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You will be reading this column as the NMML Annual Conference in Roswell is approaching in a few weeks, at the end of August. There are lots of activities planned, some fun ones like the Cowboys and Aliens Welcoming Reception (it is Roswell, after all), others more focused on opportunities for peer interaction among Chiefs of Police, Library Managers, etc., and workshops that expand our horizons and expertise. The Annual Conference is also the culmination of the League’s policy setting process, and this part of the conference gets a lot less press. It is at the Annual Conference that the final meeting of the Resolutions Committee occurs, and then, just before the concluding Dinner/Dance, the Annual Business Meeting.

Just think for a moment about all the state-wide constraints that rule your everyday work, those statutes and administrative procedures that force or prohibit action or expenditures at our municipal level. Do they all make sense to you? Are they all reflective of the boots-on-the-ground-in-town-hall perspective? I didn’t think so. The way to affect these is by providing a uniform and educated perspective to the Legislature, the Governor’s Office, and all the underlying state departments. The League is a respected source of this perspective, but for it to have any weight, it has to reflect the will of the member municipalities, which is where the Policy Committees, Resolutions Committee, and Annual Business Meeting come in.

I want to thank our elected officials and municipal staff who contributed to Policy Committee meetings this summer dealing with specific areas of municipal interest like taxation, public safety, or environmental issues; your expertise helped develop our positions on these matters, rooted in your experience and technical knowledge. The back-and-forth discussion into the weeds was crucial to the process. Some members then participated in the first meeting of the Resolutions Committee, where the chair of each policy committee made a report, often leading to some request for changes or refinements that are sent back to staff for analysis. Their job is to come back at the annual meeting with recommendations for the second meeting of the Resolutions Committee. Hopefully, these resolutions are affirmed at the Business Meeting, where we all get one vote, whether a large community or small. These resolutions and policies then become our marching orders when we visit our legislators or the different state offices in Santa Fe.

If I lost your interest at the beginning, as you were visualizing the Cowboys and Aliens Welcoming Reception, I forgive you. But, if you stuck with me, I hope you have a better view of how an idea for better municipal government that you or your colleague might have, makes its long and torturous way to becoming a new law or process.

Now, back to deciding whether I’ll come dressed to the Reception as a Cowboy or an Alien, or maybe both!
Questa Municipal Court Clerk Renee Martinez, CMC, has been named Municipal Court Clerk of the Year by the New Mexico Municipal Court Clerks Association on July 12 in Albuquerque during the Association’s staff conference. She was nominated by Questa Municipal Judge Michael Rael Sr.

Martinez has been with the Village of Questa since 2000 in a variety of positions, including Youth and Family Center Assistant, Motor Vehicle Division Clerk, Administrative Assistant, Utility Billing Clerk, Deputy Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator, Municipal Clerk/Human Resources Director and Village Administrator. She became Municipal Court Clerk in 2010. She received the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation and is working toward attaining the Master Municipal Clerk (MMC ) designation.

She also has done community volunteer work with Veteran’s Healing, Questa Fiesta Committee and various annual community events.

“Ms. Martinez is very dedicated, knowledgeable and motivated employee for the Village of Questa,” said Municipal Judge Michael Rael Sr. “I have personally worked with Ms. Martinez for many years in my capacity as Municipal Judge. I have witnessed her professional growth, professionalism and commitment to the community of Questa.”

Supreme Court Justice Charles Daniels in his announcement of the award said “This clerk’s professionalism and dedication exemplifies her true character and reflects the training she’s obtained through the Association and the Judicial Education Center’s educational programs along with other organizations.”
FORMER LEAGUE PRESIDENT PLACES AT SENIOR OLYMPICS

Former League President and Trustee of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque Mary Homan was a multiple medial winner at the State Summer Games of the Senior Olympics Games held July 18-22, 2018 in Albuquerque.

The National Games will be held June 14-25, 2019 in Albuquerque.

