

# LEAGUE 22

**2022 League of Arizona Conference**

Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 | Glendale

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# WELCOME TO THE 2022 LEAGUE ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

As President of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns, it is my honor to welcome you to the 2022 League Annual Conference in Glendale, around the corner from State Farm Stadium, home of the Arizona Cardinals and the 2023 Super Bowl!

Reflecting on the challenges of the recent years and the opportunities that lie ahead, it is more important than ever to take advantage of all the League has to offer. Speaking with a unified voice to protect shared revenues and local control, the League of Arizona Cities and Towns has been a stabilizing force, representing our common interests with unwavering dedication while also enhancing our reputation for solution-based collaboration.

The role of elected officials and public servants comes with many complexities and this conference is an exceptional forum to discuss issues of mutual concern while taking advantage of an abundance

of educational opportunities and workshops highlighting best practices.

It is an honor to serve as League President, working with fellow Mayors and Councilmembers to provide a voice for all cities and towns.

Thank you to League Staff for all of your efforts in bringing this year's conference together.

Thank you for your dedication to public service and thank you for your attendance!

Sincerely,



Cathy Carlat  
President, League of Arizona Cities and Towns  
Mayor, City of Peoria





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## CONFERENCE BADGES

You must wear your official conference badge to obtain entrance to all functions, including meals and social events.

**The dress at the conference is business casual.** This includes the receptions and dinners.

## REGISTRATION DESK LOCATION AND HOURS

The conference registration desk is located in the Solana Ballroom Foyer:

10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 30

7:00 am to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 31

7:00 am to 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 1

7:00 am to 10:00 am on Friday, September 2

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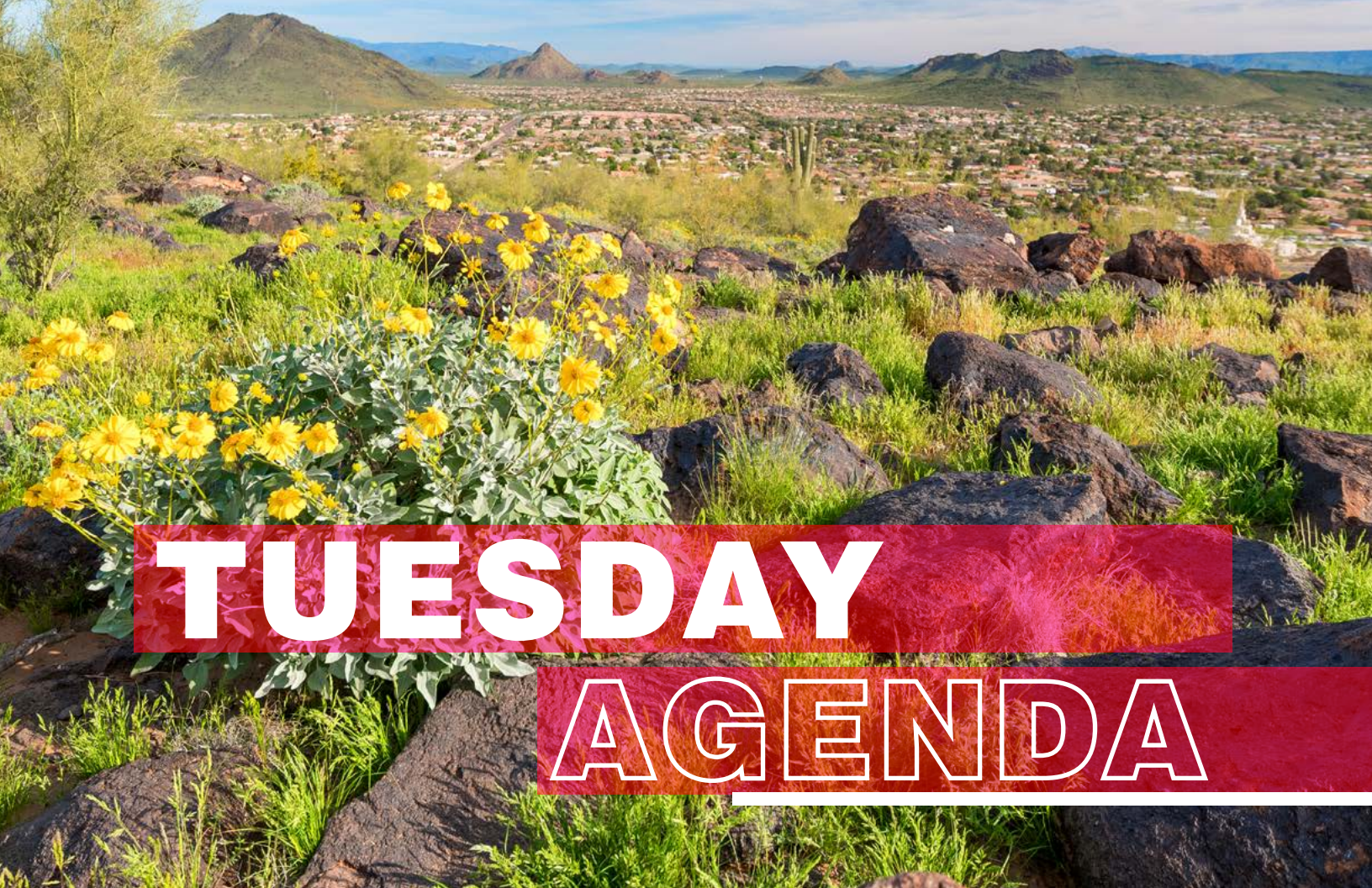
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**TUESDAY**

