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# Your Cal Cities and How to Use it

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Mayor, Fowler

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# Welcome!

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Monterey, CA

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# Today's roadmap

- Who we are
- What we do
- How to get the most from Cal Cities





# Cal Cities Mission

To expand and protect local control for cities through education and advocacy to enhance the quality of life for all Californians.



# Who we are

476

**Member  
Cities**

58

**Board  
Members**

16

**Regional  
Divisions**

10

**Municipal  
Departments**

5

**Diversity  
Caucuses**

# Cities by population size

- 105 cities under 10,000
- 199 cities with between 10,000-50,000
- 104 cities between 50,000-100,000
- 51 cities between 100,000-200,000
- 17 cities between 200,000-500,000
- 6 cities between 500,000-4 million

# Cal Cities Officers



**Daniel Parra,**  
**President**  
Mayor, Fowler



**Lynne Kennedy,**  
**First Vice President**  
Mayor Pro Tem, Rancho Cucamonga



**Gabe Quinto,**  
**Second Vice President**  
Council Member, El Cerrito



**Ali Sajjad Taj ,**  
**Immediate Past President**  
Mayor Pro Tem, Artesia



**Carolyn Coleman**  
Executive Director and  
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## The Cal Cities Team

More than 70 staff serve members in the following areas:

- Executive
- Finance and Operations
- Advocacy
- Public Affairs
- Strategic Communications and Marketing
- Education and Member Services
- Legal
- Institute for Local Government

# What we do

## Legislative and ballot measure advocacy

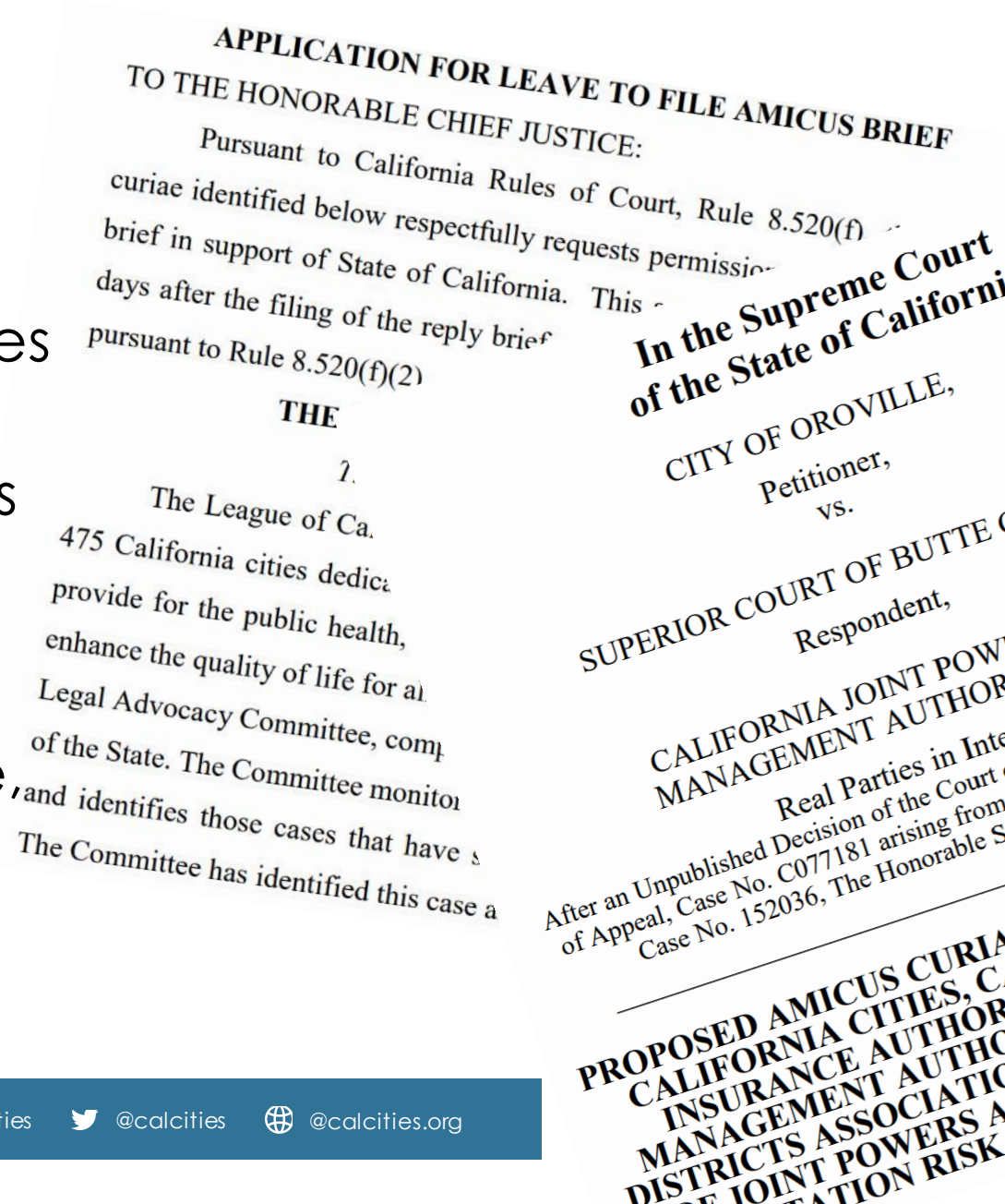
- Protect the common interests of cities statewide.
- Protect and promote local decision-making.
- Seek and protect state and federal funding to support cities.



