Since our founding in 1910, advocating on behalf of the cities in Kansas has been a core function of the League of Kansas Municipalities. Our positions on key issues are guided by the Statement of Municipal Policy (SMP) which is amended and adopted annually. Participation by member cities is critical to our ultimate success as an advocate for municipal interests. All city officials from League member cities are invited to participate on a policy committee. To participate on a Policy Committee, sign up online, or call (785) 354-9565.

If you can't attend the Policy Committee meetings, submit your ideas for inclusion in the Statement of Municipal Policy online at our website.

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**Kansas Launches "Land in Kansas" Campaign**

The “Land in Kansas” campaign is designed to highlight the incredible opportunities to live and do business in our state. Businesses that locate and expand here will be in a prime position to build, compete and succeed.

The new initiative takes a comprehensive, multi-agency approach to economic growth. The key components of the plan include a new state marketing campaign, a top-down review of economic development programs in the state, and a pilot program to enable communities across the state to better target specific areas for economic growth. Under the plan, several state agencies will each appoint an economic development liaison who will serve as the primary contact for economic development projects.

The League participated with the Department of Commerce and Governor Colyer’s Office on the official announcement this week. For more information, see the Department of Commerce’s website.

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**KOMA/KORA Training**

**August 10 - Oakley**

**August 17 - Concordia**

**August 24 - Lenexa**

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**Cybersecurity Survey**

The League of Kansas Municipalities will offer a new Municipal Training Institute course, *Cybersecurity for Cities*, in November. Cybersecurity has an impact on cities large and small and the League wants to help you anticipate and form a plan for the inevitable.

As we prepare, we want to identify current trends across the state and establish what cities already know and want to learn. Responses we receive in the 2018 Survey on Cybersecurity for Kansas Cities will help us generate a meaningful class that will leave participants more informed and qualified to address the increasingly critical concerns regarding cybersecurity in cities.

We encourage city elected officials and personnel to complete the survey before July 31, 2018 and should take about 20 minutes to complete.

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The first meeting of the Joint Legislative Transportation Task Force will be in Topeka on Monday, August 6 at KDOT’s Eisenhower Building Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. The League has two representatives on this Task Force. Review of current and former transportation programs; discussion of Task Force objectives and organization. Contact Trey Cocking or Erik Sartorius for more information on the Task Force.