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## **LaGrange Councilman Nathan Gaskin Earns Certificate of Excellence**

**LaGrange, Ga. March 24, 2021** – The Georgia Municipal Association, or GMA, awarded a Certificate of Excellence to LaGrange Councilman Nathan Gaskin for his 120 hours of training from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government.



Pictured from left to right: City Councilman Nathan Gaskin and LaGrange Mayor and GMA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jim Thornton

LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton presented the honor to Councilman Gaskin on behalf of GMA. Thornton currently serves as Georgia Municipal Association 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

The Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute is a series of training programs designed to help city officials enhance their knowledge and skills in municipal related matters. Courses are offered in conjunction with GMA meetings as well as in “stand-alone” offerings throughout the year.

With exception to the state mandated Newly Elected Officials Institute, the courses offered are voluntary and offer city officials the opportunity to obtain additional training beyond what is required by state law. By completing this additional training, municipal elected officials can earn a Certificate of Recognition, Certificate of Achievement, Certificate of Excellence, Certificate of Distinction and Certificate of Dedication.



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The Municipal Training Institute is operated through a partnership between the Georgia Municipal Association and the University of Georgia’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government. Oversight is provided by the Municipal Training Board, which is comprised of municipal elected officials and representatives from partnering organizations.

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