



# An Introduction to Florida's Cities and the FLC

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# Questions

- ◆ Email [lтиpton@flcities.com](mailto:lтиpton@flcities.com) with any questions you might have during this webinar
- ◆ Q & A session to follow presentation



# What is the League?

- ◆ Association for Florida's Cities, Towns and Villages; Charter Counties Eligible
- ◆ Governed by a Board of Directors
- ◆ Created in 1922 to Lobby, Foster Cooperation and Sharing, and to Provide Information
- ◆ HQ in Tallahassee; Office in Orlando for Insurance & Technology Services



## More About the League

- ◆ 180 Staff; one of the Largest in Nation
- ◆ Work Closely with National League of Cities
- ◆ Hold Annual Conference every August; Legislative Conference each November
- ◆ Only a general-purpose government providing municipal services can join the League; most do every year



# League Governance

- ◆ Board comprised of 3 officers; past presidents; district directors from 14 districts and 2 other seats
- ◆ Elected for one year
- ◆ Appoint executive director each year
- ◆ Board sets League policies and is guided by Strategic Plan



# FLC Legislative Process

- ◆ Policy Committees Consider State Legislative Positions
- ◆ Federal, Commemorative Resolutions go to Resolutions Committee
- ◆ FLC Goal: Year-round Advocacy
- ◆ President appoints Legislative Committees



# Getting Involved

- ◆ Policy Committees – talk to “veteran” officials to see if you would be interested
- ◆ Read Publications and Visit Web Site
- ◆ Attend Local and Regional League Meetings at home
- ◆ Advocacy Tips at [www.flcities.com](http://www.flcities.com)
- ◆ Know Your Legislators!



# IEMO and Advanced IEMO

- ◆ Crash course in municipal government
- ◆ Run by the IOG and FLC
- ◆ Covers variety of topics including “sunshine” and open meetings laws, council-manager relations, and municipal finance



# The Florida Institute of Government

- ◆ Run through the state university system
- ◆ [www.iog.fsu.edu](http://www.iog.fsu.edu)
- ◆ Menu of available courses
- ◆ Customized training



# Update on Cities in Florida

- ◆ 410
- ◆ Largest – Jacksonville – 860,000
- ◆ Smallest – Weeki Wachee – 8
- ◆ Average – 5,800
- ◆ 99% are FLC members

# Newly Elected Focus

- ◆ City Orientation
- ◆ Charter / Ordinances
- ◆ Types of Meetings
- ◆ Forms of Government



# Useful Links



- ◆ [www.flcities.com](http://www.flcities.com)
- ◆ [www.floridalcir.gov](http://www.floridalcir.gov)
- ◆ [www.myflorida.gov](http://www.myflorida.gov)
- ◆ [www.floridamayors.org](http://www.floridamayors.org)
- ◆ [www.fl-counties.com](http://www.fl-counties.com)

# Q & A