The following are the seven awards Mary Homan won during the State Summer Games:

(Above) Trustee Mary Homan of the Village of Los Ranchos hold her 7 medals won from the Senior Olypics. (Left: 2 Gold medals won in: Barebow Recurve Archery and Standing Air Pistol 3 Silver medals won in the Hammer Throw, Supported Air Rifle and Supported Air Pistol and 2 Bronze medals won in Standing Air Rifle and the Discus Throw

ACROSS THE STATE

PORTALES EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR 20 YEAR EMPLOYMENT

A reception was held on June 19, 2018 right before the City Council meeting with cake and punch to honor two 20-year city employees:

- Kathy Kennedy, Payroll Specialist
- Gary Nuckols, Fire Chief

They were recognized by Mayor Ronald L. Jackson and the City Council during the Council meeting for 20 years of service with plaques and service award pins. They both came to work for the City of Portales on June 17, 1998. What a coincidence! Kathy started in the Utility Billing Department as a cashier/clerk. Gary started as a Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician. Both of these positions were important, but these employees showed more talent and moved up in their departments. We can’t thank them enough.
CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES CLERK RECEIVES CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK DESIGNATION

Elizabeth Adair, Municipal Clerk for the City of Rio Communities, has received the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC).

The Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) is one of the two professional designations granted by IIMC and is designed to enhance the job performance of the Clerk in small and large municipalities. To earn the CMC designation, a Municipal Clerk must attend extensive education programs often totaling more than 120 educational hours. The CMC designation also requires pertinent experience in a municipality. The CMC program prepares the applicants to meet the challenges of the complex role of the Municipal Clerk by providing them with quality education in partnership with institutions of higher learning, as well as State/Provincial/National Associations. The CMC program has been assisting clerks to excel since 1970.

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For more information please visit IIMC’s website at www.iimc.com or contact ashley@iimc.com or (909) 944-4162.

VILLAGE OF LOGAN CLERK RECEIVES CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK DESIGNATION

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VAUGHN MAYOR RECEIVES DEDICATED SERVICE LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Eastern Plains Council of Governments presented the Cry from the Wilderness Award to Mayor Roman Garcia from the Town of Vaughn for Advisory of Regional Issues, dedicated Service and Leadership.

This award is presented at the EPCOG annual meeting to an individual from one of member counties or municipalities members of the EPCOG that has demonstrated exemplary dedicated service and leadership for the municipality or county he/she serves and for advisory dealing with regional issues that come from Eastern Plains Council of Governments.

REGULATION AND LICENSING CAUTIONS NEW MEXICANS TO BE WARY OF UNLICENSED CARNIVAL RIDE AND BOUNCY HOUSE OPERATORS

The New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department is warning New Mexicans to be wary of unlicensed Carnival or Bouncy House Operators.

“It is critical for the safety of New Mexico children, and consumers, that operators are licensed,” said Robert “Mike” Unthank, Superintendent of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department. “Confirm that you are hiring a licensed Carnival or Bouncy House Operator that meets our State’s strict safety standards.”

New Mexico requires that operators must be licensed, conduct daily inspections, receive an annual inspection by a NAARSO-certified inspector for each ride or bouncy house they operate, receive annual certification, and provide proof that they carry at least $3 million in liability insurance. The Operator must be on site during operation.

If you have a question regarding the safe operation of inflatable amusement rides, call (505) 476-4853.

The Regulation and Licensing Department certifies and regulates over 380,000 individuals and businesses across New Mexico, while ensuring fair and prompt administrative process to help spur economic development. The Regulation and Licensing can be contacted online at www.rld.state.nm.us.
Greetings from Raton's Balloon Rally!
With the July interlude, it is time to get back on topic and continue our series on Parliamentary Procedure. This month we will discuss the classes of motions and their function and finish by explaining several of the most common motions. We have already talked about the main motion and how the main motion needs to be adopted, rejected or disposed of in some other way before the body can move on to the next motion. Hence the need for additional motions. These additional motions are loosely classified as Secondary Motions: Secondary motions serve as a starting point for the division of motions into classes. The four classes of secondary motions are:

1. Subsidiary
2. Incidental
3. Privileged
4. Restorative

**Subsidiary Motions:** *Assist members in treating or disposing of a main motion.*

Postpone Indefinitely
Refer to a Committee
Postpone to a time certain (another meeting, etc.)
Limit, or extend, any limits of debate
Amen
Previous Question
Lay on the Table

**Note:** They all *relate to a pending motion.*
Incidental motions: Relate to the method of transacting business rather than to the business itself. (Incidental to the business at hand.)

