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To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
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Subject: **Report on the League of California Cities 2006 Mayors and Councilmembers Academy: Executive Forum and Advanced Leadership Workshops**

On July 25-30, 2006, I attended the League of California Cities 2006 Mayors and Councilmembers Academy: Executive Forum and Advanced Leadership Workshops in Monterey, California.

The League of California Cities is an association of California city officials who work together to influence policy decisions that affect cities. Through the education and advocacy of its 478 member California cities, the League has helped enhance the quality of life for all Californians.

The purpose of the 2006 Mayors and Councilmembers Academy was to provide information and training on how to address critical issues facing California cities. Seminar topics included: the unique planning challenges in working with the Coastal Commission, protecting local government interests in telecommunications services, working with City Managers and Department Heads, ethics laws and principles, health and safety of children, California water supply, role of commissions and commissioners, and much more.

The forum and leadership workshops help city officials obtain the information and resources needed to build better communities.

Recommendation: To receive and file report on attendance at the League of California Cities 2006 Mayors and Councilmembers Academy: Executive Forum and Advanced Leadership Workshops.