Registration Information

Paid registration is required to receive housing information, so sign up early! See page 10 for details.

Hotel Registration Deadline: July 19, 2018
Conference Registration Deadline: August 1, 2018

#FLCities2018
General Information

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Constitutional Home Rule. Florida voters ratified this authority in the 1968 Constitution giving cities the right to perform municipal functions and deliver services without express permission from the state, except as otherwise provided by law.

During his tenure, FLC President Gil Ziffer has made it his goal to actively promote and defend the cherished concept of Home Rule. This is the belief that government closest to the people governs best; that city halls across our state are more accessible, responsive and fair in addressing the needs of their constituents; that local decisions should be made locally; and that the people who live, work and play in a city know what’s best for their unique community.

Over the last few years, the Florida Legislature has challenged this philosophy by pursuing numerous measures that seek to undermine local decision-making and hamstring municipal officials from doing the jobs they were elected to do effectively. But our dedicated members have fought back with an unwavering message to lawmakers: Let Cities Work!

When city officials are free from preemptions and unfunded mandates handed down from the state legislature, our cities can continue to grow and prosper.

At this year’s Annual Conference, we will celebrate the Home Rule authority that makes cities essential to the quality of life Floridians enjoy on a daily basis. This will be a conference like no other. You will not want to miss this historic event where delegates will come together at a Home Rule Rally to re-energize the long-held notion that local self-government is the keystone of American democracy.

The conference will feature educational sessions, valuable networking opportunities and a variety of speakers who will inspire, educate and motivate local leaders. Join us as we make history and proclaim #LetCitiesWork!

Location/Dates

The Diplomat Beach Resort – Hollywood, FL
Thursday, August 16 – Saturday, August 18, 2018

Registration Hours

Thursday, August 16: 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, August 17: 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 18: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration Fees

City/County/Government ($525), Corporate ($625) and Guest ($125): These fees cover your name badge, admission to all conference sessions and the exhibit hall, refreshment breaks, Friday’s membership networking event, Saturday’s Past Presidents’ Luncheon and the Inaugural Celebration Saturday night.

NOTE: Registrants are defined as any elected government official or any employee of governments, organizations or corporations. Guests are defined as spouses, partners or other non-professional relations of conference delegates. Guest registration may not be used for other elected government officials, staff or company representatives.
Teen Guest 13-18 years ($20) and Child Guest 3-12 years ($15): These fees cover your name badge, admission to the exhibit hall, Friday’s membership networking event and refreshment breaks. Teen and child guest registration does not include Saturday’s Past Presidents’ Luncheon or Inaugural Celebration.

Exhibit Hall Pass ($20): This pass allows family members and guests who are not registered for the conference to visit our vendors on Thursday and Friday. Passes permit access to the exhibit hall on Thursday afternoon, Thursday evening and Friday morning. The pass allows access to all events in the exhibit hall, as well as Friday’s membership networking event. The pass is not good for any other conference events and is not equivalent to a registration.

Youth Council Program ($75): This fee covers all Youth Council Program activities on Saturday, plus lunch. See page 12 for details and registration information.

**Registration Procedures**

**Mail Registration**
To register in advance, fill out the registration form on page 11, attach a check for the appropriate fee and mail it to the League office by Wednesday, August 1, 2018. Your name badge and other information can be picked up at the conference registration desk.

**Online Registration**
Visit the League website, www.flcitiesconference.com, to access online registration.

If you register online there are two payment options. You can send your registration fees by check to the Florida League of Cities. *(Note: You are not registered until we receive your payment, and you will not receive your housing information until your registration is paid.)* Or, you can simply pay online with your Visa, Mastercard or American Express. Registrations submitted and paid online via credit card will automatically be marked as paid, and you will receive your conference confirmation immediately via email! Conference confirmations include your registration information, totals and registration number for your reference. Please check your confirmation carefully to verify that all information is correct. Please inform the League immediately of any errors. Please note that payments via credit card may be made online only.

**Deadlines**

**Registration** – Conference registration forms must be postmarked on or before Wednesday, August 1, 2018. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please register on-site. NOTE: Registration fees will increase to $555 for government and $655 for corporate registrants for all registrations done on-site, so we encourage you to register in advance.

