

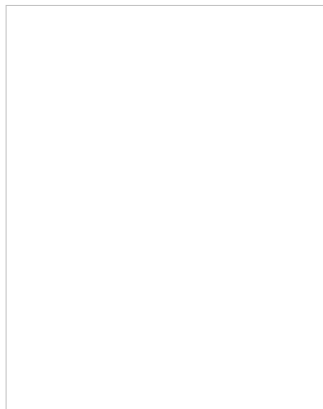
# Civic Action

*A monthly update from the National Civic League*

December 2015

## Mayor David Sander Elected NCL Board Chair

Rancho Cordova [Mayor David Sander](#), Ph.D was elected Chair of the National Civic League Board. Sander has served as the Vice Chair since 2013. An expert in local governance, he has served on Rancho Cordova's City Council since 2003 and is on the Board of Directors for the National League of Cities, and the League of California Cities.



National Civic League is excited to have Sander as its Board Chair, following in a long line of exemplary leaders, including outgoing Board Chair - Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock.

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Download our newest tool - the **Civic Index Quick Quiz** - and identify your civic strengths and challenges.

## Transition for NCL President

NCL is proud to announce that Doug Linkhart has been selected as president of the National Civic League. Linkhart replaces current president Gloria Rubio-Cortes, who is retiring at the end of 2015 after more than 17 years with the National Civic League, the last eight of which she served as president.

Rubio-Cortes is the first woman and the first person of color to lead the National Civic League in its 120-year history. Under her leadership, the organization increased its resources and programs promoting social justice, racial healing, youth civic leadership, healthy communities and grade-level reading. She re-energized the flagship program, the 67-year-old All-America City Awards, by spotlighting the



**Civic Index Quick Quiz**

Based on a survey of 100 cities and 100 residents, the Civic Index Quick Quiz is a self-assessment tool that helps you identify your city's strengths and challenges. The quiz is based on the National Civic League's research and is designed to be a helpful tool for city leaders and residents alike. The quiz is available in both English and Spanish. For more information, visit [www.ncl.org/civicindex](#).

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<b>Community Leadership</b>					
<b>Public Participation and Civic Engagement</b>					
<b>Resources and Subsidies</b>					

[The Civic Index Quick Quiz](#) enables residents to easily identify key civic assets and areas in need of further focus.

**Remembering John Parr**  
At this time of exciting

critical issues of the day and establishing philanthropic and local government partners. [For more on Gloria Rubio-Cortes' legacy click here](#)

Incoming president Doug Linkhart brings an incredible wealth of experience, having served as a State Representative, State Senator, Denver City Councilman and Director of the City and County of Denver's Department of Environmental Health. [Click here for more information on Doug Linkhart](#)



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## All-America City Updates

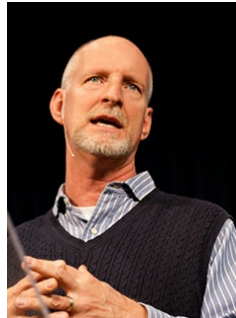
Dates for the 2016 All-America City Competition are now set. The yearly event which brings together hundreds of community leaders will be **June 17 - 19, 2016 in Denver, Colorado**

[Click here to sign up for the January All-America City Conference Call](#) and get tips about applying for the Award and learn about previous winners' innovative projects.

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## Get a Free Copy of "Field of Dreams and An Army of Volunteers"

Reg Cox is a pastor, but his work as a catalyst for school improvement in Lakewood, Colorado earned him another title - "City Connector." Leveraging his work with faith-based groups, neighborhood leaders, the city, businesses, and the local school district, Cox hopes to reproduce his success at Foothills Elementary in neighborhoods across Lakewood, an



All-America City in 2011. The fall issue of NCR documented his incredible work in the article ["Field of Dreams and an Army of Volunteers."](#) Get a free copy of the article and learn how a neighborhood effort to revitalize an untended and unusable playing field sparked an initiative to improve academics and establish closer links between the school, the neighborhood and the city at large. A local eyesore and nuisance has become an asset for the neighborhood.

[Read the article here](#)

transitions for NCL, we also take a moment to observe the 8th anniversary of the December 24th car crash that took the life of former NCL president John Parr, his wife, and eldest daughter.

## Become a Member of NCLToday!

Your membership in the National Civic League helps ensure that the All-America City Award continues to inspire, support and recognize civic innovation - [become a member today.](#)

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