



## **THE LEAGUE NEEDS YOU!**

### **Help Set League Policy – Join a League Policy Committee**

**What Are League Policy Committees?** The League's seven policy committees are composed of city officials from around the state. Policy committees help to make League policy by reviewing legislation, suggesting broad new policy guidelines and studying key issues impacting cities. Policy committees were created by the League's Board of Directors to assist it in its policy deliberations.

The eight standing policy committees are:

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

**What Is the Role of League Policy Committees?** Over 400 elected and appointed city officials serve on policy committees, and thus participate directly in establishing League policy. They add their collective expertise, wisdom and opinions to the policy debate that is the foundation of League policy. The recommendations from the policy committee are forwarded to the League's Board of Directors. The time commitment involves three to four meetings, beginning in January and ending at the League's annual conference in the fall. Meeting locations rotate from north to south.

**Want To Become A Policy Committee Member?** It is easy to become a member of a policy committee. First, decide what policy areas interest you, and thus, on which policy committee you wish to serve. Second, ask your Division, Department or Affiliate President to appoint you to that policy committee. Third, if those slots are already filled, you may request the League President to appoint you to a committee. Please be aware that all appointments end at the conclusion of each year's annual conference. *Reappointments are not automatic* and must be requested each year. *(League bylaws provide that each Division has two appointments and each Department has one appointment. The League President may appoint up to 16 members to each policy committee.)*

If you wish to pursue a League Presidential appointment, please write or e-mail the League President with your request. Please include a brief bio or background statement about yourself. And, be sure to indicate the name of the committee on which you wish to serve. League Presidential appointment requests should be sent to the League's office: 1400 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, attention: Meg Desmond. **Do NOT** send them directly to the president. E-mail requests are preferred and should be sent to: [mdesmond@cacities.org](mailto:mdesmond@cacities.org)

**Please Note:** The majority of appointments are made each year between October and mid-December.

**Questions?** If you have questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Meg Desmond: [mdesmond@cacities.org](mailto:mdesmond@cacities.org), (916) 658-8224. Additional information about policy committees is available on the League's Web site.

## **POLICY COMMITTEES (7)**

### *Subject Area Responsibilities*

For more detailed information on each policy committee, please visit our Web site: [www.cacities.org/polcomm](http://www.cacities.org/polcomm). To obtain information about a specific policy committee, click on the down arrow on the dark blue bar and select the committee of your choice.

You may also view the most recent **Summary of Existing Policy and Guiding Principles** by clicking on [www.cacities.org/summary](http://www.cacities.org/summary). This booklet provides complete details for all of the subject areas and is updated every two years.

#### **Community Services**

This committee is concerned with issues related to childcare, parks and recreation, libraries, cultural arts and community and human services programs.

#### **Environmental Quality**

This committee is concerned with all aspects of air and water quality, solid waste and recycling, hazardous materials, coastal issues, noise pollution, and CEQA. In addition, the committee is concerned with the issues related to energy and utilities.

#### **Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations**

This committee reviews state legislation as it relates to transparency, technology (open data), healthcare, elections and political reform. Additionally the committee oversees pension and workers compensation reform as well as other labor related issues.

#### **Housing, Community and Economic Development**

This committee is concerned with building regulations and code enforcement, community and economic development, urban renewal, housing, planning, zoning, incorporation, annexation and redevelopment.

#### **Public Safety**

This committee is concerned with law enforcement, fire and life safety policies including emergency communications, and emergency services including ambulance and disaster preparedness.

#### **Revenue and Taxation**

This committee is concerned with finance administration, taxation reform, revenue needs and revenue sources at the federal, state and local levels.

#### **Transportation, Communication and Public Works**

This committee is concerned with issues of transportation funding, construction, public works, telecommunications, and other related areas.