**Hotel Reservations** – The cutoff date for reservations at the Diplomat is July 19, 2018. Reservations must be made via an FLC-provided security code only; no one will receive housing information until after their paid registration is received. Please see page 10 for more details.

**Cancellation Policy**
Conference registration cancellations must be done in writing by email, fax or mail to mhowe@flcities.com; fax (850) 222-3806; or Florida League of Cities, Inc., P.O. Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1757. All cancellations received in the FLC office by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 1, 2018 will receive refunds, minus a $50.00 cancellation fee. Refunds will be issued after the conference.

Hotel reservations must be cancelled no later than 72 hours prior to the scheduled arrival date to avoid a penalty of one night’s room and tax.
Special Needs
If you are physically challenged and require special services, or if you have special dietary needs (i.e. allergies, Kosher or vegetarian meals), please attach a written description to your registration form. Contact the hotel directly if you will need any special accommodations in your room.

Continuing Education Credit
Some of the conference’s educational sessions may be eligible for continuing education credit through the Florida Bar and/or the Florida Board of Accountancy. It is the attendee’s responsibility to submit these hours for approval. FLC will provide sign-in sheets at each session and will send certificates of attendance to all delegates who complete the sign-in sheets.

Live Feeds via Social Media
The League will be posting real-time updates and photos via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube during the conference. Follow, friend or like @FLCities on all major platforms. Connect with the conversation or pose questions by using the hashtag #FLCities2018 in all your conference related posts.

Thursday is City Shirt Day!
We encourage all of you to show your city spirit by wearing your city shirt on Thursday, August 16.

Contact Information
For additional information, please contact Melanie Howe at mhowe@flcities.com or (850) 222-9684.
Tentative Program

Following is a tentative schedule of conference events. Visit www.flcitiesconference.com for more information and schedule updates.

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Research Symposium
Additional registration required through the League’s Center for Municipal Research and Innovation; contact Liane Schrader at lschrader@flcities.com.

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Florida League of Mayors Roundtable
Additional registration required through the Florida League of Mayors; contact Rachel Embleton at rembleton@flcities.com.

Thursday, August 16, 2018

7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Registration Desk Open

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Continuing Education in Ethics: Have You Completed Your Hours?
Florida’s municipal elected officers are required to take four specific hours of continuing education in ethics per year. If you haven’t completed your hours yet, this is your opportunity! The four hours include two hours on the Florida Ethics Law (Chapter 112, F.S.), one hour of public meetings (Chapter 286, F.S.) and one hour of public records (Chapter 119, F.S.). If your hours are completed, this is a good refresher class.

NOTE: You must be registered for the full conference to attend this session, and pre-registration is required. Registration is limited to the first 150 people. See the registration form for details.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Florida League of Mayors Nominating Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Florida League of Mayors Business Meeting
For more information, contact Rachel Embleton at rembleton@flcities.com.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Florida League of Mayors Board of Directors Meeting

12:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Municipal Marketplace Open

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
“Cities 101” Workshop
If you are newly elected or newly appointed, this “crash course” is designed for you. Details about Florida municipalities, services and governing challenges will be discussed. This is a prequel to the popular Institute for Elected Municipal Officials, but is not a substitute for the three-day IEMO class.
Thursday, August 16, 2018 (Continued)

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Legislative Policy Committee Meetings
  >> Finance, Taxation and Personnel
  >> Land Use and Economic Development
  >> Municipal Administration
  >> Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations
  >> Utilities, Natural Resources and Public Works

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Workshops

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Resolutions Committee Meeting

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Federal Action Strike Team (FAST) Meeting

5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
First-Time Attendees’ Orientation
If this is your first FLC Conference, welcome! This workshop will acquaint you with the League, the conference program (with tips for the best use of your time), how to get involved in your local or regional league, FLC legislative policy committees and other municipal services.

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
President’s Welcome Reception in the Municipal Marketplace

Friday, August 17, 2018

7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m.
FREE Sunrise Yoga on the Beach
See page 9 for full details.

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Breakfast
To be eligible to attend, a membership application and paid dues must be submitted. Membership applications can be obtained at www.fbc-leo.org. For more information regarding FBC-LEO visit their website.

