



City Administrator Report  
January 2023

**Activities:**

- The Mayor and I met with Congressman Luttrell for a general discussion
- Still working on finding a finance consultant to assist us
  - Responding firms fees are expensive (\$100 - \$300 per hour range). Conducted interviews of a couple of qualified candidates
    - Assessing/negotiating at this time
  - Possible agreement and budget amendment at your next Council meeting
- I am working on a mobile food vendor and food truck vendor ordinance
  - Looking at best practices in vendor regulations
  - Looking at examples of successful cities' ordinances
  - Emphasis on business-friendly with high-quality aesthetics and preservation of our community culture
- I attended the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and the MEDC meeting
- March 1-3 I will be attending the Texas Municipal League Mid-Year Small Cities Conference in San Antonio (see attached program)

**Announcements:**

On Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am through 11:00 am the Montgomery Historical Society will be hosting an open house at the Nathaniel H. Davis Museum located on Liberty Street in downtown Montgomery

April is library month so we encourage everyone to patronize your local library...especially Montgomery's Charles B. Stewart West Branch Library

## April is Stewart-West Branch Library Month!

It's all **FREE** at your hometown Montgomery Charles B. Stewart-West Branch Library with a **FREE** library card! (*Just bring proof of your Montgomery County address.*)

- Borrow books, DVDs and audio books, downloadable ebooks and audiobooks from 39 different libraries in Montgomery and Harris County.
- Use computers and Wifi for **FREE**.
- Attend **FREE** programs for children, young adults and adults, computer instruction classes, book clubs, writing groups, needlework groups.
- Gain **FREE** 24/7 access to databases like Chilton's Auto Repair and Legal Forms and to magazines and newspapers. (Who wants to pay for magazines and newspapers when you can read them online for **FREE**?)

### How can I support Montgomery's hometown library?

- Visit the library: Charles B. Stewart-West Branch Library, 202 Bessie Price Owen, Montgomery, TX 77356
- Check us out online at <https://countylibrary.org/stewart> for hours, events and catalog of holdings. Like the whole Montgomery County Memorial System on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/mcmf1sTX>
- Join the Friends of the Stewart-West Branch Library. Volunteer your time or just your money to support the library. Pick up a membership form at the library or go to <https://www.folstewart.org/dear-friends> to print a form. It's just \$10 to join! Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FOSWBL/>
- Go to <https://www.folstewart.org/donations> for other ways to support your library by linking your Kroger card, making a memorial donation or just sending a check donation (please no to Friends of the Charles.B. Stewart Library-West Branch Library, P.O.Box 524, % <sup>CASA</sup> donations, Montgomery, TX 77356. (Insert url for form)

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## Welcome to the new TML Midyear Conference!



Melinda Marcus  
Influence Advisors



Glenn Hegar  
Texas Comptroller



George B. Peyton V  
Texas Water  
Development Board



Bill Fulton  
William Fulton Group



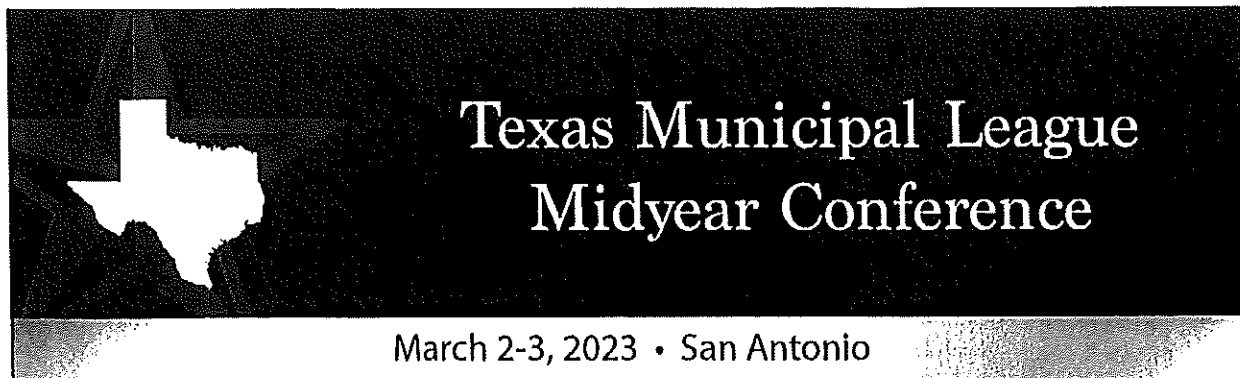
Joe Straus  
Former Texas House  
Speaker



- ★ Impactful keynote speakers who will inspire and empower you
- ★ Essential briefings on recent city-related legal and legislative developments
- ★ Strategies to shape the policy debate for the 2023 legislative session
- ★ City officials from towns and cities of all sizes are encouraged to attend!

Register separately for the [TML Preconference](#) on Wednesday, March 1, to hear Joe Serio present *Leadership Lessons of the CIA: Tools and Techniques for Local Government Success* and celebrate the 2022 TML award recipients!

