



Join us in Orlando for the...

59th
ANNUAL
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South
November 13-15, 2019

TENTATIVE PROGRAM*

We are planning a variety of workshops to help you prepare for the 2020 legislative session. More details will be posted to our website and social media as soon as they are available, so check for updates!

Wednesday, November 13

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Research Symposium

Hosted by the League's Center for Municipal Research

Additional registration required. Contact Liane Giroux at lgiroux@flcities.com.

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Local/Regional League Officers Meeting

For local/regional league presidents, vice presidents and executive directors

Thursday, November 14

7:30 a.m.

Coffee Service

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

First-Time Attendees' Orientation

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Federal Action Strike Team (FAST) Meeting

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Workshop

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Policy Committee Strategy Meeting

Open to all conference attendees.

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Opening Luncheon

*Keynote presentation by **Steve Vancore**, President of VancoreJones Communications*

Steve Vancore is a seasoned communications professional, recognized pollster and sought-after lecturer on Florida's politics and political research. Join us as he applies the League's recent research to help us better communicate about Home Rule and our legislative priorities. We understand

their importance. Vancore will present effective strategies for city officials to convey that message to state lawmakers.

1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Workshop:

**Public Comment at Meetings:
Managing the Unmanageable**

The public has a right to be heard at the meetings of municipal councils. Most members of the public who exercise this right do so with sincere interest in their community and reasonable respect for the process. But there are a few who use periods of public comment not for constructive engagement, but to create conflict and publicity. What can we do when confronted with public comment that seems destructive to the process and offensive to officials, staff and residents alike? Learn the limits and some tactics, then watch as some of our members put them into practice.

Speaker: **Scott C. Paine**, Ph.D., Director, Leadership Development and Education, Florida League of Cities

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Media Training Workshop

4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

FLC Board of Directors Meeting

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Networking Event

Friday, November 15

8:00 a.m.

Coffee Service

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Registration Desk Open

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Census 2020 Workshop

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Advocacy Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

General Session

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Continuing Education in Ethics: Have You Completed Your Hours?

Florida's municipal elected officers are required to take four specific hours of continuing education in ethics per year. If you haven't completed your hours yet, this is your opportunity! The four hours include two hours on the Florida Ethics Law (Chapter 112, Florida Statutes), one hour of public meetings (Chapter 286, Florida Statutes) and one hour of public records (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes). If your hours are completed, this is a good refresher class.

NOTE: This class will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. No pre-registration will be accepted, and the room will be filled in order of arrival.

**Program Subject to Change*

BE PART OF THE LEAGUE'S LEGISLATIVE PROCESS!

The 59th Annual Legislative Conference will be held **November 13-15, 2019**, at the **Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South**. Florida League of Cities President Isaac Salver, council member from the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, will preside over the conference, where he will rally the FLC membership in support of the League's 2020 Legislative Action Agenda.

The second of the League's annual meetings, this important conference sets the stage for the 2020 legislative session, which begins January 14. Over the course of the two-day meeting, city officials will attend workshops and a special legislative policy committee strategy meeting to learn messaging and other tools to be prepared and effective during session.

You are essential to the League's legislative success. Join your municipal colleagues to discuss the latest on the state's top issues and the status of the FLC legislative priorities, and to share ideas on ways to urge legislators to support Home Rule! We look forward to seeing you there!

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee for this conference is **\$250** per person. This fee covers admission to all conference sessions, continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks and Thursday's luncheon and networking event. No official activities are scheduled for guests or spouses.

MAIL REGISTRATION

To register in advance, fill out the enclosed registration form, attach a check for \$250, and mail it to the League office by **Friday, November 1, 2019**. Your name badge and other information can be picked up at the conference registration desk.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Visit the League website, **www.flcities.com**, to access online registration.

If you register online there are two payment options. You can send your registration fees by check to the Florida League of Cities. **(Note: You are not registered until we receive your payment and you will not receive your housing information until your registration is paid.)** Or, you can simply pay online with your Visa, MasterCard or American Express. Registrations

submitted and paid online via credit card will automatically be marked as paid and you will receive your conference confirmation immediately via email. Conference confirmations include your registration information, totals and registration number for your reference. Please check your confirmation carefully to verify that all information is correct. Please inform the League immediately of any errors. **Please note that payments via credit card may only be made online.**

Questions? Contact Meetings Manager Melanie G. Howe, CAE, CMP, with any questions at mhowe@flcities.com or via phone at (850) 222-9684.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The **Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South** (4955 Kyngs Heath Road in Kissimmee) is the location for the 2019 Legislative Conference. The reservation cut-off date is **October 22, 2019**, and the rate is \$149/night, plus \$10 self-parking. Each reservation includes a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast and an evening reception.

To protect our room block for conference registrants, it is our policy

that no one will receive housing instructions **until we have received your PAID registration**. Once your registration is paid, you will be sent housing instructions via email. **Note:** If you register online but choose to mail in your check, you will not receive your housing information until your registration is **paid**. Remember that we are unable to guarantee reservations for anyone, nor the exact date on which the hotel will sell out, **so please register early!**

DIRECTIONS

1-4 Westbound (From Daytona Beach, Downtown Orlando, Colonial Drive)

Take exit #68 and turn left onto S.R. 535 (S. Apopka/Vineland Road). Travel approximately 3.5 miles then turn right onto Kyngs Heath Road. The hotel is on the right and visible from S.R. 535.

I-4 Eastbound (Coming from Tampa, Clearwater)

Take exit #68 and travel south on S.R. 535 (S. Apopka/Vineland Road). Travel approximately 3.5 miles then turn right onto Kyngs Heath Road. The hotel is on the right and visible from S.R. 535.



2019 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Return completed form via mail to Florida League of Cities, P.O. Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1757; or visit the League website, www.flcities.com, to access online registration.

Please type or print information requested.

Fill out a separate form for each registrant.

Name: _____
first middle last

First Name or Nickname: _____
(as you wish it to appear on badge)

Title: _____ Affiliation: _____
(city, county or company)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Office Contact Person: _____

REMINDERS

Registration fee: \$250. Covers admission to all conference sessions, continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks and Thursday's luncheon and networking event.

Make checks payable to the **Florida League of Cities.**

The advance registration deadline is November 1. After that date, please register on-site.

Complete a separate Conference Registration Form for each delegate. Duplicate this form as needed. Full payment must accompany each registration.

Cancellations must be received and confirmed in writing by **5:00 p.m., Friday, November 1** to receive a refund of registration fees. Refunds will not be issued until after the conference. No refunds will be issued for early departure.

Note: An administrative fee of \$25.00 will be deducted from all refunds.

Special Needs: If you are physically challenged and require special services, or if you have special dietary needs, please attach a written description of those needs to your registration form.