**AGENDA**



## TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

### Golf Tournament

9:00 a.m. – TopGolf Glendale

### Pre-Conference Session: Building the Arizona We Want

9:00 a.m. - Solana F

Arizonans across the vast expanse of our state—in our cities, towns, and rural communities—overwhelmingly agree on priorities and actions to drive the state forward, providing the basis for a shared vision of success for The Arizona We Want.

Join the Center for the Future of Arizona for an informative and interactive program where you will:

- Hear brand new data and insights about what Arizonans believe is important for the future and what they want elected leaders to address.
- Discover how Arizona leaders and communities are successfully using survey data to inform policy, practice, and investments to ensure action that supports what Arizonans want.
- Learn how to use new tools to inform ongoing, data-driven action to support your community's goals.

The report has given a voice to Arizonans and the basis for an agenda for the future. Together we can continue to build The Arizona We Want.

**Event Cost: Free**

*Note: This event was a separate registration to the main conference*

## TUESDAY AGENDA

### Resolutions Committee Meeting

1:30 p.m. - Solana A-D

Mayor Douglas Nicholls, Vice President of the League and Mayor of Yuma will serve as Chairman of this year's Resolutions Committee.

### The Future of Transportation Funding in Arizona

3:00 p.m. - Cira C

Mayors of our cities and towns understand the critical importance of adequately funding our transportation system. Our communities have seen the benefits of smart transportation investments - from growing populations to economic development investments and increased tourism throughout our state. The future of transportation funding in Arizona is at risk, and there are implications for all cities and towns as needs continue to rise and resources shrink. Join leaders in transportation funding and planning to hear about the realities municipalities face in 2022 and beyond.

### Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool (AMRRP) Annual Meeting

4:00 p.m. - Aurora A

### Welcome Reception

5:30 p.m. - Solana Foyer

The League welcomes all conference delegates and guests to the opening reception.

### APS Dinner at the League Conference

6:30 p.m. Solana E-I

#### Important note:

*This dinner is open to all government (city/town, county, state, and association) conference attendees and is included as part of your conference registration.*

# WEDNESDAY AGENDA

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

### Parade of Flags Practice

7:30 a.m. – Solana Ballroom

Designated representatives who will walk with their flag will meet in the Solana Ballroom for parade practice. **We strongly encourage all flag bearers to attend practice.**

### Youth Program (see page 21)

7:30 a.m. – Check in at League Registration Desk

### Opening General Session

9:00 a.m. – Solana Ballroom

- **Invocation:** Glendale Fire Chaplin
- **Presentation of the colors:** Luke Air Force Base Honor Guard
- **Parade of Flags/Celebration of Cities and Towns:**  
Tom Belshe, Executive Director, League of Arizona Cities and Towns
- **Host Mayor Welcome:** Jerry Weiers, Mayor, Glendale
- **Update from the National League of Cities:**  
David Sander, Ph.D., Second Vice President, National League of Cities, Councilmember, Rancho Cordova, CA
- **Sponsor Recognition**
- **Keynote Speaker:** John Register



#### How to Hurdle Adversity: Embrace the New Normal Mindset

This inspirational keynote will focus on identifying the fears which constrict our growth mindset and will provide a pathway to a new normal mindset to win life's medals, because post Covid, there is no going back to "normal."

Attendees will learn and experience the journey of John Register, who was a world-class athlete and Army combat veteran. Register's life changed with one wrong step during



a pre-Olympic hurdle training event where he dislocated his left leg. Seven days later his leg was amputated.

