



Resource List of Citizen and Leadership Academies in California

The Institute of Local Government has compiled this list of citizen and leadership academies as a service for interested local officials and others. Please let us know if information here is out of date or if there is a source we should add. Contact Carmen Pereira, Program Assistant, at cpereira@ca-ilg.org.

Academies organized by local governments may seek to inform residents broadly about their respective local agencies, or focus more narrowly such as on police or sheriff services or criminal justice. Leadership forums sponsored by business or nonprofit organizations may focus more broadly on community leadership development.

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Citizen Academies

Citizen academies (they of course go by different names) are designed to inform and educate city and county residents about the various departments and services of local government, and often encourage their participation. Note that some cities and counties partner with local organizations to provide leadership development. See Other Leadership Programs below.

Course topics may range from budgeting to economic development; from parks and recreation to planning; and from law enforcement and fire services to the role of the city clerk or county attorney. Each academy is typically designed to increase the citizen's ability to understand and participate in their local government.

City Citizen Academies:

- [Beverly Hills](#)
[Team Beverly Hills](#)
Gisele Grable, Community & Cultural Services Administrator
(310) 285-1023
- [Clovis](#)
[Citizen's Academy](#)
Robert Woolley, City Manager's Office
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- [Fresno](#)
[Fresno Citizens Academy](#)
Ashley Swearengin, Mayor
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- [San Bernardino](#)
[San Bernardino's Citizen's Academy](#)
Andrea Travis-Miller, Assistant City Manager
(909) 384-5122
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- [San Luis Obispo](#)
The Making of a City
Michael Codron, Assistant City Manager
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- [San Mateo](#)
[City Services Academy](#)
Laurie Strange, City Manager's Office
(650) 522-7000
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- [Santa Clara](#)
[Leadership Santa Clara](#)
Scott Summerfield, Leadership Santa Clara Program Coordinator
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City Manager Office, (408) 615-2213
SMMRFLD@aol.com
- [Town of Los Gatos & Los Gatos Chamber of Commerce](#)
[Leadership Los Gatos](#)
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(408) 354-9300
chamber@losgatoschamber.com
- [Walnut Creek](#)
[Citizens Institute](#)
Gayle Vassar, Communications & Outreach Manager
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County Citizen Academies-

- [Alameda County Leadership Academy](#) (Adult)
Laura Lloyd-Jenkins, Administrative Analyst
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Laura.Lloyd-Jenkins@acgov.org
- [Alameda County Youth Leadership Academy](#)
Susan S. Muranishi, Alameda County Administrator
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Police, Sheriff, and Criminal Justice Citizen Academies

Police, sheriff and criminal justice academies are designed largely to familiarize citizens with local law enforcement and criminal justice agency responsibilities and procedures, as well as to foster better community relationships.

City Citizen Police Academies:

- [Anaheim](#)
Public Awareness Through Citizen Education (PACE)
Connie Najmulski
(714) 765-1918
- [Atascadero](#)
[Citizens Police Academy](#)
(805) 461-5000
- [Buena Park](#)
[Community Police Academy](#)
BPPD Community Relations Unit
(714) 562-3993; gworral@bppd.com
- [Burbank](#)
[Community & Youth Academy](#)
COPS Bureau
(818) 238-3235
- [Camarillo](#)
Citizens Police Academy
Sr. Deputy Robert McLean
(805) 388-5130
- [Chico](#)
[Citizens Academy](#)
(530) 897-4940
- [Chino](#)
[Citizens Academy](#)
Leah Green
(909) 464-0783
lgreen@chinopd.org
- [Clayton](#)
[The Citizen Academy](#)
Jim O'Brien, Community Services Officer
(314) 290-8424
- [Covina](#)
Citizens Police Academy
Candace Bobkiewicz, Community Services Specialist
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- [Claremont](#)
[Citizens Police Academy](#)
Sgt. Karlan Bennett
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- [Cypress](#)
Citizen Police Academy
Jeff Wong, Community Services Unit
(714) 229-6626
- [Davis](#)
[Citizen Police Academy](#)
Michele Reynolds
(530) 747-5411

- [Fairfield](#)
[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
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[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
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[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
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- [Fremont](#)
Citizens Police Academy
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- [Fresno](#)
Citizens Police Academy
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[Citizens Academy](#)
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- [Hollister](#)
[Citizen Academy](#)
Academy Coordinator
(831) 638-4117
- [Huntington Park](#)
[Citizens Academy](#)
(323) 584-6254
- [Inglewood](#)
[Citizens Police Academy](#)
Community Affairs Liaison
(310) 412-5530
- [Irvine](#)
[Community Police Academy](#)
Katie Brannen
(949) 724-7045
- [La Palma](#)
Korean Citizens Police Academy
(714) 690-3381

