These informative sessions will feature a discussion of the League’s 2022 Legislative Priorities. We hope you take this important opportunity to network with local officials to discuss the upcoming session. All Legislators are also invited to attend; we encourage you to reach out and personally invite them. Dinner registration starts at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. League Staff is also offering an optional training beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the same location. The topic is City Officials 101, and the training will cover forms of government, classes of cities, and basic municipal operations. Click to RSVP for this optional event on the registration form.

Click below on the location you wish to attend to access the registration form.

- **Tuesday, November 9:** Garden City
- **Wednesday, November 10:** South Hutchinson
- **Wednesday, November 10:** Ellis
- **Thursday, November 11:** Clay Center
- **Tuesday, November 30:** Prairie Village
- **Wednesday, December 1:** Iola

### CYBERSECURITY REPORT

Kansas’ Cybersecurity Task Force released the initial draft of a plan for achieving a strong, whole-of-state cybersecurity approach. The team’s slate of 45 near- and long-term recommendations aim to reduce workforce gaps, develop a robust incident response plan and improve communication and collaboration among state and local governments, private partners and residents.

The report reflects the insights of public- and private-sector members and various experts and stakeholders with whom they convened and focuses on four central areas.

The task force is accepting feedback at CyberTaskForce@ks.gov. A second report is due on December 5.

### BUILDING REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM

The Department of Commerce announced a new grant program that will move quickly to help revitalize underutilized, vacant and dilapidated downtown buildings in rural Kansas communities.

The Historic Economic Asset Lifeline (HEAL) grant program is designed to bring downtown buildings back into productive use as spaces for new or expanding businesses; housing; arts and culture; civic engagement; childcare; or entrepreneurship. The matching grants will help address emergency needs for neglected buildings and assist building owners with eligible expenses for the revitalization of historic properties. Projects submitted must show potential as economic drivers in the community.

A virtual webinar for information on the program will be held on Monday, November 8. Find out more information online at the Department of Commerce’s webpage.
This week the Kansas Department of Transportation conducted a webinar sharing the process to submit RFPs for their Electric Vehicle (EV) Direct Current Fast-Charging (DCFC) Station Installation Program. KDOT expects to award approximately $2,000,000 to awardees for the installation of DCFC charging stations from the Volkswagen settlement and can cover up to 80% of eligible costs. Timeline for the RFP:

- 11/10/21 – deadline for written questions
- 11/16/21 – KDOT will publish written Q&A on their website
- 12/15/21 – Deadline to submit RFP to KDOT
- 1/14/22 – KDOT anticipates announcing project selection

For more information about the RFP we have provided the following links: RFP; Pre-Proposal Meeting Slides; Pre-Proposal Meeting Recording; priority station location map; and KDOT information for design consultant’s webpage. For any questions about the RFP, please contact KDOT directly at KDOT.DesignContracts@ks.gov.
Census Count Resolution Notice

The scope for appealing the 2020 Census and census counts is very limited, so please be sure to read the Notice below. In addition, the NLC has compiled an article to help cities better understand the CQR process, population estimate challenges and special census operations.

The Federal Notice on Census Count Resolution (CQR) was published last week. The Notice mentions an app called the 2020 Census Address County Listing Files Viewer that might be useful for cities in reviewing their housing unit counts.

Here is the Notice:

Federal Register Volume 86, Number 207 (Friday, October 29, 2021)
Comment Request; 2020 Census Count Question Resolution Operation [TEXT] [PDF]
Pages 59980-59982; FR Doc No: 2021-23567

Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on August 4, 2020 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Type of Request: Regular submission, Request for a Reinstatement, with Change, of a Previously Approved Collection.

The 2020 Census Count Question Resolution Operation (CQR) provides a mechanism for tribal, state, and local governmental units in the United States and Puerto Rico, or their designated representatives, to request that the Census Bureau review their boundaries and/or housing counts by block to correct any in-scope error(s) affecting the inclusion and/or geographic allocation of housing and population.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.