



Florida League of Cities  
**2026 ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**

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**August 13-15, 2026**  
The Diplomat • Hollywood, FL

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# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Paid registration is required to receive housing information, so sign up early!  
See page 9 for details.

**Hotel Reservation Deadline: July 14, 2026**

**Conference Registration Deadline: July 31, 2026**

**#FLCities2026**



## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Florida League of Cities (FLC) 2026 Annual Conference will be held August 13-15, 2026, at The Diplomat in Hollywood.

The conference is an opportunity for municipal officials and senior staff to enhance leadership skills, learn from municipal experts, share ideas with peers, discuss strategies for Florida's future, and discover the latest products and services for municipal governments.

This year's conference will include breakout sessions, committee meetings, keynote presentations, awards, and more. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, network, and share.

### Location/Dates

The Diplomat – Hollywood, FL  
Thursday, August 13 - Saturday, August 15, 2026

### Registration Hours

Wednesday, August 12: 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday, August 13: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, August 14: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, August 15: 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### Registration Fees

**City/County/Government** (\$650), **Corporate** (\$750), and **Guest** (\$175): These fees cover your name badge, admission to all conference sessions and the exhibit hall, refreshment breaks, Friday's membership networking event, Saturday's Past Presidents' Luncheon and Installation, and the Inaugural Celebration on Saturday night.

**NOTE: Registrants** are defined as any elected government official or any employee of governments, organizations, or corporations. **Guests** are defined as spouses, partners, or other nonprofessional relations of conference delegates. Guest registration **may not** be used for other elected government officials, staff, or company representatives.

**Teen Guest 13-18 years** (\$20) and **Child Guest 3-12 years** (\$15): These fees cover your name badge, admission to the exhibit hall, Friday's membership networking event, and refreshment breaks. **Teen and child guest registrations do not include Saturday's Past Presidents' Luncheon or the Inaugural Celebration.**



## Registration Procedures

### Online Registration – Credit Cards Only

Visit [flcities.com/annualconference](http://flcities.com/annualconference) to access online registration and pay with your Visa, Mastercard, or American Express. You will receive your conference confirmation immediately via email. Conference confirmations include your registration information, totals, and housing instructions. Please check your confirmation carefully to verify that all information is correct and inform the League immediately of any errors.

### Mail Registration – Checks Only

To pay via check, fill out the registration form on page 10, attach your check for the appropriate fee, and mail it to the League office by **Friday, July 31, 2026**. Name badges and other information can be picked up at the conference registration desk.

## Deadlines

**Registration** – Conference registrations must be received no later than **Friday, July 31, 2026**. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please register on-site. **NOTE: Registration fees will increase to \$680 for government and \$780 for corporate registrants for all registrations done on-site**, so we encourage you to register in advance.

**Hotel Reservations** – The cutoff date for reservations at The Diplomat is **July 14, 2026**. Reservations must be made via an FLC-provided registration link only; no one will receive housing information until **after** their **paid** registration is received. Please see page 9 for more details.

### Cancellation Policy

Conference registration cancellation requests must be sent in writing via email to [mhowe@flcities.com](mailto:mhowe@flcities.com). All cancellations received in the FLC office by 5:00 p.m. **Friday, July 31, 2026**, will receive refunds, minus a **\$50.00** cancellation fee. Refunds will be issued after the conference. **No refunds can be made after July 31 or for early departure from the conference.**

Hotel reservations must be canceled no later than **three days** prior to the scheduled arrival date to avoid a penalty of one night's room and tax.

## Special Needs

If you are physically challenged and require special services or if you have special dietary needs (i.e., allergies or kosher or vegetarian meals), please attach a written description to your registration form. Contact the hotel directly if you need any special accommodations in your room.





## Certification Credit

This conference qualifies for 10 points in our **Certified Elected Municipal Official** program. Visit [flcities.com/certificate](https://flcities.com/certificate) for details or contact Christen Dangro at [cdangro@flcities.com](mailto:cdangro@flcities.com) for more details.

## Live Feeds via Social Media

The League posts real-time updates and photos via Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn during the conference. Follow @FLCities on all major platforms. Connect with the conversation or pose questions by using the hashtag **#FLCities2026** in all your conference-related posts.

## Thursday is City Shirt Day!

We encourage all of you to show your city spirit by wearing your city shirt on **Thursday, August 13**.

## Contact Information

For additional information, please contact Melanie Howe at [mhowe@flcities.com](mailto:mhowe@flcities.com) or 850.222.9684.



# TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Following is a tentative schedule of conference events. Be sure to check our website for updates!

