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SEX OFFENDER RE-ENTRY: WORKING TOWARD A STATE AND LOCAL SOLUTION

California Summit for Safe Communities Set for March 19

The issue of sex offender community re-entry has been a long-standing concern throughout the United States. To work towards developing collaborative solutions on housing and placement for sex offenders, California's local and state leaders are gathering for the California Summit for Safe Communities on March 19, at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento.

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APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS COMMISSION MADE

On Tuesday, Feb. 20, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders announced their appointments to the Public Employee Post-Employment Benefits Commission. ***For more, see Page 4.***

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CALL FOR ENTRIES: HELEN PUTNAM AWARDS - CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN CITY GOVERNMENT

If your city has been doing outstanding work in any of the 11 categories listed below, consider applying for a 2007 Helen Putnam Award. It's an opportunity to thank your employees and collaborators, gain the appreciation of your residents and feel proud of outstanding contributions made to better your city.

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WANT MORE DETAILS ON BILLS?

Visit the League of
California Cities
website at
[www.cacities.org/
billsearch](http://www.cacities.org/billsearch).

LEAGUE SPONSORS WEB-HOSTED CONFERENCE CALL ON CASH FLOW FINANCING PROGRAM

The League of California Cities, together with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and California Communities, is co-sponsoring a web-hosted conference call for city and county officials on the cash flow financing program. The call will take place on Thursday, March 1, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

This year's tax and revenue anticipation notes (TRANS) program includes new features that long-time participants and prospective new participants will want to know about. Cities and counties that wish to participate in the 2007 financing program may enroll online beginning on Feb. 26, at www.cscda.qwikdox.com.

The 2007 Cash Flow Financing Program offers:

- **Large and Small Borrowers** – The program accommodates all cash flow borrowing sizes. Cash flow borrowings have ranged from a high of \$235 million to as little as \$100,000.
- **Time Savings** – Accessing the capital markets has never been easier. Participants estimate that the program takes about 25 percent of the time compared to a stand-alone TRANS issuance.
- **Excellent Pricing** – Our underwriting team lead by Lehman Brothers, with Bank of America, Citigroup, and E.J. De La Rosa will deliver excellent interest rate pricing as demonstrated in recent years. The program also offers a competitively bid investment contract as an investment alternative to participating cities.
- **Maturity Options** – The program offers 12 and 13 month maturities. These maturity options enable cities to maximize the benefits of a cash flow financing.

To view the presentation on the Internet, visit <https://www.callinfo.com/prt?host=globalcrossing&an=8663654406&ac=3624137>

For audio access, call (866) 365-4406. The access code for this call is 3624137#

If you have questions, please contact:

- **RBC Capital Markets:** Catherine Bando, (213) 362-4137, Catherine.bando@rbccm.com
- **California Communities:** James Hamill, (800) 635-3993, ext. 216, jhamill@cacommunities.org
- **League of California Cities:** Dan Harrison, (916) 658-8267, dharrison@cacities.org

Leaving City Office? Retiring?

The League wants to stay in touch! Just because you are leaving your position with the city doesn't mean you stop caring about or wanting to be involved in city issues. Keep abreast of developments affecting cities and the League by becoming part of the League's alumni group. Members will receive periodic updates on city issues and League activities. This is the League's way of saying "thank you" for your public service—there is no fee for this service.

To join, go to www.cacities.org/alumni or send your contact information to dharrison@cacities.org.

CAN SMALL CITIES BE COOL? FIND OUT ON APRIL 11!

Do you represent, or work for a small city and are looking for ways to attract other people to enjoy what your city has to offer? If so, consider attending "Can Small Cities Be Cool?" - an interactive virtual podium seminar on April 11.

"Cool Cities" has increasingly become a buzzword among community and economic development practitioners. The pursuit of the creative class, and the opportunity to reverse the brain drain that has plagued communities, is a hot topic. After examining nearly 250 best practice communities in 10 states, a series of actionable approaches were identified to enhance a small town's viability as a place where people of all ages want to live, work and play.

Presented by Dave Ivan, associate state program leader, Community & Economic Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension, East Lansing, Mich., this fast-paced virtual tour presentation of successful initiatives in other small cities and towns outlines the research findings and provides strategies to assist in building community vitality.

Registration costs \$89 per listening site, which includes access via phone and the Web portal URL to view the program. In addition, one set of handout materials containing content, resources and instructions for permission to duplicate for unlimited participant attendance at your listening site.

The seminar will be conducted via phone and the Internet from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST.

For more information and to register, go to www.cacities.org/events and scroll down to April 11 for links to online registration and registration forms.

