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## ALL-AMERICA CITY AWARD

Are you interested in having your city apply for the All-America City Award. It's not too late for cities in Kansas to apply for the 2020 All-America City Award. The application deadline is February 19. As a reminder, in June of 2020, the National Civic League will recognize 10 communities as All-America Cities for enhancing health and well-being through civic engagement.

Over 500 communities have been named an All-America City since the program began in 1949, including 9 from Kansas. We know there is great working happening in Kansas and would like to see even more towns, cities and counties from Kansas join the All-America City ranks.

For more information, [visit their website.](#)

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY**  
**JANUARY 22, 2020**  
**TOPEKA**  
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## QUICK-START GUIDE TO GOVERNING

Do you have new governing body members joining you this month or next? Consider *downloading our free Quick Start Guide to Governing* for quick info on KOMA/KORA, effective meetings, tips for public service, and more!

Serving in an elected municipal office is an exciting, challenging, and humbling experience. No level of government offers the opportunity for more day-to-day contact with the electors. We understand the first few months in office can be an overwhelming time.

We encourage all elected officials to attend the upcoming Governing Body Institute in April where League staff will cover in-depth, important topics such as municipal finance, personnel management and the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA), as well as many other crucial areas for a governing body to understand. The Governing Body Institute is also an excellent time to network with fellow mayors, council members, and commissioners as we collectively work for the betterment of our state.

At the League, we're here to help!

*The Votes Are In And...*  
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## GOVERNOR HOSTING BUDGET MEETING

The Governor is hosting a budget listening tour next week in Wichita on Tuesday, December 17. This is your opportunity to comment on the state budget and talk about priorities. We always encourage local government leaders to reach out to state representatives and administration to talk about your priorities!

The Governor wants to hear from each of you about what your priorities are for the coming year's Kansas state budget. Following a brief presentation about the budget from Governor Kelly, attendees will be divided into groups to discuss their budget priorities.

Find out more details on the [Facebook event page](#).



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