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## MAYOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE

The Kansas Mayors Association is seeking nominations for the Mayor of the Year Award that will be presented at the Leadership Summit & Kansas Mayors Conference April 12-13 in Salina.

Please take this opportunity to nominate a mayor you feel has uniquely contributed to their community and to the Kansas Mayors Association. Nominations are due by midnight on March 8, 2019. The nomination form can be [found on our website](#).

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Next week is Turnaround Week in the legislature. There are very few committee meetings because the legislature will be on the floor debating bills in their respective chambers on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Our [weekly legislative calendar](#) lists the committee meetings with presentations, briefings, and hearings that are of interest to local governments. A few items of note from this week:

**WIRELESS SITING:** An *amended SB 68* is going to the full Senate for debate next week. We object to this legislation for several reasons. While there are no concrete commitments that enhanced wireless services will come to any particular city in Kansas, there is a concrete reality that the damage of Senate Bill 68 will be felt by all cities in Kansas. We urge you to contact your senator now and share with them that Senate Bill 68 is not a compromise, is not needed, and will not do anything to guarantee enhanced wireless services anywhere in Kansas. Contact [Erik Sartorius](#) on this issue.

**ABANDONED HOUSING:** The House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development had a hearing on HB 2314, legislation on rehabilitation of abandoned property by cities. Thirteen cities provided testimony for the Committee and testified in support of the legislation. If you have questions, please contact Deputy Director [Trey Cocking](#).

**POLITICAL SIGN REGULATIONS:** House Local Government Committee passed HB 2135 out of committee. HB 2135 repeals K.S.A. 25-2711, legislation that keeps a city or county from restricting political signage in the right-of-way during the 45-day period before an election. Several cities provided testimony in support of repealing the 2015 legislation. We are hopeful the bill will be debated by the House next week. If you have questions, please contact Deputy Director [Trey Cocking](#).

**INTERNET SALES TAX:** The House Taxation Committee held a hearing this week on Internet sales tax. The League supports legislation allowing the state and local governments to collect sales tax on Internet purchases. We are watching this issue; if you have questions, please contact Deputy Director [Trey Cocking](#).

**ELECTRIC SCOOTERS:** The House Transportation Committee passed HB 2126 out of committee. This legislation regulates the operation of electric-assisted scooters on roads and highways. We are hopeful the bill will be debated by the House next week. If you have questions, please contact Research Associate [Chardae Caine](#).

**KOMA - RECORDING OF MEETINGS:** House Bill 2219 had a hearing on February 18 in House Judiciary. This bill would require any public body or agency, that is subject to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, record audio or video of any meeting that is required to be open to the public and make that audio or video recording "accessible to the public" within 24 hours after the meeting. The bill does not say how long the recording must be maintained or what "accessible to the public means." Several cities responded with written testimony against the legislation. Contact General Counsel [Amanda Stanley](#) with questions about this legislation.



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- Emergency Management (Elective)
  - MARCH 1 | Minneapolis
  - MARCH 29 | Cimarron

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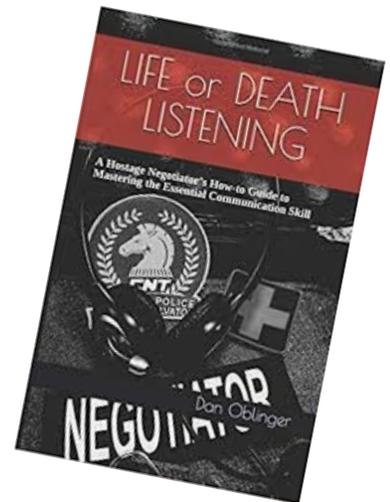


## LEADERSHIP SUMMIT KEYNOTE SPEAKER

By night, Dan Oblinger is an American police officer and hostage negotiator. By day, he is the sole proprietor of Leadercraft, a private company devoted to excellence in keynote speaking and corporate training. He is the author of two books- "The 28 Laws of Listening" and "Life or Death Listening: A Hostage Negotiator's How-to Guide to Mastering the Essential Communication Skill."

Dan is a father, husband, philosopher, and lawman. He has been successful in his professional life as a public speaker, author, hostage negotiator, undercover human trafficking investigator, human resources consultant, chicken rancher, drug recognition expert, ditch digger, grocery bagger, onion ring maker, landlord, and beat cop. Dan's passion is sharing his listening, negotiating, and leadership skills so everyone can become more authentic leaders and lovers. Oblinger lives in the heart of the United States on the windswept prairie of Southcentral Kansas with his wife, six children.

Register today for the Leadership Summit and Kansas Mayors Conference *at our website.*



## EPA SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE IN ADVISORY ROLE

The EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) provides critical advice on the development and implementation of Agency programs at the local level. The EPA is soliciting nominations for LGAC members and for the Small Community Advisory Subcommittee (for communities under 10,000) by March 15 for consideration for Spring 2019 appointments. The EPA is anticipating to fill 10-12 vacancies in 2019.

More information on the committee and how to apply for a vacancy is on-line *at our website.*



## KDOT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR CCLIP

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is now taking applications for its City Connecting Link Improvement Program (CCLIP). The CCLIP is a program that provides funds to cities to address deficiencies or improve a City Connecting Link on the State Highway System. A City Connecting Link is defined as any routing of the State Highway System that is located within the corporate limits of a City. More information on the committee and how to apply for a vacancy is on-line *KDOT's website.*