CALIFORNIA CIVIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE NOMINATION APPROACHES

Nominations Due by March 2

The League of California Cities is accepting nominations for participants in the 2007 California Civic Leadership Institute (CCLI). Interested city officials must be nominated by a colleague or League Regional Public Affairs Manager no later than March 2. Nomination forms may be found at www.cacities.org/ccli.

Presented by the League Partners Program, CCLI is designed to educate small groups of city officials on the pressing infrastructure issues facing cities across the state, including housing, energy and transportation, and the history and importance of local government in California. The program's goal is to help cultivate future legislators to have a better understanding of these issues and develop lasting bonds among our state's rising leaders.

This year's program agenda is ideal for those already within leadership roles at the League, or for anyone interested in becoming a statewide advocate of local government.

Any mayor, council member or professional city staff may nominate a current city official to participate in CCLI. Nominations may also come from any of the League's constituency groups, or from the League Partners Program.

Nominations must successfully convey the governance skills and accomplishments of the nominee, and should highlight any and all contributions toward League goals and/or the League's mission of protecting local control. Nominations should be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 2, to Robb Korinke at rkorinke@cacities.org, or by fax at (916) 658-8240.

For further information or questions, please contact Robb Korinke at (916) 658-8258.

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The summit is the result of a recommendation from the Governor's High Risk Sex Offender and Sexually Violent Predator (HRSO/SVP) Task Force. The League's participation in the summit is integral to the process. On December 1, 2006, the task force recommended that the Governor, League of California Cities, and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) should sponsor a statewide summit to specifically address the placement and housing of sex offenders.

The League encourages mayors, council members, city managers, city attorneys, and city planners to attend this event. (Police chiefs will also attend the summit, with the California Police Chiefs Association designating who will represent their organization.)

For more information and to register, see "California Summit for Safe Communities" at www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/current.htm. The link for the conference should be active shortly.

There is limited seating for the summit, so please make sure to register as soon as possible. The registration cost for the summit is \$75, which includes the receipt of an informational binder, breakfast, and lunch.

If you have any questions regarding the California Summit for Safe Communities, please contact League Legislative Analyst Leticia Farris at lfarris@cacities.org.

FIND A BILL, LEGISLATORS, LEG COMMITTEE – OR ASK LEAGUE LEG STAFF

Visit (and bookmark!) the League's [Legislative Resources](http://www.cacities.org/legresources) page (www.cacities.org/legresources). You'll find a roster and contact information for the League's legislative staff; the online Bill Search program, background materials on lobbying your legislators, and more.

The commission consists of 12 members, six appointed by the Governor, three appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly Fabian Nunez and three appointed by the Senate President pro Tem Don Perata.

The following are the Governor's appointments (name, political party):

- Gerald Parsky, Republican (chair)
- Matthew Barger, Republican
- Paul Cappitelli, Republican
- John Cogan, Republican
- Connie Conway, Republican
- Curt Pringle, Republican

The legislative appointments are (name, political party):

- Ronald Cottingham, Republican
- Teresa Ghilarducci, Ph.D., Democrat
- Jim Hard, Democrat
- Leonard Lee Lipps, Democrat
- Dave Low, Democrat
- Robert Walton

The purpose of the Public Employee Post-Employment Benefits Commission, created by executive order S-25-06, is to propose a plan or plans for addressing unfunded post-employment benefits. The commission will deliver a report on January 1, 2008 to the Governor and the Legislature that identifies the full amount of post-employment health care and dental benefits for which California governments are liable and which remain unfunded.

The commission will also evaluate and compare various approaches for addressing governments' unfunded retirement health care and pension obligations; consider the advantages to the state from post-employment benefits, such as providing retiree health care; and propose a plan to address governments' unfunded retirement health care and pension obligations.

For a copy of the Governor's official press release, containing background information on the appointees, visit www.gov.ca.gov/news-room and click on "Press Releases."

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The Helen Putnam awards recognize the excellence of California cities as demonstrated by beneficial innovations, resourceful efficiencies, improved public service, and overall enhanced public trust and support.

Categories for the 2007 Helen Putnam Awards are:

1. Effective Advocacy, Intergovernmental Relations and Regional Cooperation
2. Housing Programs and Innovations
3. Enhancing Public Trust, Ethics and Community Involvement
4. Community Services and Economic Development
5. Planning and Environmental Quality
6. Internal Administration
7. Public Safety
8. Public Works, Infrastructure and Transportation
9. Ruth Vreeland Award for Engaging Youth in City Government
10. League Partners Award for Excellence
11. ***NEW*** Health & Wellness Programs

To qualify, simply demonstrate that your city offered a program or service that has proven measurable and successful within a minimum of one year of actual implementation.

The submission deadline is April 12. For your convenience, applications and more information is also available at www.cacities.org/helenputnam.

Our Mission

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