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast in the Municipal Marketplace

7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Municipal Marketplace Open

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Registration Desk Open
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
Workshops

9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
Home Rule Rally

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Sidewalk Café in the Municipal Marketplace (Cash Sales)

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Home Rule Rally

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Membership Networking Event

Evening Open

Saturday, August 18, 2018

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  
Various Local/Regional League Breakfast Meetings  
Contact your local league for more information.

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Registration Desk Open

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
Voting Delegate Registration Open

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Youth Council Program  
See page 12 for details and registration information.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Annual Business Meeting

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
General Session

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  
Past Presidents’ Luncheon and Installation of New President

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Workshops

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Childcare Provided  
Pre-registration required. See enclosed form to register.

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Inaugural Celebration – City Nights  
Back by popular demand is the group Tallahassee Nights Live, a band that appeals to all styles and ages with their eclectic mix of jazz, R&B, soul, pop, rock, Latin and country, so bring your dancing shoes and plenty of energy. Enjoy a buffet dinner, some strolling entertainment and plan to dance the night away.

Schedule and speakers subject to change.
Conference Speakers

MARK STODOLA  
Mayor, Little Rock, AR  
President, National League of Cities

Mark Stodola is the mayor of Little Rock, AR, and president of the National League of Cities, the largest organization representing America’s cities and their leaders. As president of NLC, Stodola advocates on behalf of more than 19,000 cities, towns and villages, focusing on the critical issues of infrastructure, public safety, economic development and cities’ preparation for the future of work.

Stodola has served as mayor of Little Rock since January 2007. During his tenure, he has helped prioritize public safety as the city’s foremost obligation with a focus on various quality-of-life projects impacting economic development and tourism. Stodola has been key in promoting the revitalization of Little Rock’s Main Street where the “Creative Corridor” plan, as well as the location of the city’s state-of-the-art Technology Park, has resulted in over $150 million in private sector development thus far. He has partnered to bring over $1.3 billion in new capital investment to the city, which has resulted in more than 7,000 new jobs since taking office, while also championing investment in historically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Beginning his career in public service as city attorney of Little Rock, Stodola has also served as prosecuting attorney for the 6th District of Arkansas and senior partner in the Little Rock law firm Catlett & Stodola, PLC. In addition to his leadership of NLC, Stodola is an active member of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Rotary Club of Little Rock.

STEPHEN K. BENJAMIN  
Mayor, Columbia, SC  
President-Elect, United States Conference of Mayors

Since being elected in a record turnout election in April 2010, Mayor Steve Benjamin has made it his mission to create in Columbia the most talented, educated and entrepreneurial city in America.

His service in Columbia began in 1990 when he served as student body president at the University of South Carolina, later becoming the Student Bar Association President at the USC School of Law.

In his time as mayor, the city has generated budget surpluses in five of the last seven years and gone seven straight years without a tax increase; established the city’s first poet laureate and public art initiative; launched “Let’s Move! Columbia” and was named 2015’s #1 National League of Cities “Let’s Move” city; established the Justice for All initiative, which implemented measures to improve accountability and trust between law enforcement and Columbia communities; and launched new green infrastructure projects, including utilizing new, low-impact technologies and the use of modular storage for flood control.

In addition to serving as mayor of Columbia, Benjamin also serves as vice president of the United States Conference of Mayors and as chairman for Municipal Bonds for America. He teaches a class at the University of South Carolina Honors College and Columbia College titled “Columbia, South Carolina: Building a Great City,” and is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi and Sigma Pi Phi fraternities.
Additional Activities

**Off-Site Activities**

The Diplomat Beach Resort provides a professional concierge desk to answer all questions regarding what to do, where to dine and how to get there, as well as brochures on area attractions, shopping and restaurants. For complete information, please contact the Diplomat at (954) 602-6000 or visit their website at www.diplomatresort.com.

**FREE Sunrise Yoga on the Beach**

Join us on the beach at **7:00 a.m.** on **Friday, August 17**, for a **sunrise yoga class**. Flow with grace in a variety of postures designed to open up your mind, body and heart. This relaxing class will be led by a certified personal trainer and is great for individuals at all levels of fitness. You don’t need to bring a yoga mat, but be sure to wear comfortable clothing. There is no charge for the event, but **pre-registration is required** (see main registration form), and the class is limited to the **first 50 participants**.

