Candidate Survey Responses Now Available

The League of Kansas Municipalities conducts the Candidate Questionnaire biennially to provide our members with information on each responding participant leading up to primary elections in August and general elections in November. This link will allow members of the League to explore the most recent candidate questionnaire and this link will allow you to see the responses received so far from Kansas Legislature Candidates.

If you're interested in finding out what House or Senate districts your city and/ or your personal address is located in, please use the Open States website to confirm. If you have questions about these questionnaires, please contact Wendi Stark.

Municipal Court Practices Survey Responses Now Available

The survey collected data from 182 municipal courts regarding fines and fees; enforcement; indigency; and municipal court staff, hours, and salaries. The goal of the survey is to allow cities to see how their fines for certain offenses compare to other cities around the state. This link on the League's website provides a summary, infographic, and Excel data file for the 2022 Municipal Court Practices Survey.

Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide (KMAAG) Seminars

Each KMAAG presentation will talk about cities, counties, schools, and other governments. Since the Loyd Group has not conducted these KMAAG Seminars for almost three years, they are going to cover all entities in a combined session at each site across Kansas. This will still allow each government entity the attention they deserve while also having a general understanding of all government entities across Kansas. This one-day event qualifies those in attendance for 8 CPE units. Register here.

- Thursday, November 3: Salina
- Thursday, November 10: Overland Park
- Tuesday, November 15: Pittsburg
- Thursday, November 17: Wichita
- Tuesday, November 29: Hays
- Tuesday, December 1: Dodge City
- Tuesday, December 6: Topeka
Opportunity to Provide Feedback on 2030 Census

In August, the Census Bureau announced it would gather comments from invested stakeholders, such as the National League of Cities (NLC) and local governments. NLC is gathering comments through this form to hear how you think the Census Bureau should reshape and improve the 2030 Census. Link to form.

NLC is collecting feedback on the following matters:

- **Reaching and motivating everyone.** Everybody counts in the census. The Census Bureau is committed to addressing challenges that may have contributed in the past to the recurring undercount of several communities. These include the Hispanic or Latino population, African American population, American Indian and Native Alaskan populations, people who reported being of some other race and young children. With the public’s assistance, the Census Bureau aims to better understand how to reverse this trend, more effectively reaching these populations and motivating everyone to respond to the 2030 Census.

- **Technology.** The Census Bureau seeks input on what technological advancements could be made to ensure that completing the census is more user-friendly. Additionally, through the use of technology, the census could see an increase in the percentage of people who respond on their own and provide greater ease to collecting data in person when necessary.

- **Contacting the public.** Plans for the 2030 Census must include tailored contact strategies that maximize the number of households responding on their own. The Census Bureau is seeking recommendations about tools, messages, and outreach to use when inviting people to respond. The Bureau also asks for feedback in defining how often outreach should be done to each household.

- **Providing support to the public.** The Census Bureau asks for input on how to support people as they respond – whether online, by phone, by mail, in English or in another language – and ideas for how to improve access for people with disabilities.


Upcoming Webinar on EPA Proposed Rule Regulating PFAS under CERCLA

On September 6, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a proposed rule to designate two types of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), better known as Superfund. Designating PFAS as hazardous under CERCLA poses multiple implications for cities, counties, and other local entities, particularly around the reporting and cleanup of these substances. EPA is accepting comments on the proposed rule through November 7, 2022.

NLC will jointly host a webinar on Thursday, Nov. 3 at 12:30 pm eastern with the National Association of Counties, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the American Water Works Association, and the Solid Waste Association of Northern America for a deep dive into the consequences of this rule for local governments. Feel free to register. Register here.

NLC is also working on a joint comment letter with NACo and USCM to outline NLC’s concerns with the regulatory process and potential impacts to local governments, including water and wastewater utilities and municipal landfills, airports, and firefighting.
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