Instead of giving up, he developed “the new normal mindset” and proceeded to make two Paralympic teams and win the Long Jump silver medal in Sydney, Australia just 7 years post his amputation. Following his athletic career, Register has inspired millions to live more courageously and commit to the new normal mindset so they too can run over the hurdles in their lives.

## Lunch on Your Own

12:00 p.m.

## Concurrent Session – 1:30 p.m.

### Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA): Overview

1:30 p.m. – Solana A

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework, represents a major infusion of federal dollars into federal, state, and local infrastructure projects. Join us for an overview of the major programs funded by IIJA and an update on activity at the state level to support and coordinate efforts to seek out these funds.

### Arizona is so HOT right now: The Housing Lessons in Our Communities

1:30 p.m. – Solana B

More than a decade ago, Arizona's economy was built on housing. Today, we have a diversified, more stable economy, but a housing crisis that has housing prices and rents skyrocketing, a population priced out of the market, and a shortage of inventory. Let the expert panel share with you insights on solutions, set some realistic expectations, and give you tools to work with your staff and citizens.



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# WEDNESDAY AGENDA

1:30 p.m. – SESSIONS

## 911 Mental Health Calls: How Law Enforcement and Crisis Care Professionals Can Partner Together

1:30 p.m. – Cira A

Did you know that Arizona has one of the best crisis systems in the country? Is your community fully engaged in the solutions? Receive an overview of the crisis care system in Arizona and how the traditional response to 911 mental health calls is changing.

## It's a Dry Heat: How Extreme Heat is Impacting Arizona Communities

1:30 p.m. – Cira B

Extreme heat is part of our annual life in Arizona. Are we doing all we can to mitigate the effects of extreme heat? Providing resources for those most impacted? Collaborating and partnering with the right stakeholders to prevent negative consequences?

## Concurrent Sessions - 2:45 p.m.

### IIJA Track: Wildfire

2:45 p.m. – Solana A

It seems like every year wildfire season becomes longer and more severe. The impact of these natural disasters on our state and our communities is incredible. This session will discuss funding available from the federal government to assist local governments in updating and implementing their wildfire prevention plans and discuss efforts currently underway to improve Arizona's wildfire resiliency.

### Housing: Homelessness Issues in Arizona

2:45 p.m. – Solana B

Hear about efforts around the state to aid those currently experiencing homelessness and provide permanent solutions to this critical issue.

### What Lies Ahead: Arizona's Water Supply

2:45 p.m. – Solana C/D

As the state continues to grow, stories about Arizona's water supply continue to abound. Explore how Arizona's water policy experts are innovating to solve today's challenges and plan for a resilient water future.

2:45 p.m. – SESSIONS

## Mayor's Education Roundtable

2:45 p.m. – Aurora

The Arizona Mayors Education Roundtable brings together mayors from throughout Arizona who share ways to positively impact education in their towns and cities. Join the Mayors and Superintendents of the Roundtable to discuss strategies that can help address local challenges affecting the long-term success of every student.

## No Rules? or New Rules? - Civil Discourse in the Public Sphere

2:45 p.m. – Cira A

In a world where there seem to be "No rules" in the public sphere, learn how municipalities and leaders can support the First Amendment rights of citizens while elevating the conversation to be productive and civil.

2:45 p.m. – CONCURRENT SESSIONS



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**Cannabis: Opportunities and Challenges****2:45 p.m. – Cira B**

It's legal. How do local leaders work with the cannabis industry to create economic opportunities for our communities, while staying safe? Join this panel of experts to learn about best practices, and how the industry is impacting cities and towns.

**Let's Discuss: Pension Solutions****2:45 p.m. – Cira C**

Come prepared to contribute! Is your community looking to take control of your pension debt? Join this discussion and evaluate your options with various experts and hear from other communities trying to decide what tools and what approach will work best for them. This is not a formal session but a discussion group for those wanting practical tips and guidance on learning the tools available to control your pension debt.

**Concurrent Sessions – 4:00 p.m.****IIJA Track: Broadband****4:00 p.m. – Solana A**

Join us for a look at the federal dollars being made available for broadband projects and learn about how you can use these dollars to bring high-speed internet to your community for the first time or fill in “broadband deserts.”

