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES – City of Rancho Palos Verdes – Item Withdrawn

Lastly, exhibit booths visited by City staff included:

- AAA Flag & Banner
- Open Gov
- Siemens
- ANP Lighting
- Capcor Retail Solutions – Waterless Powerwashing Systems
- Chelsea Investment Corporation
- Stealth
- ANP Lighting
- Compliance Connections – Software
- Spohn Ranch Skateparks
- State of California Department of Housing & Community Development
- International Treescapes
- Dekra-Lite Decoration Innovation
- Clean Street Sweeping
- Fitch and Associates Consulting
- Several Booths from City Award Winners

Attendance at this conference was found to be very beneficial with the networking and educational opportunities provided by the League of California Cities and its partners.