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**2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
*Wednesday, September 22 - Friday, September 24*  
*SAFE Credit Union Convention Center – Sacramento, CA*  
**CITY ATTORNEYS PROGRAMMING**

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**2020-2021 City Attorneys Department Officers**

**President:** Lynn Tracy Nerland, City Attorney, San Pablo

**1st Vice President:** Dave Fleishman, City Attorney, Pismo Beach and Solvang,  
Of Counsel, Richards, Watson & Gershon

**2nd Vice President:** Eric Danly, City Attorney, Petaluma

**Director:** Amy Albano, City Attorney, Burbank

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**Wednesday—September 22**

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8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Registration Open

1:30p – 3:30 p.m.

Opening General Session (Whole Conference; No City Attorneys Programming)

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

**Legal Issues: Social Media; Cannabis**

*Moderator:* Lynn Tracy Nerland, City Attorney, San Pablo

**Social Media, First Amendment and Government: New Rules of Engagement**

*Speaker:* David Mehretu, Meyers Nave

**Overview of Cannabis Regulation Guide**

*Speakers:* Lisa Vidra, City Attorney, Culver City  
Emilio Camacho, Senior Deputy City Attorney, Sacramento

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grand Opening Expo Hall & Host City Reception

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## Thursday—September 23

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7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Registration Open**

8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

**City Attorneys Business Meeting and Ad-hoc Emergency Response Committee**

*Moderator:* Lynn Tracy Nerland, City Attorney, San Pablo

**Welcoming Remarks**

*Speaker:* Susana Alcala Wood, City Attorney, Sacramento

**Report from the Ad Hoc Emergency Response Committee**

*Speaker:* Gregory G. Diaz, Ad Hoc Emergency Response Committee Chair,  
City Attorney, San Buenaventura

**Department Business Meeting**

- *Bylaws Amendment (Lynn Tracy Nerland)*
- *Director's Report (Amy Albano)*
- *President's Report (Lynn Tracy Nerland)*
- *Nominating Committee Report (2nd VP & Director Nominees) (Celia Brewer)*
- *Election of Department Officers (President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Director) (Lynn Tracy Nerland)*

9:45 – 11:45 a.m.

**General Session (Whole Conference; No City Attorneys' Programming)**

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

**Attendee Lunch in Expo Hall (Whole Conference; No City Attorneys' Programming)**

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

**Policy and Legal Considerations in Serving the Unsheltered**

*Moderator:* Amy Albano, City Attorney, Burbank

*Speakers:* Elizabeth L. Atkins, Deputy City Attorney, San Diego  
Bridgette Dean, Director, Office of Community Response  
Aaron M. Israel, Deputy City Attorney, Sacramento  
Andrea M. Velasquez, Deputy City Attorney, Sacramento

2:30 – 2:40 p.m.

**BREAK**

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## Thursday—September 23

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2:40 – 4:10 p.m.

### **Legal Issues: Land Use, CEQA and Surplus Land Act**

*Moderator:* Dave Fleishman, City Attorney, Pismo Beach and Solvang, Of Counsel, Richards, Watson & Gershon

### **Land Use and CEQA Litigation Update**

*Speaker:* William Ihrke, City Attorney, La Quinta, Partner, Rutan & Tucker

### **Impact of Recent Changes to the Surplus Land Act**

*Speakers:* Erin Lapeyrolerie, Attorney, Goldfarb & Lipman LLP  
Karen Tiedemann, Attorney, Goldfarb & Lipman LLP:

4:10 - 4:20 p.m.

**BREAK**

4:20 – 5:50 p.m.

### **Legal Issues: Design Immunity and Tort and Civil Rights Litigation**

*Moderator:* Eric Danly, City Attorney, Petaluma

### **The Basics of Design Immunity: Creating a Paper Trail**

*Speaker:* Robert Ceccon, Shareholder, Richards, Watson & Gershon

### **Municipal Tort and Civil Rights Litigation Update**

*Speaker:* Timothy T. Coates, Partner, Greines, Martin, Stein & Richland

7:00 p.m.

**Evening On Your Own**

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## Friday—September 24

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7:30 – 10:00 a.m.

**Registration Open**

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

**Legal Issues: Labor and Employment Law**

*Moderator:* Lynn Tracy Nerland, City Attorney, San Pablo

**Labor and Employment Litigation Update**

*Speaker:* Brian P. Walter, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

**Impacts of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts on Employment Litigation**

*Speaker:* Suzanne Solomon, Partner, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

9:30 – 9:40 a.m.

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9:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

**Legal Issues: Advancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Specialty MCLE)**

**(MCLE Specialty Credit – Recognition and Elimination of Bias in the Legal Profession and Society)**

*Moderator:* Eric Danly, City Attorney, Petaluma

**Report on the Cal Cities Advancing Equity Advisory Committee**

*Speaker:* Eric S. Casher, City Attorney, Pinole, Meyers Nave

**Early Lessons on Setting up a DEI Committee**

*Speakers:* Elena Gerli, Partner, Aleshire & Wynder  
Sunny Soltani, Equity Partner, Aleshire & Wynder

**Implementing DEI in your City**

*Speaker:* Jason R. Alcala, City Attorney, Livermore

11:10 – 11:20 a.m.

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## Friday—September 24

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11:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

### **Legal Issues: Municipal Litigation Update**

*Moderator:* Dave Fleishman, City Attorney, Pismo Beach and Solvang,  
Of Counsel, Richards, Watson & Gershon

45 min.

### **General Municipal Litigation Update**

*Speaker:* Holly O. Whatley, Assistant City Attorney, South Pasadena, Ojai, Sierra Madre,  
Shareholder, Colantuono Highsmith Whatley, PC

10 min.

### **Closing Remarks**

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

### **Closing Luncheon with Voting Delegates & General Assembly**



#### **MCLE Credit – 10 Hours**

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