- [Laguna Beach](#)
Citizen Police Academy
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- [Laguna Niguel](#)
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[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
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[Youth Police Academy](#)
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- [Los Alamitos](#)
[Citizens Police Academy](#)
Corporal Rick Moore
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- [Manteca](#)
[Citizens Police Academy](#)
Academy Coordinator
(209) 239-8401 ext. 8141
- [Monterey](#)
[Citizens Police Academy](#)
Tish Sammon, Communications Resource Unit
(831) 646-3719
- [Morro Bay](#)
[Citizen Academy](#)
Sgt. Bryan Millard
(805) 772-6225
- [Mountain View](#)
[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
Community Action and Information Unit
(650) 903-6707
- [Newark](#)
Citizens Police Academy
Terri Hernandez
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[Citizens Police Academy](#) & [Teen Academy](#)
Community Relations Office
(949) 644-3662
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[Citizen Police Academy](#)
Neighborhood Services Division
Claudia Albano
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- [Oceanside](#)
Citizens Academy
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- [City of Orange](#)
[Citizen Academy Volunteers](#)
(714) 744-7328
- [Pacific Grove](#)
[Citizens Academy](#)
Lt. Tom Uretsky
(831) 648-3143
- [Palm Springs](#)
[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
Dora Melanson
(760) 323-9109
- [Pasadena](#)
[Citizen Police Academy](#)
Community Services Section
(626) 744-4551
- [Pasadena](#)
[Teen Citizen Police Academy](#)
Community Services Section
(626) 744-4551
- [Paso Robles](#)
[Citizens Police Academy](#)
Christina Hatch
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- [Pleasant Hill](#)
[Citizens Academy](#)
Sgt. Lisa Hugdahl
(925) 288-4644
- [Pleasanton](#)
[Citizens Police Academy](#)
Sgt. Mike Tryphonas
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- [Redondo Beach](#)
[Citizen Police Academy](#)
Officer Ian Miesen
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- [Redwood City](#)
[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
(650) 780-7104

- [Rialto](#)
Community Academy
Joe Cirilo
(909) 820-2594
- [Richmond](#)
Citizens Academy
Capt. Williams or Michelle Milam
(510) 620-6538
- [Riverside](#)
Citizens Police Academy
Police Program Coordinator
Laura Monteleone
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- [Roseville](#)
[Citizen Police Academy](#)
Crime Prevention Coordinator
Rob Baquera
(916) 774-5057
- [Sacramento](#)
[Police Cultural and Community Academy](#)
Stephanie Hofer
(916) 874-7428
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- [San Francisco](#)
[Community Police Academy](#)
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- [San Ramon](#)
[Citizens Police Academy](#)
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Officer Mark Gunning: (925) 973-2737; mgunning@sanramon.ca.gov
- [Santa Clarita](#)
[Community Academy](#)
Crime Prevention Office
(661) 799-5158
- [Santa Maria](#)
[Citizen's Academy](#)
(805) 928-3781 x279
- [Santa Monica](#)
[Citizen Academy](#)
Community Relations Unit
(310) 458-8474
- [Santa Rosa](#)
[Citizen Police Academy](#)
Blanca Benitez, Outreach Specialist
(707) 543-3653

- [Sausalito](#)
[Citizens Academy](#)
Sgt. Stacie Gregory
(415) 289-4100 ext. 696
- [Signal Hill](#)
[Citizens Police Academy](#)
Sgt. R. Cravens
(562) 989-7222 ext. 46
rcravens@cityofsignalhill.org
- [Simi Valley](#)
[Citizens Police Academy](#)
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[Citizens Police Academy](#)
Sgt. Wells
(323) 563-5454
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- [Thousand Oaks](#)
[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
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- [Tustin](#)
[Citizen Police Academy](#)
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- [Vallejo](#)
[Citizen's Police Academy](#)
Corporal Estudillo
(707) 648-4052
- [Yuba City](#)
[Citizen Police Academy](#)
(530) 822-4795

County Sheriff and Criminal Justice Citizen Academies:

- [El Dorado County Sheriff's Citizen Academy](#)
Brian Golmitz
(530) 642-4705
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- [County of Lake Sheriff's Citizen Academy](#)
- [County of Napa Sheriff's Citizen Academy](#)
Lt. Pete Berg
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- [County of Sacramento Criminal Justice Citizen Academy](#)
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Other Leadership Programs

These leadership programs also inform and educate residents though they're not directly related to government. They are often initiated and managed by chambers of commerce or other non-governmental civic organizations.

- [American Leadership Forum – Great Valley](#)
c/o Great Valley Center
201 Needham Street
Modesto, CA 95354
(209) 522-5103
dejeune@greatvalley.org
- [American Leadership Forum – Mountain Valley](#)
1321 Garden Highway, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95833
(916) 920-5669
mail@alf-mvc.org
- [American Leadership Forum – Silicon Valley](#)
1171 Homestead Road, Suite 220
Santa Clara, CA 95050
(408) 554-2000
alfsv@alfsv.org
- [Equal Voice Leadership Academy](#)
[Marin Grassroots Leadership Network](#)
Carolyn Placente, Public Policy Advocate
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Carolyn@maringrassroots.org
- [Los Altos Community Foundation Leadership Program \(LEAD\)](#)
[Los Altos Community Foundation](#)
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- [LEAD San Diego](#)
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- [Leadership 21](#)
[San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments](#)
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- [Leadership Contra Costa \(LCC\)](#)
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Gilroy Chamber of Commerce
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- Leadership Glendale
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Shasta Regional Community Foundation
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- [Leadership Redwood City/Belmont/San Carlos/Redwood City/San Mateo County](#)
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- [Leadership Riverside](#)
Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce
(951) 683-7100
- [Leadership Salinas Valley](#)
Salinas Chamber of Commerce Foundation
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- [Leadership Santa Cruz](#)
Santa Cruz Area Chamber of Commerce
- [Leadership Santa Maria Valley](#)
Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce
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- [Leadership Santa Rosa](#)
Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce
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