



# 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Diplomat Beach Resort, Hollywood  
August 11-13, 2022

#FLCities2022

Hotel Registration  
Deadline: **July 10, 2022**

Conference Registration  
Deadline: **July 29, 2022**

Paid registration is required to receive housing information, so sign up early! See page 7 for details.

# GENERAL INFORMATION



The Florida League of Cities (FLC) 2022 Annual Conference will be held August 11-13, 2022, at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood. Join us as we celebrate the League's **100th anniversary** and its dedication to serving Florida municipalities for the past century.

The conference is an opportunity for municipal officials and senior staff to enhance leadership skills, learn from municipal experts, share ideas with peers, discuss strategies for Florida's future and discover the latest products and services for municipal governments.

This year's conference will include breakout sessions, committee meetings, keynote presentations, awards and a **special registration offer for first-time attendees**. We're even bringing back Saturday night's formal gala to celebrate our 100 years! In addition, a History Hub near the registration area will show the League's history through mementos, scrapbooks and a video that includes voices from the past. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, network and share.

## Location/Dates

The Diplomat Beach Resort – Hollywood, FL  
Thursday, August 11 – Saturday, August 13, 2022

## Registration Hours

Thursday, August 11: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, August 12: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, August 13: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## REGISTRATION FEES

**City/County/Government** (\$550), **Corporate** (\$650) and **Guest** (\$150): 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 100th Anniversary Gala.

**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 nonprofessional 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 the 100th Anniversary Gala.**

**Exhibit Hall Pass** (\$50): This pass allows family members and guests who are not registered for the conference to access 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.**

## SPECIAL REGISTRATION OFFER FOR FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES:

To celebrate our milestone anniversary, we are offering up to **100 complimentary registrations** to elected municipal officials who have never attended our conference before. This is **only** for first-time attendees, and the registrant will still be responsible for any travel or housing costs, as well as registration fees for any guests. To take advantage of this offer, complete and return the special registration form on page 10.

# GENERAL INFORMATION



## REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

### Online Registration – Credit Cards Only

Visit [flcities.com/annualconference](http://flcities.com/annualconference) to access the online registration and pay with your Visa, Mastercard or American Express. You will receive your conference confirmation immediately via email. Conference confirmations include your registration information, totals and housing instructions. Please check your confirmation carefully to verify that all information is correct and inform the League immediately of any errors.

### Mail Registration – Checks Only

To pay via check, fill out the registration form on page 9, attach your check for the appropriate fee and mail it to the League office by **Friday, July 29, 2022**. Name badges and other information can be picked up at the conference registration desk.

### Email Registration – First-Time Attendees Only

If you are a first-time attendee, fill out the special registration form on page 10 and email it to [mhowe@flcities.com](mailto:mhowe@flcities.com) by **Friday, July 29, 2022**.

## DEADLINES

**Registration** – Conference registrations must be received no later than **Friday, July 29, 2022**. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please register on-site. **NOTE: Registration fees will increase to \$580 for government and \$680 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 10, 2022**. 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 7 for more details.

### Cancellation Policy

Conference registration cancellation requests must be sent in writing via email to [mhowe@flcities.com](mailto:mhowe@flcities.com). All cancellations received in the FLC

office by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, July 29, 2022**, will receive refunds, minus a **\$50.00** cancellation fee. Refunds will be issued after the conference. **No refunds can be made after July 29 or for early departure from the conference.**

Hotel reservations must be canceled 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 or 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.

### Certification Credit

This year's conference will include the launch of our new **Certificate Program for Elected Municipal Officials**. See page 8 for more details.

### 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 @FLCities on all major platforms. Connect with the conversation or pose questions by using the hashtag **#FLCities2022** in 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 11**.

### Contact Information

For additional information, please contact Melanie Howe at [mhowe@flcities.com](mailto:mhowe@flcities.com) or **850.222.9684**.

# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Following is a tentative schedule of conference events. Be sure to check our website for updates!

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Research Symposium

Additional registration required through the League's Center for Municipal Research; contact Wade Burkley at [wburkley@flcities.com](mailto:wburkley@flcities.com).

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Florida League of Mayors Forum

Additional registration required through the Florida League of Mayors; contact Rachel Embleton at [rembleton@flcities.com](mailto:rembleton@flcities.com).

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022

7:00 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 hours of specific continuing education in ethics per year. If you haven't completed your hours yet, this is your opportunity! The four-hour session includes two hours on the Florida Ethics Law (Chapter 112, Florida Statutes), one hour of public meetings (Chapter 286, Florida Statutes) and one hour of public records (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes). If your hours are completed, this class is a good refresher.

**NOTE:** Registration is limited to the first 175 people and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

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](mailto: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.

### Exhibit Hall Open

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 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

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, the services they provide and governing challenges will be discussed. This course is a prequel to the popular Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO) but is not a substitute for the three-day IEMO class.

