

# City of La Quinta

CITY COUNCIL MEETING: July 7, 2015

## STAFF REPORT

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**AGENDA TITLE:** AUTHORIZE OVERNIGHT TRAVEL FOR FIVE COUNCILMEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER TO ATTEND LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 2, 2015

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### RECOMMEDATION

Authorize overnight travel for five Councilmembers and the City Manager to attend the League of California Cities Annual Conference held in San Jose, September 30 through October 2, 2015.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The League of California Cities (League) is an association of California city officials who collaborate to enhance their skills, exchange information, and combine resources so that they may influence legislative policy decisions.
- The League's Annual Conference provides attendees the opportunity to participate in education sessions and discussion forums along with networking opportunities. Additionally, a meeting of the Regional Riverside Division is planned.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Estimated expenses are \$1,975 per attendee, which includes conference registration, transportation, hotel and meals. Funds have been budgeted in the City Council and City Manager budget under Travel, Training and Meeting accounts.

### BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The League's Annual Conference provides the opportunity for local leaders to learn from leading experts as well as from their peers. Education sessions and forums will include topics such as communication, economic development, public safety, and technology.

In addition, the League's Annual Business Meeting, held during the General Assembly, takes action on resolutions that establish League policy. Mayor Evans has been designated as the City's voting delegate.

### ALTERNATIVES

The Council could elect to reduce the number of attendees; however, it is beneficial to have City representation at the League's Annual Business meeting.

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