- Suspend the Rules
- Division of a question
- Point of Order
- Division of the Assembly
- Parliamentary Inquiry
- Consideration by Paragraph
- Objection to Consideration of the Question
- Appeal

Privileged motions: Deal with the rights and privileges of members, or the group as a whole, and do not directly affect a main motion.

- Call for Orders of the Day
- Adjourn
- Fix a time in which to adjourn
- Recess
- Raise a Question of Privilege

Restorative Motions: Motions that are used to bring back a motion that has already been decided or otherwise disposed of by the assembly.

- Rescind
- Amend Something Previously Adopted
- Take from the Table
- Reconsider

Note: They all determine a method of action

Note: They do not relate to the pending motion

Note: They all relate to a matter that was previously addressed by the body.

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Las Vegas celebrated the 130th Fiestas de Las Vegas this year, an annual event that brings native Las Vegans back home from all parts of the country, as well as numerous tourists to celebrate Independence Day spiced up with traditional and cultural events.

Gabrielle Garduño was crowned Reina de Las Fiestas 2018 on the first night of the fiestas, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, as well as Princessa Sonia Castillo and this year, a new category was brought back, 8-year-old Justina Maloney was crowned La Reinita 2018. They were escorted to the Reina Dance by a procession led by Mariachi Cardenal.

This year’s theme was “Nuestra Cultura, Nuestra Vida, We are United Behind our Culture,” which resonated throughout the six-day celebration, bringing in 47 entertainers that filled the six-day span of this year’s Fiesta. Entertainment lineup this year brought in Headliner Stephanie Montiel, a native New Mexican who now resides in San Antonio, Texas and is Tejano Music Awards Female Vocalist of the Year, Female Entertainer of the Year and a six-time Grammy nominee, to perform her lively show in the Plaza Park Gazebo to a packed audience.

Dolores Huerta, the celebrated Latina labor leader, activist and community organizer was the Parade Grand Marshal this year. Huerta has worked for civil rights and social justice for over 50 years and was actually the person who coined the phrase, “Si Se Puede.” In 1962, she and Cesar Chavez founded the United Farm Workers Union and today she is President and founder of the Dolores Huerta Foundation. It was an honor for the City of Las Vegas to host such a legendary activist, Latina labor leader and community organizer. Parade winners this year were: Gabriel Serna in Musical Float, Fort Union for Organizational Float and Commercial Float winner was Gambles Store.

The Annual Fiesta Run and Walk had nearly 300 participants, ranging from babies in diapers being pushed in strollers, to folks in their early 80s. The event drew in competitive athletes as well as groups of families participating. The Eagles sponsored the Annual Fishing Derby at Harris Pond for children which nets well over 180 participants, increasing in size throughout the years.

Food and novelty vendors from across New Mexico and surrounding areas lined the streets of the Plaza and Bridge Street, selling one-of-a-kind items and delicious treats that you can only find at a Fiesta. Carnival rides were provided this year by Bennett’s Amusement.

The ongoing energetic entertainment, seasoned performers, cultural and traditional festivities were capped off with a glorious fireworks display on the evening of July 4th. All these activities would not have been possible without the tireless and dedicated staff of the City of Las Vegas, City Manager, Mayor and Council, Fiesta Advisory Committee and Plaza and Bridge Street Merchants.
Saturday, June 16, was an event-filled day at the Roswell Public Library. The first program of the day was part of our Adulting 101 summer program series. This series focuses on life hacks for adults and teens ages 16 and up.

The automotive repair program featured Shane Villanueva, a mechanic from Roswell Quick Lube, going over some basic automotive care and maintenance tips. Shane went over such things as what’s under the hood, how to jump-start a car, where to locate a spare tire, how to check tire pressure, and also answered questions attendees had about their vehicles. The program was attended by 15 people who all left with a better understanding of the maintenance of their vehicles, and the confidence to try to take on minor vehicle repairs and upkeep.

