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LEAGUE SET FOR 107TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER

EDUCATION AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT ATTENDEES

The League of California Cities' 107th Annual Conference opens on Wednesday, October 5, at the Moscone Center West in San Francisco. With the theme of "Stepping It Up," more than 2,300 California mayors, council members and other city officials will attend, sharing ideas about issues important to cities. *For more, see Page 3.*

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INDIAN GAMING FORUM TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER

The League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties (CSAC), California Tribal Business Alliance and the California State Sheriffs' Association are sponsoring "Government to Government Relationships: A Forum on Indian Gaming," – a free symposium on tribal gaming issues in California. *For more, see Page 2.*

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U.S. EPA SPONSORS FREE BROWNFIELDS GRANT TRAINING WORKSHOPS IN OCTOBER

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will sponsor two free training workshops in Southern California next month, to help local government and other eligible quasi-governmental agencies learn how to apply for grants to clean up brownfield contamination. *For more, see Page 2.*

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Visit the League of California Cities website at www.cacities.org/billsearch.

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The forum will be held on Wednesday, October 26, from 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the CSAC Conference Center, located at 1020 11th Street, 2nd Floor, in Sacramento. Panel discussions will cover areas such as tribal sovereignty, tribal governance, Indian gaming facilities, developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between governments, local mitigation, and negotiation guidelines.

Public safety issues such as enforcement and prosecution practice will also be discussed in an informational setting. A roundtable discussion on opportunities beyond Indian gaming for tribes, counties, and cities will conclude the event. Pastries, coffee, and lunch will also be provided.

To register, please fax the attached registration form to the attention of Katrina Thompson of CSAC, at (916) 321-5048, no later than October 7. Please include your name, title, and contact information in the registration. You can also e-mail the form to Katrina at kthompson@counties.org. A digital copy of the registration form is available on the League's website at www.cacities.org.

The workshops will include a discussion of eligibility criteria for applicants and sites, application formatting, scoring criteria, and important points of emphasis.

The workshops will be held October 24 in Los Angeles, and October 26 in San Diego, at the following times and locations:

Monday, October 24

1:30 pm - 3:30 p.m.
USEPA Southern California Field Office
600 Wilshire Boulevard at Grand, Suite 1460
Mike Schulz Conference Room
Los Angeles, CA
(213) 244-1800

Wednesday, October 26

10:00 am - 12:00 pm
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
Regional Board Meeting Room
San Diego, CA
(858) 467-2952

For more information, contact U.S. EPA Southern California Brownfields Coordinator Noemi Emeric at (213) 244-1821. Emeric can also be reached via e-mail at emeric.noemi@epa.gov.

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Conference sessions will address housing and infrastructure, telecommunications, city financing, effective management, leadership and government, and much more! Featured speakers will include National League of Cities President and Washington D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams; public health specialist Dr. Richard Jackson of U.C. Berkeley's School of Public Health, speaking on what it takes to create healthy cities; and Dr. Steven D. Levitt, an economist with the University of Chicago and author of the bestselling book, "Freakonomics."

YOUTH TRACK FOCUSED ON FUTURE CITY LEADERS

One of the many interesting tracks will cater to the future leaders of cities – high school students. Several sessions will introduce high school students to the issues city officials encounter on a daily basis.

If your city is interested in including a youth delegation with your city officials attending the conference, please visit the League website at www.cacities.org/ac for more information on the youth program.

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES HELP EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Not all the learning takes place in conference sessions. The conference will offer many opportunities for attendees to share information and ideas with officials from other cities, as well as exhibitors and League sponsors. Networking opportunities include:

- Host City Welcoming Reception, Wednesday, October 5, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Moscone Center West, 3rd Level Lobby
- Exhibitors & League Partners Reception, Thursday, October 6, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Moscone Center West, Exposition Hall, First Floor
- Asian Pacific Islander Reception/Karaoke, Thursday, October 6, 9 p.m. to midnight,

- Renaissance Parc 55 Hotel, Barcelona Ballroom
- African-American Caucus Lunch, Friday, October 7, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Renaissance Parc 55 Hotel, Barcelona Ballroom
- Latino Caucus 15th Annual Gala Award Reception, Friday, October 7, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- The very popular "Death by Chocolate" event, featuring a chocolate fountain and "everything chocolate" sponsored by several League partners. The event starts at 9:30 p.m., Friday, October 7, at the Parc 55 Renaissance Hotel. Buses will be available to shuttle conference attendees between conference hotels and the Parc 55 Renaissance Hotel.

Registration for the Annual Conference is still available through the League's website at www.cacities.org/ac.

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