## Wednesday, August 12, 2026

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12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Registration Desk Open**

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
**Florida League of Mayors Nominating Committee Meeting**

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.  
**Florida League of Mayors Business Meeting**  
*For more information, contact [flm@flcities.com](mailto:flm@flcities.com).*

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Florida League of Mayors Workshop**  
*Additional registration required through the Florida League of Mayors; contact [flm@flcities.com](mailto:flm@flcities.com) for more details.*

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
**Florida League of Mayors Reception**  
*Additional registration required through the Florida League of Mayors; contact [flm@flcities.com](mailto:flm@flcities.com) for more details.*

## Thursday, August 13, 2026

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7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**Registration Desk Open**

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**Continuing Education in Ethics: Have You Completed Your Hours?**  
Florida's municipal elected officers are required to take four hours of specific continuing education in ethics per year. If you haven't completed your hours yet, this is your opportunity! The four-hour session includes two hours on the Florida Ethics Law (Chapter 112, Florida Statutes), one hour of public meetings (Chapter 286, Florida Statutes), and one hour of public records (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes). If you have completed your hours, this class is a good refresher.

*NOTE: Registration is limited to the first 175 people and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.*

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
**Florida League of Mayors Board of Directors Meeting**

10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**Exhibit Hall Open**

10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
**Workshop**

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
**Workshop**

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
**"Cities 101" Workshop**  
If you are newly elected or newly appointed, this "crash course" is designed for you. Details about Florida municipalities, the services they provide, and governing challenges will be discussed. This course is a prequel to the popular Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO), but it is not a substitute for the two-day IEMO class.

3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Workshops**

3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
**Florida League of Cities Nominating Committee Meeting**

4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.  
**Connect, Collaborate, and Caffeinate: Speed Networking for Conference Attendees**  
Get ready for a dynamic networking experience! Fuel up with coffee and snacks as you engage in fun, fast-paced conversations and make meaningful connections with fellow leaders in local government. Don't forget your business cards. ▶▶▶

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**President's Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall**

## Friday, August 14, 2026

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

**Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Breakfast**

*Additional registration required through the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials; contact Caressa Andrews-Moye at [candrewsmoye@flcities.com](mailto:candrewsmoye@flcities.com) for more details.*

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

**FREE Sunrise Yoga**

Join us for a **sunrise yoga class**. Flow with grace in a variety of postures designed to open up your mind, body, and heart. This relaxing class will be led by a certified personal trainer and is great for individuals at all fitness levels. You don't need to bring a yoga mat, but be sure to wear comfortable clothing. There is no charge for the event, **but pre-registration is required**, and the class is limited to the **first 40 participants**.

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall**

7:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

**Exhibit Hall Open**

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Registration Desk Open**

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**Workshops**



# Doris Kearns Goodwin

**Doris Kearns Goodwin** is a world-renowned presidential historian, public speaker, Pulitzer Prize-winning and *#1 New York Times* best-selling author, and a partner in Pastimes Productions.



Goodwin is often called upon by the news media, late-night TV hosts, and hundreds of companies, educational institutions, government agencies, and nonprofits to share her vast leadership knowledge and provide historical context for current-day events, especially as our democracy is challenged, international wars rage, and we continue to struggle in a divided and polarized country.

Her eighth book, *An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s*, was published in Spring 2024, became an instant *#1 New York Times* bestseller, and is being developed as a feature film by Playtone partners Tom Hanks and Gary Goetzman, Eon Productions' Barbara Broccoli, and Goodwin's own Pastimes Productions. Artfully weaving together biography, memoir, and history, this new book takes readers on the emotional journey Doris and her husband, Richard Goodwin, embarked upon in the last years of his life as they delved into more than 300 boxes of letters, diaries, documents, and memorabilia that Dick had saved for more than 50 years. The Goodwins quickly realized they had before them an unparalleled personal time capsule of the 1960s of the events and pivotal figures of the decade—John Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., Robert Kennedy, Eugene McCarthy, and especially Lyndon Johnson, who greatly impacted both their lives.

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

**Opening General Session**

Featuring the presentation of the E. Harris Drew Award and a keynote presentation by presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Doris Kearns Goodwin**.

12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

**Sidewalk Café in Exhibit Hall (Cash Sales)**

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

**Special Issues General Session: Property Tax Amendment**

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Workshops**

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

**Workshops**

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Membership Networking Event**

**Evening Open**

Their voyage of remembrance brought unexpected discoveries, forgiveness, and the renewal of old dreams, reviving the hope that the youth of today will carry forward this unfinished love story with America.

In Fall 2024, Goodwin's first book for young readers, *The Leadership Journey: How Four Kids Became President*, was published. Especially tailored for educational use, Goodwin brings to this middle-grade book decades of rich research combined with deep knowledge of Presidents Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, and Lyndon Johnson.

In 2020, Goodwin and Laski's Pastimes Productions executive produced its first documentary miniseries, *Washington for the History Channel*. Miniseries on Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin Roosevelt followed and are all slated to debut on Netflix in May 2026. Pastimes also executive produced an eight-part docuseries, "Kevin Costner's *The West*" for the History Channel last year.

Goodwin is the author of nine critically acclaimed and bestselling works, including *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, which served in part as the basis for Steven Spielberg's Academy Award®-winning film *Lincoln*. The film earned 12 Academy Award® nominations, including the Best Actor Oscar for Daniel Day-Lewis' portrayal of the 16th president. *Team of Rivals* has been widely cited as an inspiration for political and business leaders, including former President Barack Obama, and received the prestigious Lincoln Prize and the inaugural Book Prize for American History. In 2016, Goodwin became the first historian awarded the Lincoln Leadership Prize from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation.