The second event of the day was a celebration of the father figures in our lives with our Father’s Day
program. A “Date with Dad” featured a special musical performance and was followed by some take home do-it-yourself crafts to give to dad. A group of 35 attendees enjoyed the musical selections of special performer Tom Blake. Blake sang two songs, one about our friendly green visitors from outer space, and the other a dedication to dads.

After the performance, attendees were given craft examples and supplies to make a special gift for dad. A number of nuts, bolts and other trinkets were set out to make specials designs and characters. Matte board and wooden sheets were provided that could be used to glue their designs on. A little bit of hot glue, trinkets, and a lot of imagination led to several creative designs. Another craft that was available was an origami activity. A paper guide was available for instruction in how to fold colored and patterned origami ties. These ties were then glued to some construction paper to create a card. A separate piece of paper was then glued to the inside of the card so children could write a special message to the recipient.

A special thanks to Shane Villanueva for sharing his knowledge of automobiles and Tom Blake for coming to perform for the “Date with Dad” attendees. Also, thanks to Big O Tires and Westlake Ace Hardware for donating some of the nuts and bolts used for the Father’s Day program, and to the Friends of the Roswell Public Library for providing refreshments.
EMPLOYERS ENJOY RETURN ON INVESTMENT IN BREASTFEEDING-FRIENDLY WORKPLACE

By Sandy Nelson, Finance New Mexico

Employers who provide a space where workers can express and store milk or breastfeed a baby quickly realize the benefits of doing so.

According to the New Mexico Breastfeeding Task Force, employers who comply with state and federal laws requiring them to provide a clean and private space for lactating mothers and to offer flexible break time so mothers can breastfeed or pump milk experience less absenteeism, lower health care costs and turnover rates, higher productivity and employee loyalty and positive community perception.

In other words, government and business employers that support breastfeeding employees are improving their own efficiency and return on investment.

“Absences due to infant illness occur twice as often among parents whose infants are not breastfed,” the task force says on its website, Breastfeedingnm.org. That translates into dramatic reductions in employer health-care costs for infants who are breastfed.

There’s evidence to back this assertion. The American Academy of Pediatricians’ website notes that human milk provides not just nutrients but also “many substances that benefit (the) baby’s immune system, including antibodies, immune factors, enzymes, and white blood cells,” all of which protect against common childhood infections and other illnesses well beyond infancy.

The task force works to convince employers that supporting a breastfeeding employee is well worth whatever temporary inconvenience it might cause and helps employers develop workable policies.

“Businesses tend to think it will be a bigger cost than it is,” said Monica Esparza, task force program manager. Businesses don’t have to carve out a new space for breastfeeding mothers, she noted. As long as they have a designated place, they comply with the law. The same holds true for government and nonprofit employers, she said.

New Mexico state law is more comprehensive than federal law, according to Esparza. “Federal law offers protection for hourly employees,” she said, whereas, “New Mexico law doesn’t specify hourly or salaried,” so it applies to both.

Laws aside, the task force encourages managers to talk with expectant mothers about how the business will support their desire to continue breastfeeding their babies when they return from maternity leave by:

- Providing a private, nearby space, such as an unused office, where moms can feed their babies or pump breast milk to feed the baby after work. It doesn’t need to be a permanent space but must be available when the employee needs it.
- Offering the employee a work schedule that is flexible enough to accommodate lactation breaks. This might involve having coworkers
cover for the employee while she’s on break. Employers aren’t required to pay for breaks that exceed the time required by state or federal law.

- Providing a sanitary, cool place where a mother can store expressed milk for the limited time that she’s breastfeeding. It can be a staff refrigerator or a small refrigerator that the employee can use while breastfeeding.
- Developing a lactation policy and making sure all managers, supervisors and employees understand and follow it.

The organization offers sample policies, printable handouts, and links to the laws that pertain to breastfeeding at work, including the federal Break Time for Nursing Mothers law, which applies to hourly employees covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act. More resources or solutions are available at www.womenshealth.gov/breastfeeding/employersolutions/index.html.

For help establishing a successful lactation program, employers can contact the organization at (505) 395-6455 or contact@breastfeedingnm.org.