3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Workshops

4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

### Resolutions Committee 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.

# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

## President's Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2022**

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

## FREE Sunrise Yoga on the Beach

Join us on the beach 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 preregistration is required** and the class is limited to the **first 50 participants**.

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

## Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Breakfast

Additional registration required through the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials;

contact Nykierama Cooper at [ncooper@flcities.com](mailto:ncooper@flcities.com).

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

## Continental Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall

7:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

## Exhibit Hall Open

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Registration Desk Open

8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

## Federal Action Strike Team Meeting

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

## Workshops

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

## Opening General Session

Featuring the presentation of the E. Harris Drew Municipal Official Lifetime Achievement Award and a keynote presentation by **Ben Nemtin**.



**BEN NEMTIN**

**Ben Nemtin** is the No. 1 New York Times bestselling author of "What Do You Want to Do Before You Die?" and a star of MTV's highest-rated show on iTunes and Amazon called "The Buried Life." As the co-founder of The Buried Life movement, Nemtin's message of radical possibility has been featured on the "Today" show, "The Oprah Winfrey Show," CNN, FOX and NBC News. President Barack Obama called Nemtin and The Buried Life "inspiration for a new generation," and Winfrey declared their mission "truly inspiring."

In his first year of college, Nemtin was unexpectedly hit with a depression that forced him to drop out. To feel more alive, he created the world's greatest bucket list with his three best friends. They borrowed a rickety, old recreational vehicle, crisscrossed North America and achieved the unthinkable. And most importantly, every time they accomplished a dream, they helped a stranger cross something off their bucket list. From playing basketball with Obama to having a beer with Prince Harry, from reuniting a father and son after 17 years to surprising a young girl with a much-needed bionic arm, Nemtin's bucket list quest has inspired millions to thrive personally and professionally.

# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

**Sidewalk Café in Exhibit Hall (Cash Sales)**

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Workshops**

2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Workshops**

4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Workshops**

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Membership Networking Event**

**Evening Open**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022**

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**

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Youth Council Program**

See page 11 for details and registration information.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

**Annual Business Meeting**

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

**Second General Session**

Featuring recognition of the Years of Service awards and a keynote address by **Mickey Smith Jr.**

12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

**Past Presidents' Luncheon and Installation of New President**

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Workshops**

6:15 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

**100th Anniversary Gala**

See page 6 for all the exciting details!

Schedule and speakers subject to change.



**MICKEY SMITH JR.**

Educa-tainer **Mickey Smith Jr.** is a Grammy Music Educator Award recipient who hails from a forgotten community in Louisiana and now stands on phenomenal stages encouraging people to "See the Sound and Keep On Going."

Smith is an acclaimed international speaker, saxophonist, author, master development coach and self-management strategist. He is committed to encouraging and equipping people with the tools to "Discover Their Sound" of significance and "Keep On Going" with resilience. Smith specializes in engaging, educating and elevating every audience member to excellence. Smith believes that everyone has a "sound" (a significance) that has the power to resonate with others and create a shift in thoughts and perspectives.

Smith's motivational mixture of music and message teaches how to reach people with consistency, intention and strategy.

# 100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Saturday, August 13  
6:15 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

## 100th Anniversary Gala

Pack your suits, tuxes and fancy dresses because we're celebrating the League's 100th anniversary with an evening that's sure to be memorable. Following a sit-down dinner, you'll be amazed by the magical talents of **Justin Willman**.

After the show, enjoy dessert and dancing late into the night.



**JUSTIN WILLMAN**

Magician/comedian and recent Critics' Choice Awards nominee **Justin Willman** has cemented himself as one of today's most prolific entertainers.

In 2018, Willman premiered his six-episode magic series on Netflix titled "Magic for Humans." In the series, Willman brings his skills as a magician to America's strange and misunderstood subcultures while incorporating his disarming demeanor into street magic and social experiments that will boggle the mind. IndieWire called Willman the "perfect magician/hybrid prototype with incredible comedic timing," and Rotten Tomatoes has the show listed at an 85% audience approval. The Los Angeles Times exclaimed that Willman is "a new breed of magician who's making magic cool again for grown-ups."

Before "Magic for Humans," Willman was known for his multiple appearances on "The Tonight Show," "The Ellen Degeneres Show" and "Conan." He also performed live at the White House for the Obama family. His debut comedy/magic special "Sleight of Mouth with Justin Willman" premiered on Comedy Central in 2015 to rave reviews.

## 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 **\$28.80** per day for self-parking and **\$37.60** 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 and many water activities. Visit the hotel's website at [diplomatresort.com](http://diplomatresort.com) for more details. **The Diplomat is a smoke-free property.**

## IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

### Room Reservations

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.