**Saturday Night Childcare**

Childcare services will be available on **Saturday, August 19, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.** during the Inaugural Event. This service, provided by the League through Sitter Solutions, will be offered at no charge, but pre-registration is required.

The League will provide pizza, snacks and drinks. Sitter Solutions will provide quality childcare with loads of activities and games. Toys will be provided for children 1-3 years old, as well as videos for quiet time. Pillows and blankets will also be available. This service is licensed, bonded, insured and CPR trained, and there is no cost to you.

**Agenda**

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Please be sure to pick up your child by 10:00 p.m.

In order for us to provide this service, you will need to fill out the Childcare Registration Form on page 13 so we can determine how many sitters will be needed. Please return childcare forms to Melanie Howe, mhowe@flcities.com, fax (850) 222-3806 or mail to P.O. Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1757.
Conference Housing Information

The Diplomat Beach Resort will serve as the conference hotel. It is located at 3555 S. Ocean Drive in Hollywood. The hotel’s phone is (954) 602-6000. (NOTE: Reservations may be made via an FLC-provided code only. Please do not call the Diplomat to make reservations until you receive this code.) FLC has secured the reduced rate of $20 per day for self-parking, and $25 per day for valet parking.

The landmark Diplomat sits right on Hollywood Beach and features incredible views of the Atlantic. The hotel boasts a spectacular two-level lagoon-style pool, a kids’ club and many water activities. Visit the hotel’s website at www.diplomatresort.com for more details. The Diplomat is a smoke-free property.

Directions

From North: Take I-95 South to Exit #18. Turn left onto Hallandale Beach Boulevard and proceed 3.5 miles. Turn left onto Ocean Boulevard (Route A1A). The hotel is located on the right.

From South: Take I-95 North to Exit #18. Turn right onto Hallandale Beach Boulevard. Proceed to Ocean Boulevard (Route A1A) and turn left. The hotel is located on the right.

From West: Take I-75 East to Interstate 595 East. Then proceed to I-95 South. Take Exit #18 and turn left on

Room Reservations - IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

In order to protect our room blocks for conference registrants, it is our policy that no one will receive housing information until we have received your PAID registration. Once your registration is paid, you will be sent housing information via email. (If you do not have an email address, we will mail or fax the information to you.) NOTE: If you register online, but choose to mail in your check, you will not receive your housing information until your registration is paid.

Please note that the reservation cutoff date at the Diplomat is July 19, 2018, and the rate is $189/night. It is important that you register for the conference early so you have plenty of time to make your reservations. Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Remember that we are unable to guarantee reservations for anyone nor the exact date on which the hotel block will sell out, so please register early.
DELEGATE INFORMATION

Name: ________________________________________________ | ______ | ____________________________________________________
First Name or Nickname: ________________________________________________
As You Wish to Appear on Badge
Title: _____________________________________________ Affiliation: ________________________________________________________
City, County, Government or Company
Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________________________
City: ________________________________________________________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________
Phone Number: __________________________ Fax Number: __________________________
Email Address (for confirmations): _______________________________________________________________________________________ 
Please provide the address of the person who should receive the confirmation.

First-Time Attendee? □ Yes □ No    Contact Person: ________________________________________________________________

GUEST INFORMATION (Please complete only if registering a guest for the conference.)

Guest’s Name: ________________________________________________________ First Name: ____________________________________
As You Wish to Appear on Badge
Child’s Name: ___________________________________________ Age: _______ First Name: ____________________________________
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Child’s Name: ___________________________________________ Age: _______ First Name: ____________________________________
As You Wish to Appear on Badge

SPECIAL NEEDS
If you require special services, or have special dietary needs, please attach a written description to your registration form.

REGISTRATION
Registration form must be accompanied by payment made payable to Florida League of Cities. Mail this form to: Florida League of Cities, P.O. Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1757.

Registration forms must be postmarked by August 1, 2018.

Remember: You will not receive housing information until we have received your PAID registration.

CANCELLATION POLICY
All cancellations received in writing via email or fax to mhowe@flcities.com or (850) 222-3806 and received by 5:00 p.m., August 1, 2018, will receive refunds, minus a $50.00 cancellation fee. Refunds will be issued after the conference. No refunds can be made after August 1 or for early departure from the conference.

