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**HUNDREDS OF ARIZONA LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS  
TO ATTEND LEAGUE CONFERENCE IN TUCSON**

**PHOENIX** - Municipal officials from most of the 91 incorporated cities and towns in Arizona will be in attendance at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference in Tucson, August 18-21 at the JW Marriott Starr Pass. The League Conference is the largest annual gathering of its kind in Arizona, where nearly 1,000 elected officials, staff, business leaders and guests gather to discuss vital issues impacting cities and towns around the state.

“As leaders of our local communities, it is important for us to continue to find the best ways to serve our residents,” said Tempe Mayor and League President Mark Mitchell. “The League Annual Conference provides a venue for local officials to attend educational sessions, meet with other local leaders, share best practices and learn new ideas that will help us better deliver those important services to our cities and towns.”

**2015 League Conference highlights include:**

- **An opening general session on Wednesday, August 19 at 9:00 a.m.**, which will include a keynote address; the president’s report; and the annual Parade of Flags, highlighting Arizona’s cities and towns. **Speakers for this session will include:**
  - League President and Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell
  - Host Mayor Jonathan Rothschild from the City of Tucson
  
- **A general luncheon on Thursday, August 20 at noon.** The annual luncheon will feature **U.S. Senator Jeff Flake** as keynote speaker. The program will also include:
  - **Presentation of the 2015 League Legislative Friends and Champions**, honoring local government supporters from the state legislature. Chandler Mayor and League Vice President Jay Tibshraeny will preside over the session and

present the awards.

- **Presentation of the 2015 Gabe Zimmerman Public Service Awards**

- **Tenth Annual Youth Program** will welcome more than 100 youth delegates from cities and towns throughout the state. Delegates will participate in sessions and activities planned specifically for youth interested in local government. They will also have the opportunity to interact with local elected officials, network with other youth delegates and learn about issues and challenges facing Arizona.
- More than 25 educational sessions on topics ranging from fundamentals of local government such as budgets and Open Meeting Law, to sessions on transportation, veterans issues, border issues, zoning, water resources, council-manager relations and economic development.
- For a full list of sessions and other conference events, visit: [leagueaz.org/e/15ac/agenda.html](http://leagueaz.org/e/15ac/agenda.html).
- Conference delegates will also participate in the League's Annual **Resolutions Committee**, where legislative policy positions are debated and adopted, and where every city and town, regardless of size and location, has an equal vote. Members will also honor mayors and members who have served in office for eight, 12, 16, 20 or 24 years.

**About the League:**

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns is a voluntary association of all the 91 incorporated cities and towns in the state of Arizona. It provides policy and legislative advocacy, information and inquiry services, along with publications and educational programs to strengthen the quality and efficiency of municipal government. It was founded in 1937 to serve the interests of cities and towns and to preserve the principles of home rule and local determination.

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**IMPORTANT NOTE FOR EDITORS/REPORTERS:**

The League welcomes you to cover and report on conference sessions and events throughout the week. Conference badges are required for admission. Please stop at the registration desk in the ballroom foyer to sign in and obtain your badges.

