



WELCOME TO THE
**2024 LEGISLATIVE
CONFERENCE**

**Hilton Orlando
December 5-6, 2024**





SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

Orange Ballroom Foyer

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Florida League of Mayors Forum

**The Mayor's Business Agenda: Building Partnerships
for Prosperity**

Florida Ballroom 4

Explore how mayors, local chambers of commerce and municipal economic leaders are working together to strengthen local economies. This forum will highlight innovative approaches to economic development, share best practices for building strong business relationships and showcase how mayors are leading efforts to create vibrant, prosperous communities. Attendees will gain valuable insights into how city leadership can strengthen both the business environment and community wellbeing.

Moderator: *Nancy J. Miller*, President, Florida League of Mayors, and Mayor, City of Daytona Beach Shores

Additional and pre-registration required; Mayors and Vice Mayors/Deputy Mayors only, please.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Florida League of Mayors Reception

Florida Ballroom 1-3

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024

7:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Orange Ballroom Foyer

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

Registration Desk Open

Orange Ballroom Foyer

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Connect, Collaborate and Caffeinate: Speed Networking for Elected Officials and Staff

Orange Ballroom G

Get ready for a dynamic networking experience! Fuel up with coffee and pastries as you engage in fun, fast-paced conversations and make meaningful connections with fellow leaders in local government. Don't forget your business cards.

Facilitator: *Mary Edenfield*, Legislative Administrative Supervisor, Florida League of Cities; and *Eryn Russell*, Member Services Administrator, Florida League of Cities

Host: *Michael C. Blake*, President, Florida League of Cities, and Mayor, City of Cocoa

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Advocacy Committee Meeting

Florida Ballroom 5-7

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Behind the Curtain: What to Expect in the Florida House and Senate

Orange Ballroom EF

The 2025 Legislative Session will see the leadership of a new Speaker of the House and Senate President. Join us for an exciting discussion about who the key players are and what Florida municipalities may expect from the leadership teams in the House and Senate.

Moderator: *Charles Chapman*, Legislative Consultant, Florida League of Cities

Speaker: *Diana M. Ferguson*, Shareholder, Rutledge Ecenia

10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Legislative Policy Committee Meetings

**Development, Code Compliance, and
Redevelopment Committee**

Florida Ballroom 5-7

Finance and Taxation Committee

Orange Ballroom C

**Intergovernmental Relations, Mobility, and
Emergency Management Committee**

Florida Ballroom 1-3

Municipal Operations Committee

Florida Ballroom 4

**Utilities, Natural Resources, and Public Works
Committee**

Orange Ballroom AB

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Keynote Luncheon

Orange Ballroom D

Call to Order: *Michael C. Blake*, President, Florida League of Cities, and Mayor, City of Cocoa

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation of the Employee of the Year Award

President's Remarks

**Keynote Presentation: Deconstructing the 2024
Election**

Join us for the keynote session, where we'll explore the key lessons from this year's elections and uncover what they reveal about Florida's evolving electorate. Designed to equip city officials with insights into shifting voter behaviors, emerging demographic trends and priority issues across the state, this session will illuminate the changing landscape of Florida politics. **Steve Vancore**, a top political consultant, communications expert and pollster, will present data-driven analysis and highlight trends that matter most to local leaders. Don't miss this opportunity to gain fresh, actionable perspectives on the 2024 election results and their implications for city governance in Florida.

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Ready, Set, Build: Navigating Regulatory Challenges in New Construction

Orange Ballroom EF

As one of the fastest-growing states, Florida faces increasing pressure to build more homes to meet rising demand. Join us for an engaging workshop where a panel of experts will share their perspectives and contrast their insights on the regulatory and legislative challenges impacting new construction. Learn how these issues are shaping next session's policy debates, and discover proactive strategies city officials can use to anticipate and navigate the evolving legislative landscape. Stay ahead of the curve and ensure your city is prepared to house Florida's wave of new residents.

Moderator: *Diana M. Ferguson*, Shareholder, Rutledge Ecenia

Speakers: *Joel Dramis*, Building Director, City of Port St. Lucie; *Lee R. Feldman*, Principal, The Euclid Group; and *Stan McClain*, State Senator, District 9

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

Weathering the Storm: Resilient Strategies in Emergency Management

Orange Ballroom EF

With two major hurricanes impacting Florida this season, the focus now turns to building even stronger, more resilient communities. Join us to explore valuable lessons learned and discuss future strategies that can help reduce future risks and enhance preparedness.

Moderator: *Sam Wagoner*, Legislative Advocate, Florida League of Cities

Speaker: *BJ Bishop*, Commissioner, Town of Longboat Key; *Edward Lavallee*, City Manager, City of Venice; *Nick Pachota*, Mayor, City of Venice; and *Howard Tipton*, Town Manager, Town of Longboat Key

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

Florida League of Cities Board of Directors Meeting

Orange Ballroom AB

Presiding: *Michael C. Blake*, President, Florida League of Cities, and Mayor, City of Cocoa

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

Networking Event

Florida Ballroom 1-3

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024

7:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Headshot Photography

Pre-registration required

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Membership Networking and Continental Breakfast

Orange Ballroom Foyer

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

Registration Desk Open

Orange Ballroom Foyer

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Federal Action Strike Team Meeting

Orange Ballroom C

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Amplify Your Advocacy

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Engage in an informal chat with legislators about effective communication strategies and how state and local officials can work better together to serve the shared interests of their constituents.

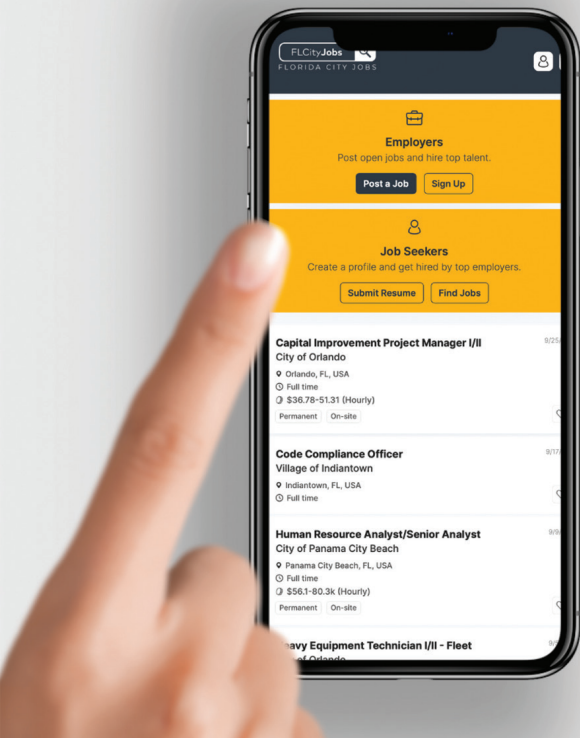
Moderators: *Jeff Branch*, Director, Field Advocacy and Emergency Management, Florida League of Cities; and *Rebecca O'Hara*, Deputy General Counsel, Florida League of Cities

Panelists: Florida House and Senate Members

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Legislative Committee Meeting and Business Session

Orange Ballroom D



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