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We provide education, leadership, and professional development opportunities to prepare the next generation of local government leaders across Southern California.

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Welcome Back Mixer

ICMA@USC's first event of the year was the Annual Welcome Back event on August 30th. We were excited to meet and talk to many of the incoming class of MPAs, MPPs, MPLs, and IPPAM students. New students and old were able to meet and chat in a friendly environment at The Lab Gastropub just off of campus. The event has been running for several years now, and represents a chance for students to learn more about ICMA@USC as an organization, and the events being held throughout the academic year.

ICMA Goes to the Zoo

ICMA@USC attended the LA Zoo's yearly event series "Roaring Nights at the LA Zoo" on September 15th. During this unique event the zoo stayed open for special evening hours, hosted special zookeeper talks, quintessential LA food trucks, several dance areas, and topped it off with an '80s vs 90s' theme. This event was a great way to support a City department while also having fun and strengthening ties to our members.

Breaking Into Local Government

During this year's annual "Breaking into Local Government" panel on September 28th, our panelists provided advice based on their firsthand experience in gaining employment in the field of local government. The panel is a Q&A-style facilitated discussion with local government professionals. The participating panelists consisted of both seasoned and early-career professionals, representing various cities across Los Angeles County. This year's panelists were Brittany Mello, Senior Management Analyst at the City of Monrovia, Joe Guerrero, Budget Analyst at the City of Long Beach, and Victoria Rocha, Management Aide at the City of La Cañada Flintridge. This event provided a great opportunity for our members to begin their journey navigating the local government field while studying at Price.

Local Government Case Challenge

On February 9th, seven teams of students competed in the 6th Annual Local Government Case Challenge. Teams had one week to create and present solutions for a real world issue being faced by a local government in Southern California. This year's teams were asked to conduct a feasibility study for the City of South Gate's Rail to Trail Project. Student teams were then critiqued by a panel of professional judges including representatives from the City of South Gate itself. Kevork Kurdoghlian and Joshua Jeffrey took home first prize.

City Manager in Residence

ICMA@USC partnered with the City Management Fellowship during their annual City Manager in Residence program for a luncheon with this year's City Manager in Residence, Cynthia Kurtz. The luncheon provided students an opportunity for more informal discussion with Ms. Kurtz, who served as City Manager of Pasadena for ten years, Interim City Manager of Covina, and is currently Interim City Manager for the City of Santa Ana. Thank you to Ms. Kurtz and attendees of the luncheon for such a stimulating discussion!

2018-2019 Board

In March 2018, the current board selected the 2018-2019 Executive Board. The incoming board members are:

Co-Chairs

Candice Rankin (MPP, 2019)

Allison Wilhite (MPA, 2019)

Board Members

Roxanna Barboza (MPA, 2019)

Joshua Jeffrey (MPA/MPL, 2020)

Shane Lee (MPA, 2019)

Rene Salazar (MPA, 2019)