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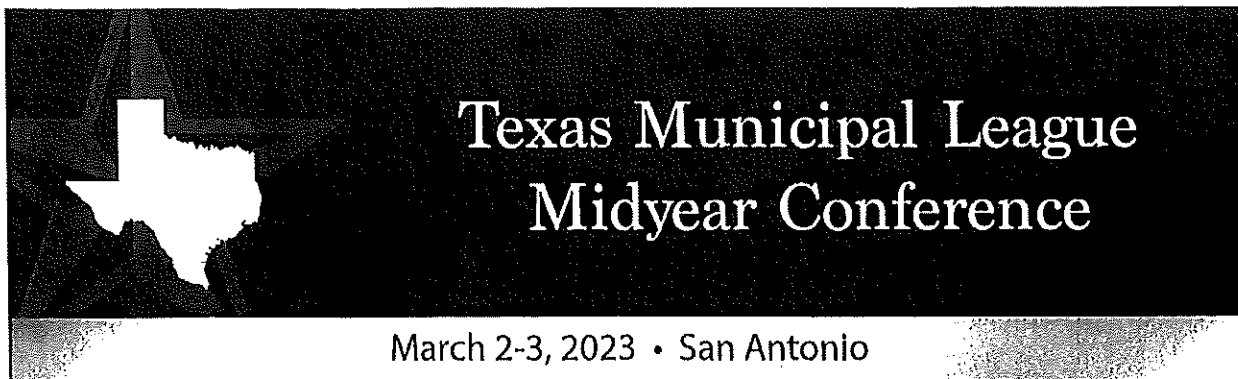


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## Thursday, March 2

7:45-8:30 a.m.	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b>
8:30-9:45 a.m.	<p><b>Insights from the Science of Influence</b></p> <p>Do you ever wish you had more influence with people? How would it make your job easier if people instantly liked you and trusted you? Now, imagine what an advantage it would be if you knew what they were thinking, feeling, or intending to do by reading their body language and speech patterns. In this memorable and actionable presentation, you'll discover how to positively influence the way people respond to you and your ideas.</p> <p>Melinda Marcus, MA, CSP, Influence Advisers</p>
9:50-10:30 a.m.	<p><b>The Future of Texas</b></p> <p>Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar will discuss the state's economic outlook for 2023, efforts to expand high-speed internet access, and the impact on cities.</p> <p>Glenn Hegar, Texas Comptroller</p>
10:30-10:45 a.m.	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
10:45-11:30 a.m.	<p><b>The State of Water in Texas</b></p> <p>As the Texas population and economy continue to grow, it is increasingly critical to expand infrastructure to help manage and improve our water supply statewide. TWDB Board Member George Peyton will discuss Texas' plan to provide water for a growing population and discuss tools to support better planning and create tangible benefits for our communities and residents.</p> <p>George B. Peyton V, Board Member, Texas Water Development Board</p>
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch on Your Own</b>
1:00-2:00 p.m.	<p><b>Place and Prosperity, How Cities Help Us Connect and Innovate</b></p> <p>Place and prosperity lie at the heart of what a city is and, by extension, what our society is all about. Places are created in order to further a political or economic agenda. Better cities emerge when the people who shape them think more broadly and consciously about the places they are creating. In this session, urban planning expert William Fulton will discuss how, over time, a successful place creates enduring economic assets that don't go away and lay the groundwork for prosperity in the future. He says that, for urbanism to succeed for everyone, we all have to participate in making cities great places. Because cities, imposing though they may be as physical environments, don't work without us.</p> <p>Bill Fulton, William Fulton Group</p>
2:05-2:45 p.m.	<p><b>The Future of Transportation: Keep Texas Moving</b></p> <p>The growing Texas population underscores the need to build and strengthen transportation in our state so it's safe, reliable, and intelligent. Learn about the policies, technologies, and funding strategies that will drive the future of Texas transportation.</p> <p>Nicole Katsikides, Ph.D., TTI Research Scientist, Mobility Analysis, Texas A&amp;M Transportation Institute</p>
2:45-3:00 p.m.	<b>Stretch Break!</b>



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## Friday, March 3

8:00-8:45 a.m.

**Networking Breakfast**

8:45-9:30 a.m.

**Collaborative Leadership Gets the Work Done**

Former Texas House Speaker Joe Straus has always taken a pragmatic approach to governance, and is a strong advocate for local officials making decisions that impact their constituents. In this inspiring keynote, Straus will share his approach to governance and leadership, one that means setting aside ego, building common ground, and working together to solve the tough issues.

**Joe Straus, Former Texas House Speaker and TML Legislative Hall of Honor Inductee**

9:30-10:15 a.m.

**Make the Most Impact at the Capitol**

Attend this important session to learn how you and your city can make the most impact at the Capitol during the 2023 legislative session. You'll discuss:

- How to effectively communicate with your state legislator
- What to include in your correspondence on key issues and bills
- The best way to track the status of specific bills
- Tips for testifying at the Capitol

**Jesse Ancira, Founder and Principal, Ancira Strategies; and Snapper Carr, Partner and General Counsel, Focused Advocacy**

10:15-11:30 a.m.

**Legislative Update for 2023**

Whether you're an experienced city advocate or new to legislative activities, keeping track of bills that affect your city is critical. Learn what city-related issues are shaping up to be priorities in the 88th legislative session, and how your grassroots involvement is essential to protecting your ability to serve your residents and govern effectively.

**Bennett Sandlin, Executive Director; Michael Martin, Legislative Counsel; Monty Wynn, Director, Grassroots and Legislative Services; and JJ Rocha, Grassroots and Legislative Services Manager, Texas Municipal League**

