



January 25, 2023

## MEMORANDUM

To: City Managers and City Clerks

From: League of California Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman

Subject: 2023 League of California Cities Membership Dues Invoice

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Thank you for your city's membership in the League of California Cities (Cal Cities). We achieved so much together in 2022 by partnering to ensure the strength and resiliency of our diverse cities in the face of global economic uncertainty. I know your city's financial resources are not unlimited, and value your city's ongoing commitment to ensuring California city leaders and cities are strong today, tomorrow, and into the future by belonging to Cal Cities.

### **Achieving Strong Results**

Accompanying your city's 2023 membership dues invoice is the League of California Cities 2022 Annual Report. Together we proactively advocated at the state and federal levels of government for resources and drove policy that was member-informed and grounded in the voices and experiences of cities.

The value and benefits your city gains from belonging to Cal Cities makes supporting Cal Cities a wise investment. Enclosed for your review is a customized "Return on Investment" report for your city. This report summarizes the significant financial benefits your city receives as a direct result of Cal Cities' advocacy.

### **Advancing the Mission**

Equally important, your valued membership provides elected and appointed officials in your city the ability to engage in meaningful policy development discussions, pertinent educational workshops, and relevant networking opportunities. Working in concert with our 478 member cities, partners, and coalition supporters, protecting and expanding local authority through advocacy and education remains the cornerstone of Cal Cities' activities.

In 2022, Cal Cities [secured funding](#) to help cities spur the construction of affordable housing, prevent and reduce homelessness, and implement organic waste recycling programs. Cal Cities also protected [local transportation projects](#), [safeguarded funding streams](#) used for critical services, and fought back against regulations that would have added [unnecessary bureaucracy](#). In the courts, Cal Cities defended cities on a wide range of issues, notably their ability to [interpret their land use plans](#).



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# INVOICE

To: City Administrator  
City of Carson  
P.O. Box 6234  
Carson, CA 90749

Invoice: 643239

Terms: Feb. 28, 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
01/2023	Membership dues for calendar year 202	\$26,354.00
	Optional litigation surcharge	\$0.00
	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$26,354.00</b>
	City of Carson	
	Official Population 92,362	

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## 2023 Advocacy Priorities

- Protect and expand investments to prevent and reduce homelessness.
- Increase the supply and affordability of housing while retaining local decision-making.
- Improve public safety in California communities.
- Safeguard essential local revenues and support fiscal sustainability.

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Cal Cities Membership - Your Best Investment

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## League of California Cities 2023 Dues Schedule

For cities having a population of:				2022 Dues	2023 Increase	2023 Dues
1	to	500	...	\$83	\$3	\$86
501	to	600	...	220	7	227
601	to	700	...	440	13	453
701	to	800	...	481	15	496
801	to	900	...	577	17	594
901	to	1,000	...	676	21	697
1,001	to	1,250	...	845	25	870
1,251	to	1,500	...	1,014	31	1,045
1,501	to	1,750	...	1,183	35	1,218
1,751	to	2,000	...	1,352	41	1,393
2,001	to	2,250	...	1,521	46	1,567
2,251	to	2,500	...	1,692	51	1,743
2,501	to	2,750	...	1,859	56	1,915
2,751	to	3,000	...	2,029	61	2,090
3,001	to	4,000	...	2,705	81	2,786
4,001	to	5,000	...	3,380	101	3,481
5,001	to	7,500	...	4,562	137	4,699
7,501	to	10,000	...	5,264	158	5,422
10,001	to	15,000	...	6,355	191	6,546
15,001	to	20,000	...	7,319	219	7,538
20,001	to	25,000	...	9,163	274	9,437
25,001	to	30,000	...	11,002	330	11,332
30,001	to	40,000	...	13,543	406	13,949
40,001	to	50,000	...	16,477	494	16,971
50,001	to	60,000	...	18,980	569	19,549
60,001	to	70,000	...	20,859	626	21,485
70,001	to	80,000	...	21,912	657	22,569
80,001	to	90,000	...	23,357	700	24,057
90,001	to	100,000	...	25,586	768	26,354
100,001	to	125,000	...	29,182	875	30,057
125,001	to	150,000	...	32,122	964	33,086
150,001	to	200,000	...	36,507	1,096	37,603
200,001	to	500,000	...	38,335	1,150	39,485
<i>Plus</i>				1,829	55	1,884
<i>per each full 10,000 of population over 200,001</i>						
500,001	to	640,000		93,054	2,791	95,845
<i>Plus</i>				1,691	50	1,741
<i>per each full 10,000 of population over 500,001</i>						
Over		640,000		115,947	3,479	119,426

A bylaws provision states that no city's dues may increase by more than \$5,000.



