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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
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SUBJECT: LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA
CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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INFORMATION

The League of California Cities (LOCC) will hold its annual conference in San Francisco at the Moscone West Convention Center, September 21-23, 2011. The conference begins on Wednesday, September 21, with policy committee meetings and the Opening General Session. We recognize that with the City's budget deficit discretionary spending should be closely scrutinized to determine if expenditures are absolutely necessary. As members of the Council participate on the LOCC Board of Directors and on LOCC policy committees, we are providing this information as a courtesy from the City Manager's Office.

The City of San José has a long history of attending the League's conferences and participating on the organization's Board of Directors and policy committees. As in years' past, the conference provides an excellent opportunity for city officials and staff to participate in programs and workshops that offer professional growth, inform participants about successful and innovative community services, and educate attendees on critical statewide issues affecting cities.

In addition to providing professional growth opportunities, policy development is one of the primary purposes of the annual conference. It provides the cities with an opportunity to focus attention on local control and prepare a positive program to strengthen cities. The League's policy committees will meet Wednesday morning to finalize preliminary legislative recommendations for Thursday's General Resolutions Committee meeting. The resolutions are then forwarded to the General Assembly at the annual business meeting on Friday afternoon where the League's policy direction for 2012 will be voted on.

Following the opening session on Wednesday afternoon, program sessions and special workshops will take place throughout the conference until the Closing General Session on Friday. A conference brochure which describes some of the informative sessions and special events that are planned can be accessed at the Annual Conference section of the League's website at www.cacities.org.

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In addition to the conference's ongoing activities and events, regional divisions of the LOCC will also meet and hold their respective business meeting including the City's Peninsula Division. Details regarding the location and time will be distributed as the date approaches. This meeting is an excellent opportunity to meet with attendees from our neighboring cities and discuss issues of mutual concern and interest.

Please note that the **deadline for advance conference registration is August 30**. Registration information for attending one day of the conference and for registering on-site is also indicated in the program.

Advance registrants unable to attend will receive a refund of paid registration, less a \$75 processing fee, if the League office receives a written request not later than **Wednesday, August 31**. For any additional assistance, please contact me at x 58270. We would appreciate knowing if you are planning on attending and the intended dates of your attendance.



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