**Short Term Rentals: Recommendations for Implementing New Tools to Mitigate Impacts on Communities****4:00 p.m. – Solana B**

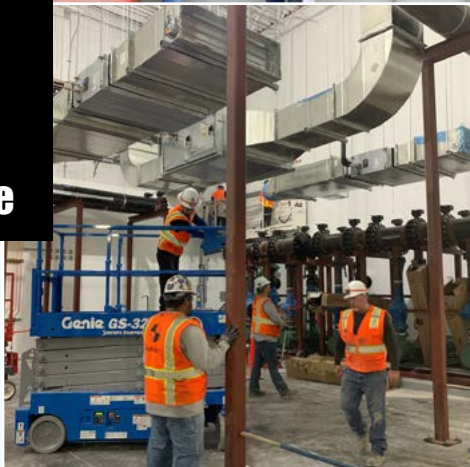
Learn from municipal representatives about the process of crafting short-term rental ordinances. Panelists will discuss challenges, wins, and key takeaways from their experience in attempting to mitigate STR impacts on communities. Local representatives will also discuss how they plan on implementing new tools provided in this year's SB1168. Representatives from the STR industry will provide their recommendations for municipalities considering new ordinances and describe their role in helping operators become compliant with new regulations.





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4:00 p.m. – CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### Leading Women: The Multiplying Effect When Women in the Private and Public Sectors Work Together

4:00 p.m. – Solana C/D

Women leading government and women leading the private sector team up to show us how we can work together to accomplish our collective goals.

*Following the session please join us at Ray's, the bar in the lobby of the Renaissance, for continued networking.*

### Small Community, Big Opportunity: Staff Recruitment and Retention in Rural Communities

4:00 p.m. – Cira A

Professional staff recruitment and retention is one of the biggest investments our cities and towns make. Large cities often drive competitive salaries that aren't obtainable for many of our smaller and rural communities in Arizona. So, what can they do to recruit and retain qualified and competitive management and staff? Join us in a discussion to hear from managers who have successfully recruited and retained talented staff in our smaller communities.

### Energy and Economic Development: We Can't Have One without the Other

4:00 p.m. – Cira B

A rapidly growing state relies on plentiful, reliable, and affordable energy. Learn from utility and economic development leaders about how the grid - the invisible infrastructure that delivers power to homes and businesses - is an essential component of Arizona's continued economic expansion.



## Capital Pipeline: How to Utilize the CIP Dashboard to Fund Capital Projects in Your City or Town

4:00 p.m. – Aurora

Join us for an overview of Capital Pipeline and what it offers to cities and towns free of charge. You'll also hear the latest updates to the platform and hear insight into how this tool can impact your CIP and help you in obtaining federal grants. You'll also be able to sign up on-site to activate your account.

## Sponsor Thank You Reception

5:30 p.m. Lower Lobby Level – Cascade Foyer

All sponsors and City/Town Mayors are invited to special reception to thank our sponsors for their support.

## Dinner, President's Update and Entertainment

6:30 p.m. – Solana Ballroom

**Speaker:** *Cathy Carlat, Mayor, Peoria, President, League of Arizona Cities and Towns*

*Entertainment Provided by CNB Band*



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# THURSDAY AGENDA

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

### Spouse/Guest Mobile Tour

**Tour of Cerreta Candy Company – See Page 19**

**8:00 a.m. – Cascade G**

**For more information on all the guest tours, See Page 19**

**Please Note:** Registration for this event is separate from the main conference. If you have not registered for the full spouse/guest program but are interested in participating, please see the League staff at the registration desk.

### Concurrent Sessions – 8:00 a.m.

#### IIJA Track: Transportation

**8:00 a.m. – Solana A**

Arizona has the potential to bring in unprecedented dollars in federal funding for transportation, but how do communities in Arizona “bring home the bacon?” This session will look at both federal formula and grant funding opportunities for AZ and hear tips on how you can maximize your chances of seeing money come to your community.

#### Housing: A Primer on Zoning and Permitting for City and Town Officials

**8:00 a.m. – Solana B**

The housing crisis brought new attention to local zoning and permitting processes. Hear from an expert to learn the basics on this process and be better informed when engaging in critical housing-related discussions.

#### Safe Paths Forward: Ensuring Safety for our Pedestrians, Cyclists and Transit Users

**8:00 a.m. – Solana C/D**

The safety of our pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and drivers is THE top priority when building and maintaining our transportation system. But accidents still occur. How can we ensure safety for all?

8:00 a.m. – CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### Small and Strategic: Tools for Economic Development in Small Cities

**8:00 a.m. – Cira A**

Economic growth in small communities requires targeted strategies, an entrepreneurial mindset, innovation, social capital, and collaboration. Learn how these factors create an ecosystem for strong economic development and leave this session with an action list to build opportunities in your community!