# What we do

## Legal advocacy

- Represent the interest of California cities in federal and state courts.
- File friend-of-the-court briefs and letters in appellate courts and with state Attorney General for cases affecting city authority.
- Utilize the Legal Advocacy Committee, comprised of municipal attorneys, to inform Cal Cities decision-making on which cases and Attorney General opinions merit statewide support.



# What we do

## Member Services

- Conferences, seminars, roundtables, and academies designed for city officials to learn about new and emerging practices and to exchange ideas.
- Webinars on priority policy and legal issues.
- Listservs for professional departments that allow the sharing of ideas and exchange of information.



# Membership engagement opportunities



# Regional Public Affairs Managers



**Sara Sanders**  
Redwood Empire



**Charles Anderson**  
Sacramento Valley



**Nancy Hall**  
Bennett North Bay



**Sam Caygill**  
East Bay



**Seth Miller**  
Peninsula



**Deanna Sessums**  
Monterey Bay



**Stephen Qualls**  
Central Valley



**Rajveer Rakkar**  
South San Joaquin Valley



**David Mullinax**  
Channel Counties



**Jeff Kiernan**  
Los Angeles County



**Kristine Guerrero**  
Los Angeles County



**Jennifer Quan**  
Los Angeles County



**Connor Medina**  
Orange County



**Jesse Ramirez**  
Riverside County



**Laura Morales**  
Desert Mountain  
Inland Empire



**Catherine Hill**  
San Diego County  
Imperial County

# Get the most from your Municipal Department

- City Attorneys
- City Clerks
- City Managers
- Fire Chiefs
- Fiscal Officers
- **Mayors and Council Members**
- Personnel and Employee Relations
- Planning and Community Development
- Public Works



# Explore our Diversity Caucuses



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ISLANDER** CAUCUS



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**WOMEN'S** Caucus

# Be recognized

- **Torch Program** recognizes mayors and council members for continuing their education.
- **Helen Putnam Award Program** recognizes cities that deliver the highest level of service to residents.
- **Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards** recognizes exceptional achievement in protecting the public's investment in the local street and road system.
- **Institute for Local Government Beacon Program** honors local government's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adopt policies that promote sustainability.



**SAVE  
CALIFORNIA  
STREETS**

# Join a Policy Committee

- Community Services
- Environmental Quality
- Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations
- Housing, Community, and Economic Development
- Public Safety
- Revenue and Taxation
- Transportation, Communications, and Public Works



# Connect with Partners

- The program fosters relationships between cities and businesses, nonprofits, and other organizations.
- Cal Cities Partners sponsor other events and programs hosted by Cal Cities caucuses, departments, and divisions.
- More than 75 active Cal Cities Partner organizations.



# 2024 Premier Cal Cities Partners



# Stay connected with Cal Cities!

- Explore the website: [calcities.org](https://calcities.org).
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter: [Cal Cities Advocate](#)
- Explore our monthly online magazine: [westerncity.com](https://westerncity.com)
- Join [my.calcities.org](https://my.calcities.org) to register for Cal Cities events and provide information about important issues

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# Upcoming events

- Feb. 7-9: City Managers Conference, Hollywood
- March 6-8: Planning Commissioners Academy, Long Beach
- March 13-15: Public Works Officers Institute, Monterey
- April 17-19: City Leaders Summit, Sacramento
- May 8-10: City Attorneys Spring Conference, Rancho Mirage
- Oct. 16-18: Annual Conference and Expo, Long Beach



# Conclusion (but really, just the beginning)

- We are proud to have you as part of the Cal Cities family.
- This is your Cal Cities, and we are here to help.



# QUESTIONS?



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