

## News from the Institute for Local Government

# November 2019

### A Message From ILG's Executive Director

Greetings from ILG!

'Tis the season for gratitude so this issue of the ILG newsletter will focus on some of the projects and partners that we're particularly grateful for this year.

ILG is a relatively small non-profit with a relatively ambitious mission: to empower local governments and help them navigate complex issues, increase their capacity, and build trust in their communities. We could not do this in any meaningful way without the continued support of our [Board of Directors](#) and our three affiliate organizations: [the League of California Cities](#), the [California State Association of Counties](#) and the [California Special Districts Association](#). Together, these three associations represent more than 3,000 local agencies and they sit at the forefront of many critical issues impacting California local government.



It is our privilege to work hand-in-hand with our three affiliates and our board of directors in pursuit of a California where all communities are thriving and resilient.

But we are not alone in this effort. ILG is blessed to have dozens of other partners supporting our work in the key areas of Leadership & Governance, Public Engagement, Civics Education & Workforce, and Sustainability. In this issue, we'll recognize some of those important collaborations.

We appreciate the opportunity to help you -- local agency leaders -- get the tools and information you need to build capacity, secure funding, and continue to make a lasting, positive impact.

I want to send a special thank you to City of Malibu City Manager, Reva Feldman and Butte County Administrative Officer, Shari McCracken for sharing their experience in disaster recovery at this month's Emergency Management Summit in partnership with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the communities that have experienced a tragedy this year. We are incredibly thankful to all of the local government staff, elected officials, community based organizations and state partners that have helped Californians through tough times and look forward to fostering partnerships that help California communities continue to thrive.

With gratitude from everyone at the Institute for Local Government,

Erica L. Manuel  
CEO & Executive Director

### Preparing the Workforce of the Future



Have you considered a career in the public sector? That's the question more than 350 high school students were asked at a series of "Youth in Government" Day events held around Northern California in November. Ten local and state agencies hosted students at events that showcased the wide range of careers in the public sector. ILG is grateful to the [AT&T Foundation](#) for their generous sponsorship of the events, which were coordinated as part

of ILG's work to administer the Innovative Pathways to Public Service Collaborative. Events were hosted by:

- Yolo County
- Placer County
- SMUD
- UC Davis Health/ARC/ H.S. Students
- City of Sacramento
- California Air Resources Board
- City of Elk Grove
- City of Roseville
- American River College Career Center
- El Dorado County Office of Education

[Here's a video of one student's experience in the City of Roseville.](#)

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## Help with Housing – Deadline extended for SB2 Planning Grants

As California's housing crisis continues, local government leaders are finding it more important than ever to engage their residents in meaningful dialogue about housing solutions that are tailored for their individual communities. ILG is grateful for our partnership with the [California Department of Housing and Community Development Department \(HCD\)](#), the [Governor's Office of Planning and Research \(OPR\)](#) and [Placeworks](#) to provide training and technical assistance to local agencies on this issue.



In addition to the recently released Housing and Public Engagement Toolkit [www.ILGHousingToolkit.org](http://www.ILGHousingToolkit.org), ILG has partnered with these organizations to promote the SB2 planning grants. HCD just announced that the deadline for submitting an SB2 planning grant application has been extended to Friday, December 20. More information [can be found here](#).

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## Working Together for Cleaner Air and Stronger Communities



This year, ILG has worked closely with the [San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District \(SJVAPCD\)](#) in the cities of Shafter and Fresno to help achieve the goals of AB 617, which will advance ongoing state and District efforts to reduce regional and community exposure to air pollutants. ILG is facilitating the community-led process and recently both Steering Committees hit a major milestone by adopting their Community Emissions Reduction Program plans. We are grateful to the Air District, the community stakeholders and CARB for partnering with ILG and we congratulate them on their important work and ongoing collaboration on this

issue. As Shafter and Fresno move into a multi-year implementation phase, additional AB 617 communities will be announced in December.

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## Foundational Training for Exceptional Leaders

California's local governments face a myriad of challenges from housing and homelessness, to climate change, to budget shortfalls to aging infrastructure. Elected leaders and staff cannot effectively address these challenges without a strong foundation of good government - trust, accountability, responsiveness and transparency. Each year, ILG hosts dozens of trainings and publishes numerous written resources to help local government leaders build that foundation, develop leadership skills and increase public trust. Our [law firm partners](#) are instrumental in this effort and we're grateful for their expert counsel in this area. Our next training is will be in conjunction with the [League of California Cities New Mayors and Council Members Academy](#) in January.



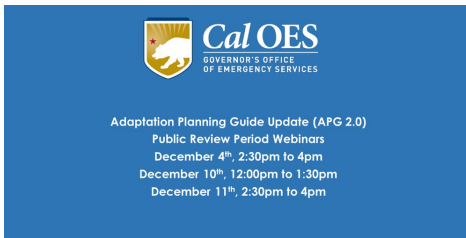
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**Thank You to Our Year Round Partners!**



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## News from Our Partners



### Webinars: OES Climate Adaptation Planning

Cal OES is updating its Adaptation Planning Guide (APG 2.0), a tool to support community-level climate adaptation planning & implementation. Three webinars are scheduled for 12/4, 12/10 and 12/11.

[Read more](#)  
www.eventbrite.com



### Register Now! League City Clerks New Law & Elections Seminar

Learn about new laws affecting elections, and many facets of the city clerk's roles such as the Fair Political Practices Commission, the Brown Act and the Public Records Act at the City Clerks New Law & Elections Seminar 12/11-12/13 in Orange County.

[Read more](#)  
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### Register Now! League Fire Chiefs Leadership Seminar

Fire chiefs, chief officers and union leadership are encouraged to register for this leadership seminar being held 12/11-12/13 in Orange County

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### Register Now! League Municipal Finance Institute

This conference is designed for finance officers, city treasurers, city managers and others who assist these professionals in their stewardship of public resources. This Institute for finance officers will take place 12/11-12/12 in Orange County.

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