



INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Promoting Good Government at the Local Level

News from the Institute for Local Government

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A Message From ILG's Executive Director

Greetings from ILG!

I've just completed my first 30 days as the Institute's new executive director and I'm excited for what the future holds.

Since I began my new role in late January, I've enjoyed meeting with our local government partners across the state and learning about some of the pressing issues facing their communities. I've heard about the incredible partnerships that have formed between ILG and California's many cities, counties and special districts – and the positive impact those partnerships have made on so many people in our state.

ILG has a 65-year history of working successfully with California's local governments on a wide range of important initiatives. With the help of partners like you, we've built flagship programs around sustainability, public engagement, ethics and governance.

Because of you, the ILG legacy is strong and proud.

But in order to bring even greater value to those we serve, I know that ILG must continually evaluate its programs to ensure that we're providing you the right kind of support and training to address your evolving needs.

I am honored to join the ILG team and I'm committed to ensuring that the Institute is always looking for new ways to help local governments tackle the myriad of current and emerging issues. Not only are we ready to help you navigate some of the challenges you might be facing *today*, we're also ready to help you capitalize on new opportunities for *tomorrow*.

ILG has some exciting new initiatives on the horizon connected to housing, climate action, homelessness and disaster preparedness that will build on our current flagship programs. We're ready to leverage those opportunities to help you build capacity, get technical assistance, secure funding and tell your unique stories of local government success.

This year, ILG will help local leaders take meaningful action and we'll encourage the kind of collaboration that moves the needle toward addressing critical issues facing our local governments. ILG will be looking to each of you for examples of the great work that's already been done so we can build on that foundation for years to come.

I'm excited to learn more about your communities. Together with our partners, we plan to do even more to promote good government at the local level.

Erica L. Manuel
Executive Director
Institute for Local Government



Don't Miss the Next TIERS Public Engagement Training

Are you getting the results you want from your public engagement efforts? Enroll in ILG's TIERS Public Engagement Learning Lab and



learn a step-by-step framework to successfully plan and implement your next public engagement effort. This interactive training program can help you operationalize your community outreach efforts in a more sustainable way, while providing private, hands-on consulting to address your agency's unique priorities – ranging from planning and climate change to budgeting and public safety.

The next TIERS Public Engagement Learning Lab is **Thursday and Friday, April 25-26 in Danville.**

For more information or to register, contact Hanna Stelmakhovych at publicengagement@ca-ilg.org or call (916) 658-8221.

[Find the complete framework and information about future training opportunities here.](#)

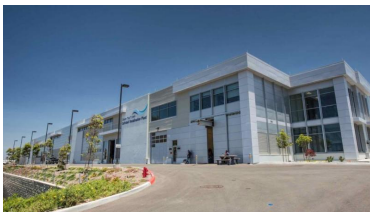
CSAC Shares Best Practices and Innovative Programs

Is your county trying to navigate housing, criminal justice reform, transportation, health and human services and other critical and emerging issues? Subscribe to the [California State Association of Counties'](#) YouTube channel to stay up to date on a wide range of issues impacting counties and learn about innovative policies and programs from across the state.

[Access the videos and subscribe here.](#)



Is Desalination and Option for California's Water Supply?



California's water supply presents a long-standing challenge. For decades, cities, counties and regions throughout the state have grappled with issues related to water rights and usage priorities. As the state's population continues to grow, so does the intensity of the debate. As a result of California's outdated water infrastructure and persistent droughts, some elected leaders are shifting the focus to investing in seawater desalination to help address the state's water crisis. While less than half a dozen desalination plants currently exist

in the state, the idea is gaining momentum and greater support at the state level.

[Find out more about Carlsbad's and Santa Barbara's efforts here.](#)

Helping Your Agency Engage the Next Generation of Leaders and Employees

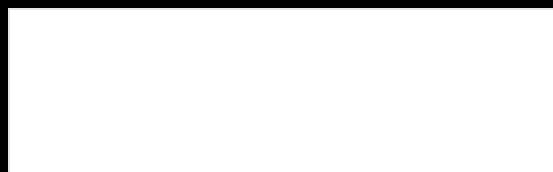
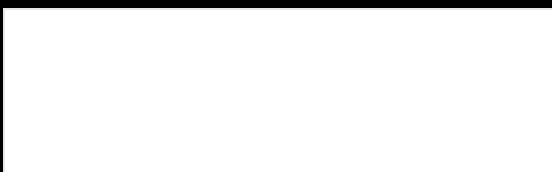
Workforce pipeline is an issue for local governments. That's why ILG is partnering with the Sacramento County Office of Education and the Sacramento Employment & Training Agency to teach students about the functions of local government and the variety of careers available in cities, counties and special districts.

If your agency is interested in engaging youth in your community - through internships, job shadows, facility tours, etc. - visit our [Governments Engaging Youth Toolkit](#) to find out how to start or scale a program in your community.



Contact ILG's Randi Kay Stephens at rstephens@ca-ilg.org for more information.

News from Our Partners





2019 SEEC Forum - Call for Proposals

The call for session proposals for the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative Forum is now open! If your agency has innovative projects or strategies to share, submit a proposal by April 2. The Forum will take place June 26-27 in Long Beach.

[Read more](http://californiaseec.org)
californiaseec.org



2 Day Fair Labor Standards Act Academy

ILG Partner Liebert Cassidy Whitmore will host a FLSA Academy on March 5-6 in Alhambra. Public agencies will get an in depth training on one of the most fundamental employment areas - dealing with wages and hours.

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