#### The Nexus Between Energy and Water

**8:00 a.m. – Cira B**

As Arizona draws new residents and businesses, demands on our energy grid and water sources will also continue to grow. How are utilities and other regulators adapting to balance water conservation with increasing energy needs in our communities? And how does drought planning impact our power supply? Learn how these issues are interconnected and how cities and towns can plan ahead.

#### A Shoplifting Epidemic: The Impacts of Organized Retail Crime

**8:00 a.m. – Cira C**

Organized retail theft is a growing epidemic within our community. Criminal syndicates have created comprehensive theft networks which affect small businesses, local law enforcement, and communities across the state. Join us for a briefing about the negative impacts of organized retail theft in Arizona and what you can do in your community to combat this growing crime.

#### Let's Discuss: High-Speed Internet Solutions

**8:00 a.m. – Aurora A**

Come prepared to contribute! Are you looking to expand or bring high-speed internet options to your community, but not sure what's right for your community or how to get started? Join this session to discuss and evaluate your options with various experts and providers.

8:00 a.m. – CONCURRENT SESSIONS



## Mobile Tour

**Tour of Luke Air Force Base and F-35A Lighting II Fighter Jet**  
**9:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

**For more information on all the guest tours, See Page 19**

**Please Note:** Registration is limited to the first 25 guests for this event and is separate from the main conference. If you have not registered for the tour but are interested in participating, please see the League staff at the registration desk to check if any space is still available.

## Concurrent Sessions – 9:15 a.m.

**IIJA Track: Multimodal - Passenger rail and airport: Planes and Trains**

**9:15 a.m. - Solana A**

From train tracks to tarmacs, come learn about all the new ways you may be getting around Arizona in the future. Federal infrastructure dollars are set to have a real impact on Arizona's multimodal landscape on the ground and in the skies.

**Lies, Damn Lies, and Statistics: Pollsters discuss the 2022 Election**

**9:15 a.m. – Solana B**

Watch pollsters discuss a host of election races and measures based off their polling data and debate who will be victorious come November.

**Is the Arizona Legislature as Chaotic as it Seems?**

**9:15 a.m. - Solana C/D**

From the outside looking in, the AZ Legislature appears petty, chaotic, and messy. Is AZ unique or is there more method than meets the eye?

**Affordable Housing in Arizona -- Partnerships to Bring Affordable Housing to your Community**

**9:15 a.m. – Cira A**

How do you bring affordable housing to your community? This session will explore public and private solutions to bringing affordable housing to your city or town.

9:15 a.m. – CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Building and Maintaining Effective Mayor, Council and Manager Relationships**

*This session sponsored by the Arizona City/County Management Association*  
**9:15 a.m. – Cira B**

The council-manager form of government provides a solid foundation for well-run communities in Arizona. This session will explore the importance of the unique relationship between a mayor, councilmembers, and their city manager. The discussion will include concrete examples of how elected officials best utilize and work with the manager's office to accomplish their goals while creating meaningful public policy to support their community's needs.

**ALEAP Accreditation: The Intersection of Community Policing and Police Reform**

**9:15 a.m.- Cira C**

Police Reform has gone by many names and descriptors over the past 24 months, as communities grapple with how to offer high quality services to their residents, while navigating the current demand for social justice. Historically, police reform has been driven by social change and community demands. The Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ALEAP) offers police agencies an opportunity to prove to their residents that they follow a set of industry best practices for the safe, effective, efficient, and non-discriminatory delivery of professional law enforcement services.

**Supply Chain, Manufacturing, and More: Mining Means Sustainable, Safe, and Thriving Communities**

**9:15 a.m. - Aurora A**

As the saying goes, if it can't be grown, it must be mined. In today's world of increasingly complex and costly supply chain issues, establishing pathways for key mineral components of our economy, transportation, and manufacturing systems are more important than ever. Mined commodities enable nearly every aspect of modern-day life and are critical in our state's long-term sustainability. Learn more about Arizona's role in the renewable supply chain and how these challenges are being solved.

9:15 a.m. – CONCURRENT SESSIONS

# THURSDAY AGENDA

10:30 a.m. – CONCURRENT SESSIONS

## Concurrent Sessions – 10:30 a.m.

### Local Issues Before the US Supreme Court

10:30 a.m. – Solana A

Don't be distracted by the U.S. Supreme Court's huge decisions in the abortion and guns cases. Last term, the Supreme Court decided so many cases of interest to local governments on topics ranging from public employment to police officer liability to elected officials behaving badly and getting censured. More significantly, local governments lost two cases last term because the Supreme Court changed its establishment of religion test. Discuss these cases and the implications of our new 6-3 conservative Court with Lisa Soronen, former Executive Director of the State and Local Legal Center.

