



Partnership for Large Election Jurisdictions Membership Agreement

We're thrilled you're here. This document lays out the rules and guidelines for participation in the Partnership for Large Election Jurisdictions (PLEJ). PLEJ is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a community of support to large election jurisdictions—i.e., jurisdictions of 300,000 people or more, or any of the three largest jurisdictions in a state. This is a legal document. Please read it carefully, and please ask any questions you may have. You should consult with your legal counsel to ensure that your participation complies with all applicable laws in your jurisdiction. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our team to discuss them in more detail.

PLEJ Goals and Purpose

There are more than 8,000 local election departments nationwide. Their job is complex—encompassing election law, public relations, cybersecurity, personnel management, and logistics—all before the votes are even counted. Due to their size, large jurisdictions face compounded challenges around issues like volume, technology, security, language accessibility, records management, and changes to voting laws, which make them unique within their states.

PLEJ is here to provide these large election jurisdictions with a community of support by connecting them with similarly-sized peer jurisdictions to exchange ideas and best practices, and to create change that will allow them to face their unique challenges and better serve their communities.

Commitment to Nonpartisanship

PLEJ is dedicated to supporting current election professionals involved in the process of administering elections (e.g., voter registration, ballot creation, tabulation, poll worker engagement, voting location management, records management, etc.), who represent jurisdictions of 300,000 people or more, or any of the three largest jurisdictions in a state, regardless of partisanship and geography. PLEJ does so by providing them with opportunities to grow their networks and exchange ideas to conduct safe, secure, trustworthy, and inclusive elections. Our commitment to nonpartisanship is total. We will never attempt to influence the outcome of any election. Period.

PLEJ's Core Principles

PLEJ's organizational core principles are that election administration should be:

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Membership Obligations

A core purpose of PLEJ is to promote the exchange of information about best practices for large election jurisdictions between PLEJ members. PLEJ members agree to commit to this exchange by participating in PLEJ events and sharing best practices.

In addition, PLEJ members agree to pay yearly dues of \$130 to PLEJ.

Membership is valid for one calendar year and is renewable annually. If desired, you may pre-pay for more than one year of membership; contact us for arrangements.

Private Funds

In some jurisdictions, state or local law may prohibit using private funds to pay for PLEJ membership dues. By signing below, you agree not to use private funds to pay your membership dues unless permitted in your jurisdiction, and you certify your compliance with applicable legal requirements (you should consult your legal counsel).

Scholarships

PLEJ has scholarship funds available to cover your membership dues in full if doing so is permitted by law in your jurisdiction. If you would like to accept PLEJ's scholarship and certify that doing so complies with applicable legal requirements, please check below and PLEJ will not send you an invoice for membership dues.

_____ YES, I would like to accept PLEJ's scholarship and certify that doing so complies with applicable legal requirements.

Termination

Any party can terminate participation for any reason. Refunds of PLEJ member dues will be offered on a pro-rated basis based on the portion of the membership year dues left unused.

If you agree to the above membership terms, please sign and date below.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signed on behalf of: _____