REGISTRATION FEES

| City/County/Government | ___ @ $525.00* | $ ________ |
| Corporate             | ___ @ $625.00* | $ ________ |
| Guest                | ___ @ $125.00  | $ ________ |
| Guest (13-18 years)  | ___ @ $20.00   | $ ________ |
| Guest (3-12 years)   | ___ @ $15.00   | $ ________ |
| Exhibit Hall Pass    | ___ @ $20.00   | $ ________ |

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

| Thursday, August 16 | ___ @ $0.00 | $ ________ |
| Ethics Session     |              |          |
| Friday, August 17  | ___ @ $0.00 | $ ________ |
| Sunrise Yoga       |              |          |
| Saturday, August 18| ___ @ $40.00 | $ ________ |
| Extra Luncheon Ticket | ___ @ $50.00 | $ ________ |
| Extra Inaugural Celebration Ticket | |

Total $ ________

*NOTE: Registration fees will increase to $555 for government and $655 for corporate for all registrations done onsite.
2018 Florida League of Cities
Youth Council Program

Saturday, August 18, 2018 | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

We are pleased to invite youth councils from throughout the state to participate in the annual conference. Attendees will learn about issues facing municipalities across the country and have the opportunity to network with other Florida youth councils.

The registration fee for this program is $75 per person and includes the keynote presentation during Saturday’s general session, lunch and youth-targeted presentations.

NOTE: Students must be members of an established municipal youth council in order to participate in this program.

Please complete one form per youth council. The form may be duplicated if you are registering more than six people.

Youth Council Name: _________________________________________________________________
Contact Person: _____________________________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________ State: ________________ Zip: _____________
Phone: ____________________________ Fax: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________ Contact Cell Phone: ____________________________

Name: __________________________________________  □ Student  □ Chaperone
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Registration Fee: $75.00 per person if received by Wednesday, August 1, 2018. The final deadline for registration is Wednesday, August 1, 2018.

Total Amount Enclosed: $ ______

Return completed form with check payment to Florida League of Cities, P.O. Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1757.

NOTE: If you wish to pay with a Visa or MasterCard, please complete this form and email it to mhowe@flcities.com and you will be contacted directly for your card information.

Youth council registration cancellation must be done in writing via email or fax to mhowe@flcities.com or (850) 222-3806. All cancellations received in the FLC office by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 1, 2018 will receive refunds. Refunds will be issued after the conference.

For more information please contact Sharon Berrian at (850) 222–9684.
Saturday Night Childcare Form

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Sitter Solutions, Inc.
Pre-Registration Form

Parent Name: ___________________________ Phone ( ) ___________________________
Address: _______________________________ Cell Phone: ___________________________
City: ______________________________ State: _______ Zip/Postal Code: ________________

Please list each child’s name, age and any allergies or special needs as indicated below:

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Who is authorized to pick up your child?

Name: ___________________________ Relationship: ___________________________
Name: ___________________________ Relationship: ___________________________

1. The undersigned parent/guardian, for himself or herself, and his or her heirs, successors and/or assigned, hereby releases, acquits and fully discharges, Sitter Solutions and their respective shareholders, officers, directors, agents, employees, representatives, predecessors, successors and assigns from any and all claims, suits, sums of money, judgments, executions, damages, losses, expenses of any kind including without limitation, court demands, causes of actions and rights whatsoever, known or unknown contingent or otherwise, that parent, guardian or child might have, in whole or in connection with directly or indirectly, in the provision of child care services and or any use by parent/guardian or their children at such facility.

2. Parent/guardian may not bring toys, jewelry, valuables or medications into child care facility. Sitter Solutions, Inc. will not be responsible for such items and will not administer medication of any kind.

3. Parent/guardian warrants that the child has no allergies or disabilities, which have not been noted above.

4. This agreement shall be interpreted and construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

5. I hereby grant permission for Sitter Solutions, Inc. to take whatever steps necessary to obtain emergency medical care if warranted. If the parent cannot be reached emergency personnel will be called.

6. I hereby give permission for photographs/video to be taken of my child (ren) while attending a Sitter Solutions, Inc. children’s convention. These photographs/video may be used for Sitter Solutions, Inc. This will serve as my authorization to Sitter Solutions, Inc.

________________________________________________________
Signature

________________________________________________________
Relationship

For more information, call Sitter Solutions, Inc. at
813-900-0927