

WELCOME TO THE

2022 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE



**NOVEMBER 30 -
DECEMBER 2**

Embassy Suites Orlando
Lake Buena Vista South

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022

1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

Palms Ballroom Foyer

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

Managing Social Media: An Interactive Workshop for Florida's Mayors

Palms Ballroom C

This seminar is for everyone from keyboard warriors to those who aren't quite sure if TikTok is a social media platform or a new type of wristwatch. In this multi-hour workshop, you will hear from and interact with several leading experts who will share insights that will help you navigate the challenging – and ever-changing – world of social media. From offering best management practices and do's and don'ts to real-life examples, our speakers will help you gain a better understanding of how to develop workable and sustainable policies for dealing with the unforgiving and unrelenting world of social media.

Moderator: *Dan Saracki*, Mayor, City of Oldsmar

Speakers: *Carlos Garcia*, President and Founder, Government Social Media Academy; *Courtney Thomas*, Chief of Staff, City of Tallahassee; and *Steven J. Vancore*, President, VancoreJones Communications

Additional and pre-registration required; Mayors and Vice Mayors/Deputy Mayors only please.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Florida League of Mayors Reception

Palms Ballroom B

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

Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Reception

Palms Ballroom A

Additional and pre-registration required.

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THURSDAY

7:30 a.m. - noon

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7:30 a.m. - noon

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022

7:30 a.m.

Coffee Service

Palms Ballroom Foyer

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

Registration Desk Open

Palms Ballroom Foyer

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

Local Voices United Ambassador Program

Magnolia Ballroom AB

Are you looking for ways to engage more with your residents? Are you eager to share the importance of local self-government with your municipality? This session is designed for elected officials who wish to educate and engage their residents in support of local voices making local choices. We'll provide you with a simple action plan to follow – including templates and outreach materials.

Speaker: *Scott Dudley*, Director of Field Advocacy and Federal Affairs, Florida League of Cities

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Speed Networking

Magnolia Ballroom C

Grab a cup of coffee and come “Find Common Grounds” with other city officials! This fast-paced, fun event will be a terrific start to your day. Get ready to meet, greet and swap ideas and information!

Facilitator: *Lynn Tipton*, Director, FLC University, Florida League of Cities

Host: *Greg Ross*, First Vice President, Florida League of Cities, and Mayor, City of Cooper City

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Advocacy Committee Organizational Meeting

Palms Ballroom C

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

Deconstructing the 2022 Elections

Magnolia Ballroom AB

No matter your political party, we all want to know one thing after an election: How will this impact my city? This session will provide important insight and analysis of the 2022 elections. Come learn what happened during the mid-term elections and what this could mean for the upcoming legislative session.

Moderator: *Crystal Wagar*, Councilmember, Miami Shores Village

Speaker: *Steven J. Vancore*, President, VancoreJones Communications

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Legislative Policy Committee Meetings

Finance, Taxation and Personnel Committee
Magnolia Ballroom C

Land Use and Economic Development Committee
Palms Ballroom D

Municipal Administration Committee
Palms Ballroom C

Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Palms Ballroom AB

Utilities, Natural Resources and Public Works Committee
Cypress 2-3

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Keynote Luncheon

Palms Ballroom EFG

Call to Order: *Jolien Caraballo*, President, Florida League of Cities, and Vice Mayor, City of Port St. Lucie

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation of the Virginea V. "Ginger" Eaton Employee of the Year Award

Keynote Presentation: Leadership through Challenging Times



Dr. Nathaniel Glover

Dr. Nathaniel Glover made history in 1995 when Duval County voters elected him as the first African American sheriff in Jacksonville and the first in Florida since Reconstruction. After 37 years in law enforcement, including two terms as sheriff, Glover continued his lifetime of service as the 29th President of Edward Waters College, the oldest independent higher education institution in Florida. Using his unique life experiences, Glover will inspire you to be a more confident leader, ready to handle the toughest challenges that life throws your way.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Priced Out of Paradise: A Housing Crisis Workshop

Magnolia Ballroom AB

With a low supply and high demand, Florida is in the middle of a housing crisis, but what are the solutions? Join our practitioners and industry leaders to learn how they are spearheading efforts to address housing issues and not just in the traditional way, but rather strategically and with a regional collaborative approach. Using concrete examples from communities across the state, this workshop will touch on an array of topics including planning, land development and utilizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for housing.

Moderator: *Paula R. Reed*, Commissioner, City of Daytona Beach

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Speakers: *Kody Glazer*, Legal Director, Florida Housing Coalition; *Lisa Portelli*, Senior Advisor to the Mayor on Homelessness and Social Services, City of Orlando; and *Frank Wells*, President and Chief Impact Officer, Bright Community Trust

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

Money Matchmaker: Grant Readiness and Success

Magnolia Ballroom AB

Is your city taking advantage of all current state and federal funding opportunities? Has your city taken the proper steps to best position yourself for grant success? If you want to know where to begin or to brush up on how to find and apply for grants, be sure to attend this session. Attendees will hear directly from cities who have had success in the grant process, from planning and budgeting to the start of the application to watching the project come to life.

Moderator: *Chris Holley*, Associate Director, Membership, Research and Innovation, Florida League of Cities

Speakers: *Adam Boukari*, Founder and CEO, Abbfortis Strategies; *Robert S. "Sam" Fite Jr.*, Vice Mayor, City of Bowling Green; and *Matthew D. Surrency*, Commissioner, City of Hawthorne

4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Florida League of Cities Board of Directors Meeting

Palms Ballroom C

Presiding: *Jolien Caraballo*, President, Florida League of Cities, and Vice Mayor, City of Port St. Lucie

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

Networking Event

Palms Ballroom EFG

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022

7:30 a.m.

Coffee Service

Palms Ballroom Foyer

7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Registration Desk Open

Palms Ballroom Foyer

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Federal Action Strike Team Meeting

Palms Ballroom B

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

Legislative Committee Meeting

Palms Ballroom C

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Amplify Your Advocacy: Learn from the Pros on Effectively Communicating with Legislators

Magnolia Ballroom AB

This workshop will provide hands-on, effective advocacy techniques to discuss issues competently with policymakers while working within the legislative process. Whether a newcomer or long-serving advocate, don't miss this fun, interactive opportunity to learn from the pros on effective lobbying strategies.

Moderator: *Joshua Simmons*, Vice Mayor, City of Coral Springs

Panelists: *Jen Ahearn-Koch*, Commissioner, City of Sarasota; *Dorothea Taylor Bogert*, Mayor, City of Auburndale; *Dan Daley*, State Representative, District 96, Sunrise; *Shevrin D. Jones*, State Senator, District 34, Miami Gardens; *NanDrycka King Albert*, Councilwoman, City of Midway; *Lois Paritsky*, Mayor, Town of Ponce Inlet; *Jamie Robinson*, Commissioner, City of Largo; *Darrel Thomas*, Chief Financial Officer, City of Weston; and *Kaylee Tuck*, State Representative, District 83, Sebring

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Business Session

Palms Ballroom D

Call to Order: *Jolien Caraballo*, President, Florida League of Cities, and Vice Mayor, City of Port St. Lucie

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Report of the Legislative Committee

Adoption of 2023 Legislative Action Agenda

Charge to the Delegates: *Jolien Caraballo*, President, Florida League of Cities, and Vice Mayor, City of Port St. Lucie



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April 4-5, 2023

Legislative Action Days
Tallahassee

August 10-12, 2023

Annual Conference

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