### Reading the Tea Leaves: Pundits discuss the 2022 Election

10:30 a.m. – Solana B

This session will be a lively discussion from pundits on both sides of the political aisle discussing the 2022 election and other important issues impacting Arizona.

### Centering Arizona Voters in our Elections to Achieve the Arizona We Want

10:30 a.m. – Solana C

Where are the gaps between what voters want and what candidates are talking about in the November elections? Join Dr. Sybil Francis, President & CEO of Center for the Future of Arizona, to discuss brand new survey research on what Arizona voters want to be addressed in this year's midterm election, the views of Arizonans on education, economy, and more, and why reimagining the status quo of politics in our state is one critical step to achieving the outcomes most Arizonans want.

### Plug-In To the Latest Updates on Electric Vehicles

10:30 a.m. – Cira A

Catch up on the latest in Electric Vehicles, from ADOT's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure plan, to how industry is approaching EV and hear from a city who is working on an EV ready project. Arizona is poised to be a leader in EV readiness.

10:30 a.m. – SESSIONS

## Sharing Services: How Small Communities Can Leverage Big Possibilities

10:30 a.m. – Cira B

Providing critical services is an issue many of our smaller municipalities continually face. How can our smallest communities find the money to provide vital services to residents within a limited budget? Learn how two communities solved this issue by coming together for an effective partnership through combining their police force. They will share their experience on the benefits and challenges of sharing services across municipalities to provide their residents with the best services within a small-town budget.

## General Luncheon

12:00 p.m. – Solana Ballroom

**Presenter:** *Douglas Nicholls, Mayor, Yuma, Vice President, League of Arizona Cities and Towns*

- Legislative Awards and Recognition
- League Service Awards

## Mobile Tour

### Tour of Cardinals Stadium

2:30 PM-4:30 PM

**For more information on all the guest tours, See Page 19**

**Please Note:** *Registration is limited to the first 40 guests for this event and is separate from the main conference. If you have not registered for the tour but are interested in participating, please see the League staff at the registration desk to check if any space is still available.*

## Concurrent Sessions – 2:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m.

### Flexible Planning: Managing CIP Projects in an Ever-Changing Market

2:30 p.m. – Solana A

Cities have become adept at finding solutions brought on by quickly changing market dynamics. Learn how municipal leaders are being responsive to market changes, increased costs, a shortage of materials, and other innovative approaches to this multi-layered issue.



## All voters are not treated equally. Why should you care, and what you can do about it

2:30 p.m. - Solana B

Most candidate elections in Arizona are determined in the Primary Election where only 1,452,089 people voted in August of 2020. Partisan primary elections become a problem when primary voters (that's only 36% percent of registered voters) are responsible for choosing who wins the general election by default. Join us for a conversation to explore alternative nonpartisan primary structures that could engage better candidates and encourage voter turnout — making our system work better for ALL Arizonans.

## Retail Development and Incentive Implications Post Schires

2:30 p.m. Solana C/D

The session will include a review of best practices related to economic development incentives and when taking an alternative route can be justified and (potentially) defended legally in a post Schires environment.

## Dive In: The Future of Water

2:30 p.m.- Cira A

Arizona is leading the way when it comes to creative solutions to grow our water supply. Learn what these companies are doing, and how it can make a difference in your community.

## Affiliate Group Meetings

### ARI-SON Council

2:30 p.m. – Cira C

### Arizona City Attorneys Association

2:30 p.m. – Cira B

### Arizona COG Directors

2:30 p.m. – Cascade F

## Annual Business Meeting

4:00 p.m. – Aurora

The Annual Business Meeting is held each year at the conference to elect members to the Executive Committee and to ratify the resolutions passed at the Resolutions Committee Meeting

**President:** *Cathy Carlat, Mayor, Peoria, President, League of Arizona Cities and Towns*

**Speakers:** *Douglas Nicholls, Mayor, Yuma, Vice President, League of Arizona Cities and Towns and Chairman, League Resolutions Committee Chairman, League Nominating Committee*  
*John Giles, Mayor, Mesa, Chairman, League Nominating Committee*

## Showcase of Cities and Towns

6:00 p.m. – Media Center

# FRIDAY AGENDA

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

### Speed Networking Breakfast for Municipal Officials

8:00 a.m. – Solana C/D

**Facilitator:** **Christian Price**, *President and CEO, Maricopa Economic Development Alliance*

Join your fellow city and town elected officials and staff in a speed networking breakfast. Each participant will get one minute to share an issue that she/he is facing in their own community or on their council. Your issue can be big or small. Once you have shared your issue, everyone at the table will get one minute to share their initial impressions/reaction. Then the facilitator will announce a table change. Everyone will move to a different table based on a number sequence that avoids redundancy in the small groups. Participants can choose to use the same challenge/issue because your audience will have changed, or you may pose a new challenge to the group.