Goodwin was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in History for *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II*. Her book *The Fitzgeralds and The Kennedys* was adapted into an award-winning ABC television miniseries.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## Saturday, August 15, 2026

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

### Various Local/Regional League Breakfast Meetings

Contact your local league for more information. **Note that an RSVP is required by July 31 in order to guarantee a seat at a breakfast.**

7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### Registration Desk Open

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

### Annual Business Meeting

10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

### Second General Session

Featuring recognition of the Years of Service awards and a keynote address by **Jefferson Fisher**.

12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

### Past Presidents' Luncheon and Installation of New President

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### Workshop

6:15 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

### Inaugural Celebration

America is observing its 250th birthday this year, and what's a better way to celebrate than through song? Join us for **FLASHBACK Americana**, a journey through the decades of our greatest music.

*Schedule and speakers are subject to change.*

## Jefferson Fisher



### Jefferson Fisher

is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Next Conversation: Argue Less, Talk More*, host of the Jefferson Fisher Podcast, and founder of the Jefferson Fisher School of Communication. As a trial lawyer, writer, and speaker, Jefferson's purpose is simple: improve people's lives by improving their conversations.

With practical videos and an authentic presence, Jefferson has earned the trust of more than 13 million followers, making him one of the most-followed attorneys in the world. What began in the driver's seat of his truck now reaches Fortune 500 companies, global leaders, government agencies, and hundreds of thousands of podcast and newsletter subscribers each week. Beyond his communication work, Jefferson is a husband, dad, and founder of Fisher Firm, helping people across the country connect with trusted legal services. No matter where he's teaching or speaking, his mission stays the same: to bring more clarity, calm, and connection back into how we talk to each other, one conversation at a time.

## CONFERENCE HOUSING INFORMATION

**The Diplomat** will serve as the conference hotel. It is located at 3555 S. Ocean Drive in Hollywood. The hotel's phone is 954.602.6000. (**NOTE:** Reservations may be made via an FLC-provided reservation link only. Please **do not** call The Diplomat to make reservations until you receive this code.) FLC has secured the reduced rate of **\$44.00** per day for self-parking and **\$52.00** per day for valet parking.

Visit the hotel's website at [diplomatresort.com](http://diplomatresort.com) for more details. **The Diplomat is a smoke-free property.**

### Room Reservations – IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

In order to protect our room blocks for conference registrants, it is our policy that no one will receive housing information **until we have received your PAID registration**. Once your registration is paid, you will be sent housing information via email.

Please note that the reservation cutoff date at The Diplomat is **July 14, 2026**, and the rate is **\$205/night**. It is important that you register for the conference early so you have plenty of time to make your reservations. **Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis, and the hotel may sell out BEFORE the cutoff date.**

Remember that we are unable to guarantee reservations for anyone or the exact date on which the hotel block will sell out, **so please register early.**



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Return completed form with check payment to Florida League of Cities, P.O. Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1757, or visit the League website, [flcities.com/annualconference](http://flcities.com/annualconference), to access online registration. **NOTE: Credit card payments may be made online only.**

## DELEGATE INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_  
*First M.I. Last*

First Name or Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
*As You Wish to Appear on Badge*

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
*City, County, Government or Company*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (for confirmations): \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please provide the address of the person who should receive the confirmation.*

First-Time Attendee?  Yes  No

Will you be attending Saturday night's Inaugural Celebration?  Yes  No

## GUEST INFORMATION (PLEASE COMPLETE ONLY IF REGISTERING A GUEST FOR THE CONFERENCE.)

Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*As You Wish to Appear on Badge*

Teen/Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Teen/Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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REGISTRATION FEES	NO.	FEE	TOTAL FEE
City/County/Government	____@	\$650.00*	\$ _____
Corporate	____@	\$750.00*	\$ _____
Guest	____@	\$175.00	\$ _____
Teen Guest (13-18 years)	____@	\$20.00	\$ _____
Child Guest (3-12 years)	____@	\$15.00	\$ _____

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES	NO.	FEE	TOTAL FEE
<b>Friday, August 14</b>			
Sunrise Yoga	____@	\$0.00	\$ _____
<b>Saturday, August 15</b>			
Extra Luncheon Ticket	____@	\$50.00	\$ _____
Extra Inaugural Celebration Ticket	____@	\$75.00	\$ _____
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>

**\*NOTE:** Registration fees will increase to \$680 for government and \$780 for corporate for all registrations done on-site.

## SPECIAL NEEDS

If you require special services or have special dietary needs, please attach a written description to your registration form.

## REGISTRATION

Registration form must be accompanied by payment made payable to **Florida League of Cities**. Mail this form to: Florida League of Cities, P.O. Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1757.

Registration forms must be postmarked by **July 31, 2026**.

**Remember:** You will not receive housing information until we have received your **PAID** registration.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

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