



Conference/Seminar Summary

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To: The Honorable Mayor & City Council

Council Meeting Date: 10/28/2025

City Council Member: Jimmy Dutra

Conference/Seminar: USC EXED Forum For Local Leaders

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Dates of Travel: 10/03/25- 10/04/2025

Please provide a brief report on the conference, seminar, or meeting you attended.

USC held a forum for local leaders. We discussed topics such as council and city manager relations. We were presented with what each of our specific roles were in the city. We give direction and the CM executes it. The CM doesn't make policy and the council doesn't delegate to staff. We also discussed budgets and economic development in our communities. We talked about the future of communities, where people want walkable and easily accessible communities. Build what people need around them. We also discussed emergency management and communication within our jurisdictions and how to respond to natural disasters within our community. This conference gave a great opportunity to have a round table with other local leaders to chat about what works and what doesn't work in our communities. It was led by a USC professor and current city council member, Frank Zerunyan, who has a great insight of how governments work.

*At the conclusion of the event, a brief report on the conference or seminar attended at the expense of the City must be presented to the City Council at the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.
Government Code Section 53234*