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MUNICIPAL SERVICES

California Contract Cities Association

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Mission Statement

- Serve cities contracting for the performance of municipal services.
- Serve as their rallying point for the achievement of all things necessary, proper and legitimate for the common good and welfare.
- Take appropriate action on problems involving cities contracting for the performance of services.
- Seek out the facts concerning the problems of contractual cities as they arise, and if necessary, to represent and intercede on behalf of members of this organization to the end that such problems be speedily and justly concluded.
- Assemble, examine and study all pertinent information pertaining to the cost of the performance of municipal services, the level of services so supplied, and to take appropriate action thereon when fully advised in the premises.

An Introduction

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) is an organization of those cities in California that have embraced the contract system for providing municipal services for their communities, either by incorporating as a contract city or opting to move into major contracting on a regional service basis, rather than maintaining full service structure within their own city government.

The CCCA was organized in 1957-58 when the handful of the existing contract cities realized that their new and special form of local municipal government presented problems, opportunities and spheres of special interest that were unique to the contract cities, neither shared nor understood by the independent or non-contracting cities.

The Concept

Membership in the CCCA is open to any city that embraces the contract city concept. It has become difficult to make any other distinction between a contract and non-contract city in California today.

There are over 140 cities in California that would be clearly identified as a "Contract City" to a greater or lesser degree. The measure of difference between cities identified as contract cities and cities using the non-contracting concept is constantly narrowing. As the non-contracting cities begin to contract services for tax assessments and collection, health services, jail services, specialized detective services, crime lab services, library services, etc., and contract cities find that certain services are best provided "in-house" by their own city hall staff -- e.g., parks and recreation, certain engineering services, planning and zoning, etc. The difference in actual government operation between some contracting and non-contracting

cities begins to narrow almost to the vanishing point. Under this definition, a contract city is one that believes certain major services are more economically and efficiently provided on a regional basis, and that regional services, unlike regional government, do not eliminate or erode local control or the home rule concept.

Rising costs of government are forcing many cities to recognize the contract city model, and every newly incorporated city in California in recent years has incorporated under the contract plan. These newly incorporated cities are finding that regional contract services do not destroy home rule or erode local government's control over the affairs of their communities, or over the direction and quality of life for their residents.

A Brief Description

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) was organized for the purpose of providing a new approach for supplying municipal services to cities. This was accomplished by entering into contractual arrangements with the County of Los Angeles, private contractors, and other cities and agencies to furnish the cities with all of the municipal services a city needs or desires when it needs or desires such services.

By means of this contracting arrangement, chiefly with the County, contract cities have been able to operate more economically and with a higher level of performance of municipal services. In addition, the agencies with which contract cities have entered into these contractual arrangements can thus afford to become agencies with highly skilled specialists and professionals in their field of endeavor.

The principal of contracting is not limited to Los Angeles County since all cities contract with their County for certain services. Contracting is also being employed in all counties statewide. By contracting, cities are able to economize and obtain the best municipal services.

Meeting And Seminar Schedule

Annual Events

- May Annual Municipal Seminar
- June Executive Board
Annual Planning Session
- October Annual Fall Seminar
- January Annual Sacramento
Legislative Orientation Tour

Monthly Meetings

- 1st Wed every month Executive Board Meeting
- 3rd Wed every month Board of Director's Meeting
- 4th Thur every month City Managers/
Administrators
Committee Meeting
- (10) Standing Committees On Call of Chair

Dear Prospective Member City,

The California Contract Cities Association wants to help your city save money by providing you with the necessary resources. The Association has over 50 years of experience in developing and utilizing contract services, both from public and private suppliers.

The Association has ten standing committees, which conduct studies and investigations of issues and programs of interest. The City Manager & Administrators Committee researches, studies and analyzes the cost effectiveness of city services by comparing public or private contracting with in-house services, and/or combinations of all three.

Our Annual Municipal Seminar and Fall Seminar provide educational programs covering issues of importance to local government. An area is set aside for city, public and private providers of services displaying resources and products to enhance the delivery of municipal service. The Annual Legislative trip to Sacramento enables participating members' direct access to legislators and legislative issues that will directly affect their cities that year. Our strong PAC fund allows us to continually lobby in Sacramento on behalf of our cities.

Listed below are some of the Association's accomplishments:

- Successful in the court case of Huntington Park, Lomita vs. the County of Los Angeles that established the County was responsible for providing ambulance services to the indigents and, therefore, eliminated the charge the County was collecting from the cities, saving the cities millions of dollars annually.
- Successfully stopped during 2000 an effort in the Sacramento Legislature to swap sales tax for property tax at the local level.
- Lobbied to restore VLF.
- Proposition 1A was a major focus to protect local government revenues and passed with the highest percentage of approval of any initiative to date.
- Helped fund the NO on Proposition 98, which would have tied local government's hands on land use issues.

We believe membership in the Contract Cities Association will be beneficial to your city. We encourage you to visit our website at www.contractcities.org. You will find useful information and a more complete calendar of upcoming events.

Thank you,
California Contract Cities Association