



**Council Action Advised by August 28, 2023**

**DATE: Wednesday, June 21, 2023**

**TO: Mayors, Council Members, City Clerks, and City Managers**

**RE: DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES  
League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo, Sept. 20-22, 2023,  
Sacramento SAFE Credit Union Convention Center**

Every year, the League of California Cities convenes a member-driven General Assembly at the [Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expo](#). The General Assembly is an important opportunity where city officials can directly participate in the development of Cal Cities policy.

Taking place on Sept. 22, the General Assembly is comprised of voting delegates appointed by each member city; every city has one voting delegate. Your appointed voting delegate plays an important role during the General Assembly by representing your city and voting on resolutions.

To cast a vote during the General Assembly, your city must designate a voting delegate and up to two alternate voting delegates, one of whom may vote if the designated voting delegate is unable to serve in that capacity. Voting delegates may either be an elected or appointed official.

**Please complete the attached voting delegate form and email it to Cal Cities office no later than Monday, August 28.**

**New this year, we will host a pre-conference information session for voting delegates to explain their role.** Submitting your voting delegate form by the deadline will allow us time to establish voting delegate/alternate records prior to the conference and provide pre-conference communications with voting delegates.

Please view Cal Cities' [event and meeting policy](#) in advance of the conference.

**Action by Council Required.** Consistent with Cal Cities bylaws, a city's voting delegate and up to two alternates must be designated by the city council. When completing the attached Voting Delegate form, please attach either a copy of the council resolution that reflects the council action taken or have your city clerk or mayor sign the form affirming that the names provided are those selected by the city council.

Please note that designating the voting delegate and alternates **must** be done by city council action and cannot be accomplished by individual action of the mayor or city manager alone.



**Conference Registration Required.** The voting delegate and alternates must be registered to attend the conference. They need not register for the entire conference; they may register for Friday only. Conference registration is open on the [Cal Cities](#) website.

For a city to cast a vote, one voter must be present at the General Assembly and in possession of the voting delegate card and voting tool. Voting delegates and alternates need to pick up their conference badges before signing in and picking up the voting delegate card at the voting delegate desk. This will enable them to receive the special sticker on their name badges that will admit the voting delegate into the voting area during the General Assembly.

**Transferring Voting Card to Non-Designated Individuals Not Allowed.** The voting delegate card may be transferred freely between the voting delegate and alternates, but *only* between the voting delegate and alternates. If the voting delegate and alternates find themselves unable to attend the General Assembly, they may *not* transfer the voting card to another city official.

**Seating Protocol during General Assembly.** At the General Assembly, individuals with a voting card will sit in a designated area. Admission to the voting area will be limited to the individual in possession of the voting card and with a special sticker on their name badge identifying them as a voting delegate.

The voting delegate desk, located in the conference registration area of the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in Sacramento, will be open at the following times: Wednesday, Sept. 20, 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 21, 7:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. On Friday, Sept. 22, the voting delegate desk will be open at the General Assembly, starting at 7:30 a.m., but will be closed during roll calls and voting.

The voting procedures that will be used at the conference are attached to this memo. Please share these procedures and this memo with your council and especially with the individuals that your council designates as your city's voting delegate and alternates.

Once again, thank you for completing the voting delegate and alternate form and returning it to Cal Cities office by Monday, Aug. 28. If you have questions, please contact Zach Seals at [zseals@calcities.org](mailto:zseals@calcities.org).

Attachments:

- General Assembly Voting Guidelines
- Voting Delegate/Alternate Form
- Information Sheet: Cal Cities Resolutions and the General Assembly

## General Assembly Voting Guidelines

1. **One City One Vote.** Each member city has a right to cast one vote on matters pertaining to Cal Cities policy.
2. **Designating a City Voting Representative.** Prior to the Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expo, each city council may designate a voting delegate and up to two alternates; these individuals are identified on the voting delegate form provided to the Cal Cities Credentials Committee.
3. **Registering with the Credentials Committee.** The voting delegate, or alternates, may pick up the city's voting card at the voting delegate desk in the conference registration area. Voting delegates and alternates must sign in at the voting delegate desk. Here they will receive a special sticker on their name badge and thus be admitted to the voting area at the General Assembly.
4. **Signing Initiated Resolution Petitions.** Only those individuals who are voting delegates (or alternates), and who have picked up their city's voting card by providing a signature to the credentials committee at the voting delegate desk, may sign petitions to initiate a resolution.
5. **Voting.** To cast the city's vote, a city official must have in their possession the city's voting card and voting tool; and be registered with the credentials committee. The voting card may be transferred freely between the voting delegate and alternates but may not be transferred to another city official who is neither a voting delegate nor alternate.
6. **Voting Area at General Assembly.** At the General Assembly, individuals with a voting card will sit in a designated area. Admission to the voting area will be limited to the individual in possession of the voting card and with a special sticker on their name badge identifying them as a voting delegate.
7. **Resolving Disputes.** In case of dispute, the credentials committee will determine the validity of signatures on petitioned resolutions and the right of a city official to vote at the General Assembly.



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**2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
VOTING DELEGATE/ALTERNATE FORM**

**Please complete this form and return it to Cal Cities office by Monday, August 28, 2023. Forms not sent by this deadline may be submitted to the Voting Delegate Desk located in the Annual Conference Registration Area. Your city council may designate one voting delegate and up to two alternates.**

To vote at the General Assembly, voting delegates and alternates must be designated by your city council. Please attach the council resolution as proof of designation. As an alternative, the Mayor or City Clerk may sign this form, affirming that the designation reflects the action taken by the council.

**Please note:** Voting delegates and alternates will be seated in a separate area at the General Assembly. Admission to this designated area will be limited to individuals (voting delegates and alternates) who are identified with a special sticker on their conference badge. This sticker can be obtained only at the voting delegate desk.

**1. VOTING DELEGATE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. VOTING DELEGATE - ALTERNATE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. VOTING DELEGATE - ALTERNATE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH COUNCIL RESOLUTION DESIGNATING VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES OR**

**ATTEST: I affirm that the information provided reflects action by the city council to designate the voting delegate and alternate(s).**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor or City Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one) (signature)

**Please complete and email this form to [votingdelegates@calcities.org](mailto:votingdelegates@calcities.org) by Monday, August 28, 2023.**