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Two Area Manager Groups Host “Tomorrow’s City/County Managers Forum”

To encourage managers who are on the cusp of becoming chief executives, the Managers Associations of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties co-hosted the “Tomorrow’s City/County Managers Forum” in Cupertino on June 10, 2010. As part of the Cal-ICMA Coaching Program, the workshop engaged seventeen Assistants and Department Heads from local governments in the two counties with fourteen Chief Executive coaches as well as Executive Recruiter Bill Avery.

The workshop addressed the following topics:

- Different Journeys in Becoming a City/County Manager
- Differing Skill Sets for the Chief Executive
- The Selection Process for the Chief Executive
- Developing Positive Relations with the Governing Board
- Maintaining Work/life Balance

The Coaches included:

Frank Benest, ICMA Senior Advisor for Next Generation Initiatives

Pat Martel, City Manager, Daly City

David Boesch, Manager, County of San Mateo

Greg Larson, Town Manager, Los Gatos

Clay Holstine, City Manager, Brisbane

Glen Rojas, City Manager, Menlo Park

Brian Loventhal, City Manager, Monte Serrano

Laura Allen, City Manager, Colma

Les White, former City Manager, San Jose

Connie Jackson, City Manager, San Bruno

Marcia Raines, City Manager, Millbrae
Kevin Duggan

To enhance the professional networks of the participants, the all-day Forum culminated in a reception and dinner to which all the City and County Managers in the two counties were invited.

According to one of the participants, “the Forum was a thought-provoking experience that encouraged me to challenge myself and make an even bigger contribution as a chief executive.”

For more information on the “Tomorrow’s City/County Managers Forum,” please contact Frank Benest, Co-Chair of the Cal-ICMA Coaching Program, at frank@frankbenest.com.