*Finance New Mexico partners with the New Mexico Municipal League on the Grow It! project and other economic development initiatives. To learn more, go to www.FinanceNewMexico.org and www.GrowItNM.org.*
In his early February state of the city address, Mayor Steve Schewel of Durham, North Carolina, was blunt with his constituents: “Here is a hard truth we must face: Despite our best efforts, Durham will not reach its true greatness while our state government weakens environmental protections, drops teacher pay to the bottom of the heap, refuses to expand Medicaid, attacks the right to vote and snatches away the powers of cities to determine our own future.”

NLC’s annual survey of state of the city speeches found that Durham is not alone in its issues with its state, and that Mayor Schewel isn’t the only one talking about it. Across the country, local priorities are running into state obstruction. NLC’s analysis found that these issues of “intergovernmental relations” rose to prominence as one of the top ten subtopics covered by mayors in their 2018 speeches. Mentions ranged from direct state interference such as preemption, to
fiscal constraints that result from state action.

It’s not a surprise that mayors are talking more about state interference. Local government is increasingly hobbled by state laws. Earlier this year, NLC updated a report on state preemption, City Rights in an Era of Preemption, and found that across 50 states and seven policy areas, 19 new preemptive laws were passed in 2017 alone.

Preemption is the use of state law to nullify a municipal ordinance or authority. States are using it to prevent or reverse local policy innovations, from minimum wage increases to the regulation of the sharing economy.

Even beyond the number of enacted bills, municipalities and city attorneys are constantly playing defense during state legislative sessions to beat back all of the proposed preemption bills. The mayor of Winter Park, Florida was outspoken on the causes of the recent uptick in preemptive laws in his home state: “Members of the Florida House and Senate have chosen leadership, party, lobbyists and their own selfish interests over the constituents that elected them.” Across the country, preemption’s rise shares similar causes: 34 statehouses have single-party rule, special interest lobbying at the state level has grown, and spatial sorting between urban and rural areas has created stark divides on policy preferences.

Indeed, states can be supportive of the fact that local priorities are closely tied to local conditions. Charleston, SC, a waterfront tourist hot spot, needs to invest in climate resiliency, so the mayor is, “asking the state legislature to give us the freedom to move existing tourism dollars from accommodations and hospitality fees into flooding and drainage.” Such flexibility preserves the ability of city officials to solve problems in their communities.

The conversation mayors are starting about local authority is an important one. When people are educated about the limits that states are putting on local government, they side with their mayors and councils. And as constituents understand the impacts of state interference, they can come together against it. Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett stressed the need to convert the economic power of the city into political power in the statehouse: “It is time for the governor, and the legislature, to empower Milwaukee residents to decide for themselves how to fund the services they need. I look to the business community and all of you to support this. Milwaukee is the economic engine of this state, sending so much more money to Madison than we get in return. It’s time we have a real say in our financial future.”

Cities deserve that ability to determine their future — especially at a time of such uncertainty. Local leaders can see new emerging problems in their communities and are eager to solve them. State governments can help this local innovation thrive — but at the very least they shouldn’t get in the way.
Hobbs Police Department was challenged with keeping officers up to date with policies and standard operating procedures using a paper-based method. Prior to making the switch to PowerDMS, an online content management software, every captain and chief had their own policy and procedure book as did patrol. The department had nearly 30 policy and standard books in circulation and, each time a policy changed, someone had the task of printing out the revised document and physically swapping it out of every book to ensure the right one was in use and the old one removed.

By implementing PowerDMS for policy and accreditation management, Hobbs P.D. quickly saw the savings in resources and saving time when revising policies since changes in PowerDMS are updated in real time, and are simply one click to delete and another click to drop the revision in its place. The ease of scanning and editing policies with PowerDMS also helped prepare the agency for New Mexico Municipal League (NMML) accreditation renewal in just under six months, which is half the time estimated had they still used the paper method.

PowerDMS also provided Hobbs P.D. a way to hold officers accountable. Prior to using PowerDMS, the agency would receive subpoenas from the district attorney, requiring someone to sit through a briefing, locate each person, and collect their signature on the document. If the individual was not present during the briefing they would have to be tracked down and brought into the department since all signatures had to be completed while being physically present.