This session is designed to give you multiple ideas on how to deal with an issue in your community as well as introduce you to new colleagues throughout the state.

### Closing General Session

9:30 a.m. – Solana E



#### From Conflict to Conversation

Amidst unprecedented disruption and uncertainty, there's never been a more necessary time for community leaders to learn how to tackle complex and sensitive issues in ways that make people feel heard, respected, and empowered. Inspiring and wholly actionable, Matt Lehrman animates the principle that where people work together courageously, their potential is unlimited.

**Matt Lehrman**, *Social Prosperity Partners*

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## MOBILE TOURS

### Tour of Cerreta Candy Company

Thursday, September 1

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Glendale by Jim Cerreta, Sr. Cerreta's features a wide variety of chocolates, caramels, brittles, and candies. Learn how four generations of candy makers created these delectable treats on a special guided tour of the hometown candy and chocolate factory.

### Tour of Luke Air Force Base and F-35A Lighting II Fighter Jet

Thursday, September 1

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Come discover the new F-35A Lighting II operating at Luke Air Force Base in Glendale. The F-35 is replacing the U.S. Air Force's aging fleet of F-16 Fighting Falcons and A-10 Thunderbolt II's, which have been the primary fighter aircraft for more than 20 years. Luke AFB is home to nearly half of the entire Air Force F-35 fleet! Participants will enjoy a driving tour of Luke Air Force Base, a meet and greet with F-35 pilot and command staff, and the opportunity to see the F-35 up close.

### Tour of Cardinals Stadium

Thursday, September 1

2:30 PM-4:30 PM

Completed in August of 2006, State Farm Stadium has set the standard in multi-purpose NFL facilities. The stadium is home to a variety of different events including Arizona Cardinals home games, the annual Fiesta Bowl, international soccer matches, motorsports, trade & consumer shows, and corporate & social functions.

Designed with a roll-out natural grass field and retractable roof, the first of its kind in North America, the stadium is capable of converting from a sports facility to a multi-functional event space allowing it to host numerous event types in air-conditioned comfort.

**Please Note:** *Registration is limited for each of the mobile tours, and each has a separate registration process from the main conference.*

**If you have not registered for the tour but are interested in participating, please see the League staff at the registration desk to check if any space is still available.**



**YOUTH**

**PROGRAM**

Wednesday – August 31, 2022



## YOUTH PROGRAM

**Facilitator:** *Katey McPherson, Regional Sales Manager & Director of Professional Development, Bark for Schools*

### 7:30 a.m. – Youth Check- In

Youth check in at registration; if they are participating in parade of flags, those individuals have an additional check-in.

### 9:00 a.m. – Parade of Flags/Opening General Session

As a group, the youth will go to the Opening General Session. After the League president recognizes the youth councils, we will return to the youth program room together.

### 10:00 a.m. – [i]NSPIRED

**Speaker:** *Zion Givens, Youth Prevention Team Lead, notMYkid*

This session will highlight ways that students can amplify their mental health and gain skills in coping and resiliency. Zion will give participants specific strategies and ideas to take back to their campuses that can be implemented immediately.

### 10:45 a.m. – Building Grit: How to Be Tough During Tough Times

**Speaker:** *Michael Klinkner, LCSW*

Grit is a word that is thrown around in the media as something to use to get through the tough times. Michael will lead participants through a series of questions and answers to what is grit?, and how does one create their own to endure times that are more challenging and sometimes unexpected.

### 11:45 – Lunch/Yard Games

### 1:00 p.m. – Networking (Poster Boards)

### 1:45 p.m. – Communicating in A Digital Space

**Speaker:** *Adam Brooks*

Adam Brooks brings years of experience in communication and digital wellness to this hilarious and interactive workshop. Through the lens of his own journey, Adam shares the often hidden spaces of the digital world where students sometimes face challenges and will give participants hands on examples on how to survive and thrive in an often fast paced environment.

### 3:00 p.m. – End

### 3:00 p.m. - Stadium Tour

This tour is limited in number, so if you have not signed up for the tour, please check with the League registration desk to see if there is room.

