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Local Government Officials Gather in Gettysburg for Pennsylvania Municipal League Annual Summit

***Summit provides platform for Educational, Network Development and
Best Practice Sharing Opportunities***

Gettysburg, PA (October 4, 2019) – League President Easton Mayor Salvatore J. Panto, Jr. is presiding over the 120th Annual Summit of the Pennsylvania Municipal League, which kicked off yesterday with a playground build at Gettysburg’s Rec Park and will end Sunday morning. The event, hosted by Gettysburg Borough Manager Charles Gable, is being held at the Gettysburg Hotel and Majestic Theater, where elected and appointed municipal officials from across the Commonwealth have convened.

“It is an honor to host The League’s 120th Annual Summit in Gettysburg,” said Borough Manager Charles Gable. “While Gettysburg’s place in history will always be part of the experience here, there is so much more to do and see. Our walkable community offers specialty shops, taverns, art galleries, athletic facilities, non-profit organizations, history centers, museums, theatres, historic churches and much more. It is our sincere wish that you have an experience you’ll be talking about for years to come. We welcome The League to the best known small town in America.”

Officials attending this year’s Summit will share resources and innovative ideas, discuss issues of mutual concern, and participate in a wide-array of educational and professional development sessions designed to address the ways and means of meeting the pressing challenges of municipal management and good governance.

“The League is pleased to be partnering with the Borough of Gettysburg to conduct our 120th Annual Summit,” said League Executive Director Richard J. Schuettler. “This is a tremendous professional development opportunity for local government officials from across the Commonwealth. To provide the opportunity in historic Gettysburg is indeed an honor.”

The League is pleased to have Auditor General Eugene DePasquale, British Consul-General Antony Phillipson and DCED Secretary Dennis Davin address delegates at this morning’s Welcome Session. We are also honored to have keynote session speakers Mark Schweiker, former Pennsylvania Governor, and Michael Nutter, former Mayor of Philadelphia and League past president, join us today.

On Saturday morning, The League will be presenting the Business Leaders Network Community Partnership Award and recognizing spring graduates Linda Washburn, Keystone Oaks High School, Dormont; Dasha Brown, Cougar Academy, Harrisburg; and Brandon Fiedor, Valley Jr.-Sr. High School, New Kensington for their winning essays in The League’s John A. Garner, Jr. Civic Engagement Essay Scholarship Contest.

Also on Saturday, a plenary session featuring Sean Ahrens, Security Market Group Leader, Affiliated Engineers, Inc.; Chuck Harold, Host, ASIS TV; and Don Taussig, Director of Global Security, Land O'Lakes, Inc. will provide takeaways for delegates to assist in identifying top security concerns for municipalities. In a second plenary session, Nontombi Naomi Tutu, Human Rights Advocate, will discuss the challenges of growing up black and female in apartheid South Africa. Through humor and personal stories, she will share her passion for human dignity.

An important component of the Summit is the annual business meeting on Saturday afternoon, where legislative priorities will be established for the coming year and officers will be elected to serve on The League Board of Directors.

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About Gettysburg Borough

Gettysburg Borough is a thriving community of over 7,000+ residents. It's a premier destination in Southern Pennsylvania known primarily for its proximity to the Civil War battlefield as well as its higher learning institutions. www.gettysburgpa.gov

About The Pennsylvania Municipal League

The mission of the Pennsylvania Municipal League is to strengthen, empower and advocate for effective local government. The League is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established in 1900 as an advocate for Pennsylvania's 3rd class cities. Today, The League represents Pennsylvania cities, boroughs, townships, home rule communities and towns that all share their municipal policy interests. The Board of Directors oversees the administration of a wide array of municipal services including legislative advocacy, publications, education/training, consulting-based programs, and group insurance trusts. For more information, please visit PML.org. Join the conversation at twitter.com/PAMunicipalLeag and facebook.com/PaMunicipalLeague – #TheLeagueSummit19.

Editor's Note: *The media is welcome to all sessions which will be held at the Gettysburg Hotel and Majestic Theater on Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5. Press kits, which include an agenda, awards page, floor plan, press releases and a press badge, will be available. You can view our [agenda](#) for all session/award times and locations. The Closing Room of the Gettysburg Hotel will be the designated press room during the Summit and will be open on both Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*