Subpoenas are now sent to officers digitally in PowerDMS and the agency obtains electronic signatures for their appearance in court rather than physically tracking the officers down. Should an officer not show to court and claim they never received the subpoena, the agency can validate it was received and how long the officer reviewed the document.

“If you are a bit skeptical of PowerDMS, like I was at first, once you begin using the system, you quickly realize the benefits. For me, it happened during the accreditation process. It would take us three days for our re-accreditation onsite, but with PowerDMS the time was reduced by half.”

To learn more about how PowerDMS has helped nearly 3,000 agencies reduce accreditation prep time and save thousands of dollars in materials, check out https://www.powerdms.com//policy-management-and-more-NMML.
See how Rio Rancho is growing its GRT

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**Subsidiary Motions** change or affect how the main motion is handled. Subsidiary motions are employed for the purpose of modifying or delaying action, determining how action by the body with be conducted or otherwise disposing of the main motion. All subsidiary motions must be resolved before voting on the main motion. Subsidiary motions must receive a second, can be amended and are generally subject to debate.

**Incidental Motions** are questions of procedure that arise out of motions that are pending or have just been decided, and must be ruled on prior to moving on to the next item of business.

**Privileged Motions** do not relate to the pending business at all, but raise issues of such urgency or importance to warrant precedence over other motions. Privileged motions do not require a second, may not be amended and are not subject to debate. The Presiding Officer rules on the motion itself, and such ruling stands, unless the decision of the Presiding Officer is appealed and overruled.

There is a fourth class of motion under Roberts Rules of Order, but do to the unique circumstances surrounding government meetings and the way that government is administered, all but one should be avoided if at all possible

**Restorative “Bring Back” Motions** are methods of properly getting around two of the basic principles in Parliamentary procedure: first, an assembly cannot be asked to decide the same, or a substantially similar item twice during a session; and second, a motion that conflicts with one that has been adopted at the same session is out of order. Bring back motions are dangerous because once a public body makes a decision, the public is entitled to rely upon the body to follow through with the action it has taken. For example, if a body reconsider or rescinds an action it has taken, such action sets the body up for a lawsuit based upon a person’s reliance on the government’s act. The only exception is *Take from the Table* which should ALWAYS follow closely on the heels of the subsidiary motion to *Lay on the Table*. (More on the mechanics of these motions later.)

**Next month:** A Look at Some of the Most Common Motions
With city leaders confronting major challenges across education, infrastructure, economic development and more, Kansas City will showcase its own progress as the host of NLC’s annual City Summit in 2022.

The booming Midwestern metropolis, which was announced as host of the national conference today, will provide a compelling backdrop for city leaders to tackle trending issues and share governing wisdom. Over 2000 elected officials from across America are expected to attend.

As host, Kansas City will showcase how strategic investments in education and infrastructure have created a thriving business-friendly climate. Visitors will also have the chance to explore the city’s diverse districts, civic landmarks, and wealth of historic cultural assets — including the roots of jazz music.

“We are extremely excited and honored that Kansas City has been chosen to host the National League of Cities’ 2022 City Summit,” said Kansas City Mayor Sly James. “An organization like the NLC has the option of meeting in any city in the country, and we are grateful they selected Kansas City. We look forward to sharing our thriving arts scene, world-class cultural attractions and great hospitality with city leaders from across the U.S. Most of all, we look forward to introducing the NLC to the people of Kansas City.”

Held each year in November, City Summit draws thousands of local elected officials, municipal staff and others in the sector for four days of knowledge-sharing, networking, learning, and growing, all in the name of making America’s cities and towns amazing places to live, work and play. In previous years, host cities have included Charlotte, North Carolina, and Pittsburgh.

This year’s City Summit will take place November 7-10 in Los Angeles, the fast-growing Western metropolis that has gained nationwide attention for its successes in transit investment, workforce development and economic growth. The event schedule includes seminars, mobile workshops, conference sessions, tours, and more. Registration for City Summit 2018 is open now online.

Following Los Angeles, upcoming City Summits will take place in San Antonio, Texas (2019), Tampa, Florida (2020), and Salt Lake City (2021).