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City Councilman Paul Davis Represents Riverside At League of California Cities Policy Committee Meetings in Sacramento

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – City Councilman Paul Davis represented the City of Riverside this week at the League of California Cities’ first policy committee meetings in 2016.

Councilman Davis, who is Vice President of the Riverside County Division of the League, has served since 2013 on the League’s Revenue and Taxation Committee, which is integral to the League’s policy-making process. The Revenue and Taxation Committee helps create League policy on issues that affect the finances of cities all over California.

“Participating in League committee meetings gives cities a seat at the table when we are discussing positions that will form the basis of the League’s advocacy efforts for the coming year,” Councilman Davis said. “I welcome the opportunity to advocate for crucial issues like local control and protecting city resources that could otherwise be absorbed into the state budget.”

League committees work to shape policy that benefits all of California’s cities. The Revenue and Taxation Committee examines issues that could have a direct impact on cities’ budgets in the current and future fiscal years.

“These meetings provide an opportunity for city officials to learn about statewide proposals affecting California cities and have their voices heard by the League and translated into direct advocacy efforts,” said League Executive Director Chris McKenzie.

There are eight standing League policy committees including Administrative Services, Community Services, Employee Relations, Environmental Quality, Housing, Community and Economic Development, Public Safety, Revenue and Taxation, and Transportation, Communications, and Public Works. The committees evaluate proposed legislation as it relates to existing policy and make recommendations for legislation where the League currently does not have a policy.

The League's policy-making process allows the issues facing California cities to be debated and the organization's policy directions to be established. Close to 400 city officials serve on the League's policy committees and add their collective expertise, wisdom and opinions to the policy debate that is the foundation of League policy. The recommendations from the policy committee are forwarded to the League board of directors.

Following the January meetings in Sacramento, the League's policy committees will meet April 7-8 in San Diego, June 2-3 in Sacramento and in October during the League's annual conference in Long Beach as needed.

For more information on the League's policy development process please visit its website at www.cacities.org/polcomm