



Municipal Management Association
of Northern California

Contemporary Trends in Local Government and Emerging Administrative Roles

Date / Time:

Monday, April 12, 2010
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location:

Los Gatos Town Hall
110 E. Main Street
Los Gatos, CA 95030

Registration:

MMANC members \$50
Non-MMANC Members \$70

Light refreshments will served.

Two trends are shaping present and future administrative roles. The first is administrative modernization that reflects globalization and which standardizes our lives; and, the second is the search to create, maintain, and preserve a sense of identity that is being eroded.

These trends challenge local government's ability to bridge what is "politically acceptable" and what is "administratively feasible" in order to get things done; and, failing to make the connection undermines government's credibility. The challenge requires experimentation with new roles that exist side by side with hierarchy and which invite expanded ways of thinking about professional practice.

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Dr. Nalbandian went to Kansas in 1976, from Los Angeles, where he earned his Ph.D. at the University of Southern California. He served as department chair from 1983 - 1988 and again from 2000 - 2008. He also served on the City Council in Lawrence from 1991 - 1999. The Council elected him Mayor in 1993 - 1994 and again in 1996 - 1997.

In addition to numerous articles on city management, in 1991, he wrote *Professionalism in Local Government: Transformations in the Roles, Responsibilities, and Values of City Managers*; and, now in its sixth edition with Donald Klingner and Jared Llorens, *Public Personnel Management: Conflict and Compromise*.

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