



California Contract Cities Association City Manager of the Year Award

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) City Manager of the Year Award honors a city manager who exemplifies the core mission of the association: fostering collaboration, innovation, and efficiency in local governance. This prestigious award recognizes a leader who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to strengthening intergovernmental partnerships, advancing public service excellence, and enhancing the quality of life for residents in contract cities.

Award Criteria:

Nominees for the California Contract Cities City Manager of the Year Awards must meet the following criteria:

1. **Leadership & Vision:**
 - Demonstrates forward-thinking leadership in municipal management.
 - Implements innovative policies and solutions to address community challenges.
2. **Commitment to Regional Collaboration:**
 - Actively fosters partnerships between cities, agencies, and stakeholders.
 - Advocates for shared governance models that enhance service efficiency.
3. **Operational Excellence & Fiscal Responsibility:**
 - Implements cost-effective strategies while maintaining high-quality public services.
 - Demonstrates strong financial stewardship in managing city resources.
4. **Dedication to Public Engagement & Community Impact:**
 - Enhances transparency and communication between the city and its residents.
 - Promotes initiatives that positively impact the social, economic, and environmental well-being of the community.
5. **Legislative Advocacy & Policy Leadership:**
 - Actively engages in legislative processes at the local, state, and federal levels to advance policies that benefit cities.
 - Works to protect and expand local control while advocating for municipal interests.
 - Supports CCCA's legislative agenda and contributes to policy discussions that shape the future of local governance.
6. **Local & Grassroots Advocacy:**
 - Builds strong relationships with elected officials, community leaders, and advocacy groups to address key municipal issues.
 - Mobilizes community support and city resources to influence policies that improve public services and governance.
 - Champions initiatives that strengthen local government autonomy and responsiveness.
7. **Support for the Mission of the California Contract Cities Association:**



- Actively participates in CCCA programs, initiatives, or advocacy efforts.
- Serves as a role model for other city managers within the association.

This award celebrates a city manager who not only leads with integrity and expertise but also embodies the principles of collaboration, advocacy, and service that define the California Contract Cities Association.

California Contract Cities Association Outstanding City Manager Award Application

Thank you for your interest in nominating a city manager for the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) City Manager of the Year Award. This award honors a city manager who exemplifies the core mission of the association by fostering collaboration, innovation, and advocacy while demonstrating excellence in public service.

Please complete the application below and submit all required materials by the deadline.

Nominee Information

Full Name: _____

Title: _____

City: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Nominator Information (If Different from Nominee)

Full Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization/City: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____



Award Criteria & Nomination Questions

Please provide detailed responses to the following questions, demonstrating how the nominee meets the award criteria. You may attach additional pages or supporting documents as needed.

1. Leadership & Vision

Describe how the nominee has demonstrated forward-thinking leadership in municipal management. Provide examples of innovative policies, programs, or solutions they have implemented.

Response:

2. Commitment to Regional Collaboration

How has the nominee fostered partnerships between contract cities, agencies, and stakeholders? Highlight any initiatives that promote shared governance models and service efficiency.

Response:

3. Operational Excellence & Fiscal Responsibility

Describe the nominee's approach to financial stewardship, including examples of cost-effective strategies that have improved service delivery while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Response:



4. Dedication to Public Engagement & Community Impact

Provide examples of how the nominee has enhanced transparency and communication between the city and its residents. Highlight any programs or initiatives that have positively impacted the community.

Response:

5. Legislative Advocacy & Policy Leadership

Describe the nominee's involvement in legislative processes at the local, state, and federal levels. How have they worked to advance policies that benefit contract cities and protect local control?

Response:

6. Local & Grassroots Advocacy

How has the nominee built relationships with elected officials, community leaders, and advocacy groups? Provide examples of how they have mobilized support for municipal interests.

Response:



7. Support for the Mission of the California Contract Cities Association

Explain how the nominee has actively participated in CCCA programs, initiatives, or advocacy efforts. How have they served as a role model for other city managers?

Response:

Additional Supporting Documents

Please attach any additional documents that support this nomination, such as:

- News articles, case studies, or reports on the nominee's accomplishments
- Testimonials from colleagues, community members, or elected officials

Certification & Submission

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Nominator Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Nominee Signature (if self-nominating): _____ **Date:** _____

Submission Instructions

Please submit the completed application and supporting documents via email to CCCA at info@contractcities.org.

Deadline for Submission: Wednesday, April 15, 2026

For questions regarding the application, please contact CCCA staff at info@contractcities.org or (562) 622-5533.

Note: All Applications Must Be Received by April 15, 2026. Late Applications Will Not Be Accepted.



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