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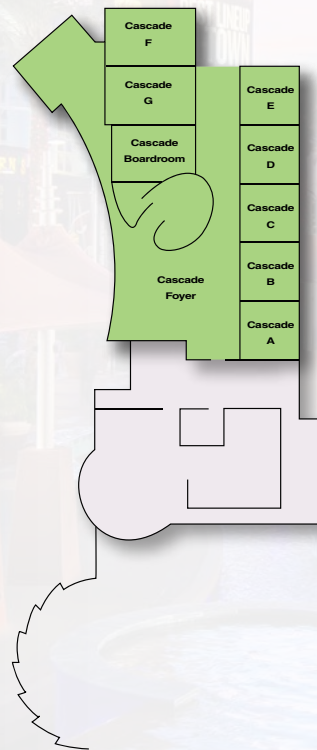
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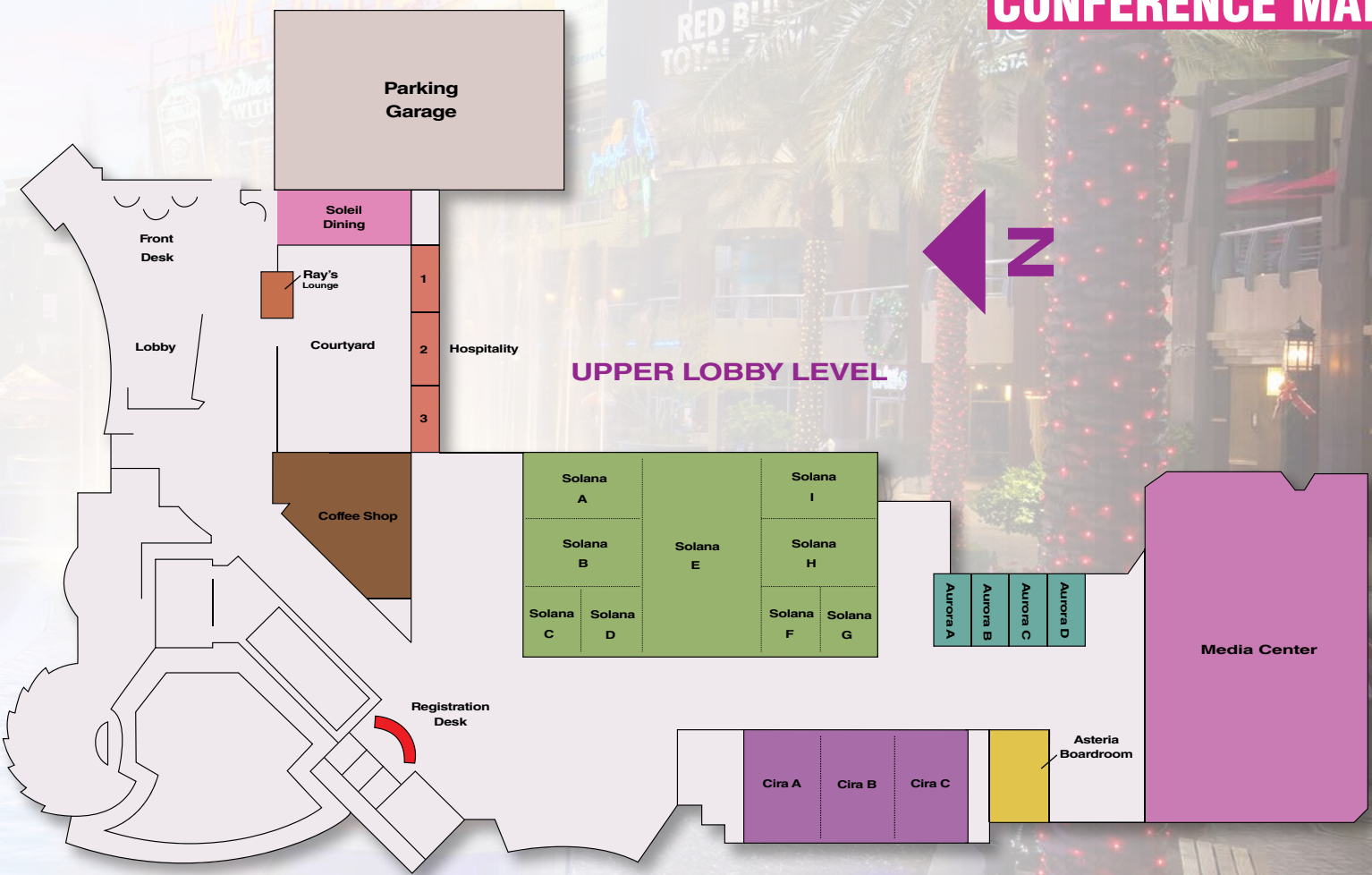
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