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January 2013

Steering Committee Meeting Reminder

January 18, 2013 | Marriott Orlando Airport | 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tentative Agenda Items:

- Determine the Coalition's initiative/platform for 2013. This initiative will encompass advocating for local government as an entity rather than on an issue by issue basis.
- Review and approve or amend FLGC documents explaining the history, purpose, mission statement, structure and member roles/responsibilities of the Coalition.
- Review and approve or amend 1-page document about the Coalition for members/potential members/media/general public.
- Review membership criteria. Determine guidelines for membership outreach.
- Strategic Plan of Action - Follow-up
- Open Discussion

If you would like to add something to the agenda, please [let us know](#).

2013 Initiative

There's still time to submit an idea. The Coalition will focus on a new initiative each year. Ideas should be centered around local government - either improving it, advocating for it, or educating Floridians about it.

[Click here](#) to submit an idea.

Florida's 500th Anniversary!

VIVA Florida 500: In 2013, Florida will reach a significant milestone, the 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de León's arrival on Florida's east coast. The Florida Department of State and its many partners are planning enriching events and experiences across the state.

As local government associations, it's important that we get involved in this exciting commemoration.

Here's a few resources to help you get started planning locally:

[Florida Department of State Viva Florida Website](#)

[Florida League of Cities Viva Florida 500 Toolkit](#)

["Sunshine State celebrates its Spanish heritage throughout 2013"](#) - Article by the Associated Press

2013 Legislative Priorities

Legislative priorities for the League of Cities and the Association of Counties have been posted on the [website bulletin board](#).

[Email us](#) to add your association's legislative priorities to the website.

League of Cities - Top 10 Issues

- Pension Reform (Municipal Police Officer and Firefighter Pension Plans and Disability Presumptions)
- Economic Development
- Communications Services and Local Business Tax Protection
- Water
- Housing Policy
- Energy
- Sober Homes
- Transportation Funding
- Billboards
- Synthetic Drugs

Association of Counties - Top 12 Issues

- County Share of Cost for Medicaid Services
- Juvenile Detention
- Communications Services Tax
- Local Discretionary Revenue Flexibility
- Transportation Regional Improvement Program (TRIP)
- County Health Departments
- Pretrial Service Agencies
- Shift of Prison Inmates to Jails
- Synthetic Drugs
- Affordable Housing
- RPC Funding

- Water

Calendar Events

Several new events held by the APA have been [added to the calendar](#):

- Webinar on zoning for small-scale businesses (1/16/13)
- Discussion about the future of planned communities (1/30/13)
- Webinar on fracking and resource extraction (2/13/13)

Please have a representative from your association continue to [email](#) any upcoming conferences, webinars and training opportunities to update the FLGC shared calendar.

Need a Blurb?

- Steering Committee members will meet on January 18th to finalize Coalition documents and determine the initiative for 2013. The initiative, centered around improving local government, will be announced in the February issue of the FLGC newsletter.
- Legislative priorities for FLC and FAC have been added to the FLGC website bulletin board. Use these resources to learn the top legislative issues impacting local governments in 2013.
- Florida's 500th anniversary is in 2013! A statewide campaign has launched to commemorate the occasion. Local government associations are encouraged to plan events and use this opportunity to educate their local communities and tourists about the rich history in Florida.



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