## Cal Cities Membership — A Great Investment

Membership in Cal Cities is an invaluable investment. The fiscal benefit to cities outweighs the annual dues, providing members with unique opportunities to advocate for the state-wide interests of cities and learn from each other. Investing in Cal Cities strengthens the collective power of local communities.

### Customized Return on Investment Report — December 2022

CARSON	FY2017-18	FY2018-19	FY2019-20	FY2020-21	FY2021-22	FY2022-23	Total
Dues	23,529	24,117	24,841	24,841	25,586	26,354	149,268
VLF/PropertyTax Swap <sup>(1)</sup>	2,097,646	2,248,965	2,601,104	2,477,401	2,696,715	2,392,557	14,514,387
Local Revenues Protected by Prop. 22 <sup>(2)</sup>	1,911,662	1,865,368	2,329,060	1,849,310	2,233,758	2,474,892	12,664,050
SB 89 VLF Shift	-465,511	-486,873	-509,215	-530,603	-552,888	-576,109	-3,121,199
SB 1 - Local Streets and Roads Funds	652,757	1,589,446	1,664,829	1,728,138	1,843,826	2,272,061	9,751,057
CARES Act				1,149,617			1,149,617
American Rescue Plan Act <sup>(3)</sup>					17,776,763		17,776,763
Total Return	4,196,554	5,216,906	6,085,778	6,673,863	23,998,174	6,563,401	52,734,675
Rate of Return	178:1	216:1	245:1	269:1	938:1	249:1	353:1

1. Net gain in revenues by virtue of the VLF/Property Tax Swap. Growth in PropTax in Lieu of VLF versus estimated growth in VLF had it remained.

2. Prop. 22 ended the Legislature's ability to borrow or delay HJTA and Prop. 42 gas tax funds.

3. American Rescue Plan Act allocations were allocated in FY2021-22 and distributed as two tranches of funding over two years (2021-22 and 2022-23).

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Membership with Cal Cities comes with a wide range of benefits for elected city officials and city staff — from insider opportunities to help shape statewide policies of importance to your city, to unique networking and learning experiences that make our collective work more powerful and effective.

	Members	Non-members
Engage in statewide advocacy campaigns to safeguard local control and secure resources for cities.	✓	
Engage in one of Cal Cities' 16 Regional Divisions. Work closely with Regional Public Affairs Managers and other local elected officials to develop region-specific programs, carry out grassroots activities, and share best practices.	✓	
Access Cal Cities' robust advocacy and public affairs resources and engage in actions and events to collectively advocate for the issues that matter most to cities.	✓	
Receive timely updates, action alerts, and in-depth analyses on priority legislation impacting cities from subject-matter experts.	✓	
Serve on Cal Cities Policy Committees and help shape state and federal policy on issues affecting cities.	✓	
Serve in leadership positions that help drive Cal Cities' priorities and policy.	✓	
Attend statewide Cal Cities conferences and events providing a wide range of learning opportunities for new and experienced city officials.	✓	✓*
Engage in one of Cal Cities' ten Municipal Departments where you can participate in educational and networking opportunities with your colleagues in similar city positions from across the state.	✓	
Subscribe to the <i>Cal Cities Advocate</i> newsletter for breaking stories on legislative developments, as well as updates on conferences and education events, grant opportunities for cities, and more.	✓	✓
Attend Webinars to learn about the most pressing issues of the day as they develop — from broadband deployment and wildfires to rental assistance, and more.	✓	✓*
Participate in virtual Roundtable Discussions with colleagues from across the state in member-driven conversations on key issues of shared concern.	✓	
Participate in policy briefings with state leaders.	✓	
Join a Cal Cities Diversity Caucus and connect with city officials who share common interests, issues, and identity.	✓	
Access the legal advocacy program that protects the interests of cities in matters before state and federal appellate courts by filing "friend-of-the-court" briefs.	✓	
City attorneys are eligible to participate in the Legal Advocacy Committee and work closely with attorneys from across the state.	✓	
Receive recognition through one of many awards programs, including the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence, the Mayors and City Council Members Torch Program, Local Streets and Roads, and Division and Department awards.	✓	
Share your knowledge of complex municipal issues or projects with other Cal Cities members by proposing sessions and presenting at conferences and events.	✓	
Participate on planning committees for conferences and events: Help plan and support conferences specific to your department.	✓	
Subscribe to <i>Western City</i> magazine, a monthly publication that analyzes broader statewide policy issues and highlights the innovative work of city officials from across the state.	✓	✓
Elevate your city's visibility: Be highlighted in <i>Western City</i> magazine, #LocalWorks, and on social media.	✓	
Join Listservs to exchange information with other Cal Cities members interested in a specific subject area.	✓	
Participate in Issue Groups such as the Rural City Information Exchange and Coastal Cities Group.	✓	
Participate in online communities: Post questions, provide resources to other cities, or poll colleagues on current issues in your field.	✓	

\*Available at an additional cost for nonmembers.