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## 1) League Policy Committees Forming Now!

League policy committees help to establish the policies that guide the organization's legislative efforts. Any city official is eligible to serve on a single policy committee. The four committees include:

- **Utilities and Environment Policy Committee (meets August 14)**

Reviews and recommends League positions on water supply, water quality, water planning, solid waste, air quality, and other environmental quality issues.

- **Public Officers and Employees Policy Committee (meets August 16)**

Reviews and recommends League positions dealing with a range of employment matters, including wage and hour laws, unions, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, etc.; handles League positions relating to public officials, including ethics, elections, and other requirements of holding public office.

- **Finance and Taxation Policy Committee (meets August 21)**

Reviews and recommends League positions on finance and taxation issues, including local option taxes, property tax lid, tax exemptions, motor vehicle tax, etc.

- **Legislative Policy Committee (meets August 23)**

Reviews and recommends League positions in all other policy areas and provides general oversight of the policy statement.

**For more information about League policy committees, contact Anna DeBusk at (785) 354-9565 or [adebusk@lkm.org](mailto:adebusk@lkm.org).**

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## 2) Kansas State University's Center for Engagement and Community Development

The Center for Engagement and Community Development at Kansas State University is newly created by the Kansas State University (KSU) administration and the K-State Extension service. Their mission is to connect the resources and expertise of KSU to the significant issues of public needs facing Kansas and communities worldwide. They recognize that Kansans and Kansas communities are confronting a variety of challenges ranging from business development to promoting arts and culture, protecting the local environment, and instilling greater civility among the local citizenry. The center seeks to be a resource for Kansas communities as they deal with these big issues. As a way to communicate with people around Kansas, they have created a monthly electronic newsletter they call "K-State's Engagement E-News." You can receive the newsletter if you contact the center. Also, if you have questions or comments or would like to explore ways K-State might be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact them.

Their website can be found at: <http://www.k-state.edu/cecd/>

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### 3) The Kansas Chapter of the American Planning Association's Annual Conference

The Kansas Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA-KS) is holding its annual state planning conference in Manhattan on September 6-7, 2007. More information about APA-KS and a flier for this conference can be found by going to the APA-KS website at: <http://www.ksapa.org/>

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