Please note that the reservation cutoff date at the Diplomat is **July 10, 2022**, and the rate is **\$199/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 or the exact date on which the hotel block will sell out, **so please register early.**



# FLC UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

## Introducing the FLC University Certificate Program for Elected Municipal Officials!

As a local elected official, you diligently serve your cities and residents while being faced with numerous challenges and navigating an ever-changing landscape of state and federal laws and regulations. To support your efforts, the Florida League of Cities continues to offer a variety of in-person and virtual educational opportunities to help municipal officials learn about the latest issues, trends and best practices.

We know the time commitment and dedication you put toward training and continuing education, and we want to reward hardworking officials like you who take time out of their busy days to participate in these valuable programs!

The FLC University is launching a NEW program called the **Certificate Program for Elected Municipal Officials** to recognize elected officials who consistently take part in the League's many training opportunities.

After the program launches at the 2022 FLC Annual Conference, you will have a chance to earn points for FLC University activities you participate in from August to July each year. Getting started is easy! After signing up for the program online, the points will be automatically tracked and awarded through registrations in the FLC database.

We look forward to recognizing dedicated elected municipal leaders for their efforts to provide excellent service to Florida's cities and their residents! A certificate from the FLC University is a great way to show your continued commitment to learning about Florida-specific municipal issues and improving your leadership skills.

Look for additional information on this exciting, new recognition program in the coming months!



# 2022 FLC Annual Conference Registration Form

August 11-13, 2022 | The Diplomat Beach Resort, Hollywood

Florida League of Cities | P.O. Box 1757 | Tallahassee, FL 32302 | 850.222.9684 | Fax 850.222.3806 | [mhowe@flcities.com](mailto:mhowe@flcities.com)

Return completed form with check payment to Florida League of Cities, P.O. Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1757, or visit the League website, [flcities.com/annualconference](http://flcities.com/annualconference), to access online registration. **NOTE: Credit card payments may be made online only.**

## DELEGATE INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_  
First M.I. Last

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.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
As You Wish to Appear on Badge

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
As You Wish to Appear on Badge

REGISTRATION FEES	NO.	FEE	TOTAL FEE
City/County/Government	___@	\$550.00*	\$ _____
Corporate	___@	\$650.00*	\$ _____
Guest	___@	\$150.00	\$ _____
Guest (13-18 years)	___@	\$20.00	\$ _____
Guest (3-12 years)	___@	\$15.00	\$ _____
Exhibit Hall Pass	___@	\$50.00	\$ _____

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES	NO.	FEE	TOTAL FEE
<b>Friday, August 12</b>			
Sunrise Yoga	___@	\$0.00	\$ _____
<b>Saturday, August 13</b>			
Extra Luncheon Ticket	___@	\$50.00	\$ _____
Extra Gala Ticket	___@	\$60.00	\$ _____
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

\*NOTE: Registration fees will increase to \$580 for government and \$680 for corporate for all registrations done on-site.

## 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 **July 29, 2022**. **Remember:** You will not receive housing information until we have received your **PAID** registration.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations received in writing via email to [mhowe@flcities.com](mailto:mhowe@flcities.com) and received by 5:00 p.m. **July 29, 2022**, will receive refunds, minus a **\$50.00** cancellation fee. Refunds will be issued after the conference. **No refunds can be made after July 29 or for early departure from the conference.**



# 100th Anniversary Complimentary Registration for First-Time Attendees

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Florida League of Cities | P.O. Box 1757 | Tallahassee, FL 32302 | 850.222.9684 | Fax 850.222.3806 | [mhowe@flcities.com](mailto:mhowe@flcities.com)

This form is for use by elected municipal officials who have **never** attended the annual conference before. Complimentary registrations are limited to the first 100 applicants. To register, complete the information below, and return the form via email to [mhowe@flcities.com](mailto:mhowe@flcities.com).

**NOTE:** If you need to register a guest or purchase any additional tickets, please complete the main registration form and mail it in with your payment. If you would like to pay via credit card, email the form to [mhowe@flcities.com](mailto:mhowe@flcities.com), and you will receive instructions to pay online.

## DELEGATE INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_  
*First M.I. Last*

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.*

## SPECIAL NEEDS

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

## CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be sent via email to [mhowe@flcities.com](mailto:mhowe@flcities.com) no later than **Friday, July 29, 2022**.





# 2022 Florida League of Cities Youth Council Program

**Saturday, August 13, 2022 | 9:00 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 how to take ideas and turn them into actions. Come develop ideas for moving the needle and for engagement that fosters real change.

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

**Registration Fee: \$75.00 per person if received by Friday, July 29, 2022.** This is the final deadline to register.

**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, Mastercard or American Express, please complete this form and email it to [erussell@flcities.com](mailto:erussell@flcities.com). You will be contacted directly for your card information.

Youth council registration cancellation must be sent via email to [erussell@flcities.com](mailto:erussell@flcities.com). All cancellations received in the FLC office by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, July 29, 2022**, will receive refunds. Refunds will be issued after the conference.

**For more information, please contact Eryn Russell at 850.222.9684.**