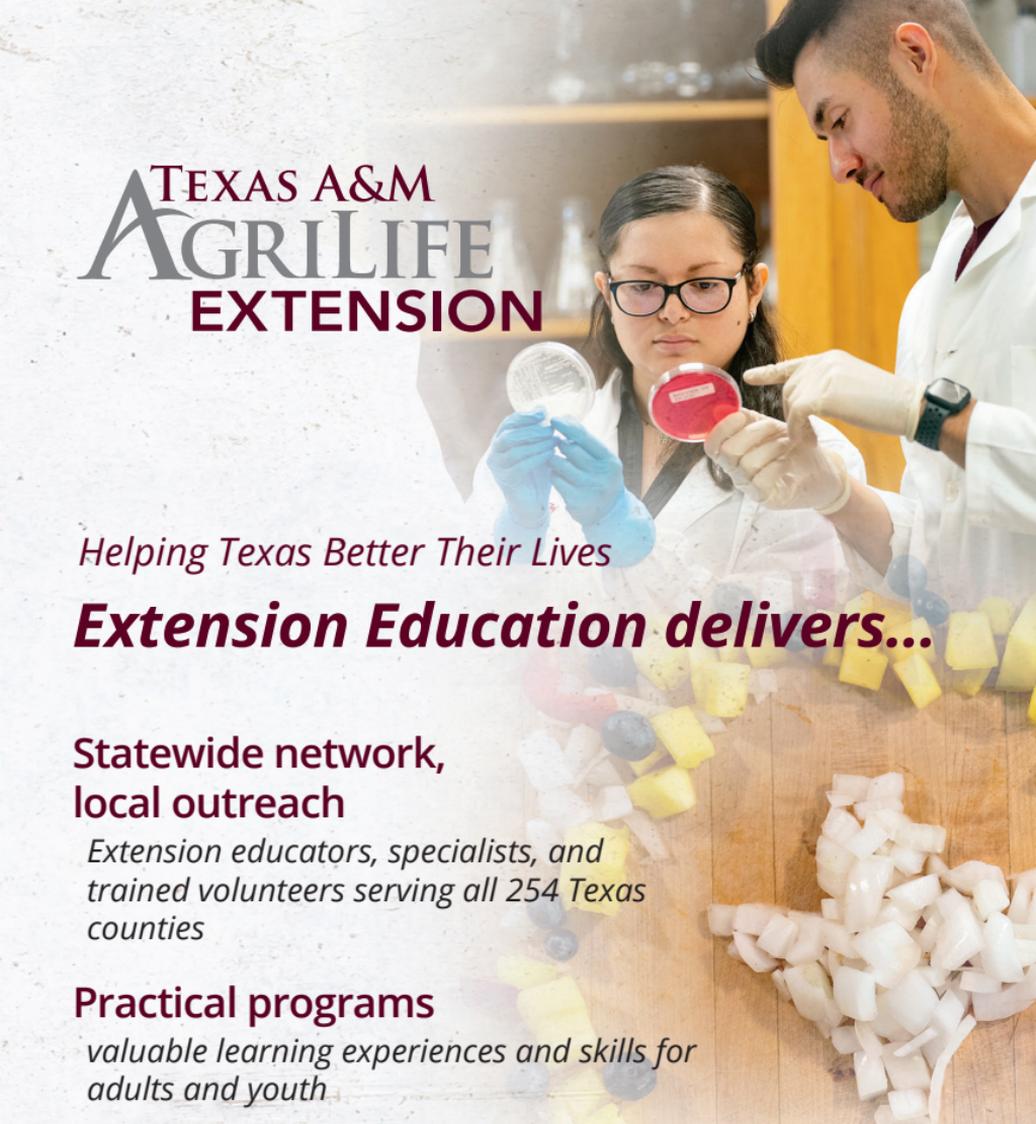




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WELCOME LETTER



On behalf of the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, welcome to the 65th Annual School for County Commissioners Courts. We are pleased to offer the annual school as an opportunity for you to expand your knowledge and develop critical networks, all in an effort to better serve your county and constituents.

I would like to thank the many people who have aided in planning and conducting this conference, as well as the many speakers who will serve as the school faculty. I offer a special word of appreciation to the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas and the Texas Association of Counties for their continued partnership in offering high-quality, relevant educational information to county commissioners courts.

Finally, thank you to the sponsors, donors and exhibitors of this year's school. Their generosity enables us to conduct this educational event.

We hope you have a great experience, and we look forward to seeing you again at the 66th Annual School in 2024 to be held here in Bryan/College Station. If you need anything, please let a member of our staff know and we would be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter McGill". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Peter J. McGill, Ph.D.

Director, V.G. Young Institute of County Government
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SCHOOL HOST

Welcome! The 65th Annual V.G. Young School for County Commissioners Courts is sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Sixteen continuing education hours have been approved for individuals participating in this conference. Four hours of continuing education has been approved for county judges participating in the judicial education session. The judicial education session is partially funded by a Judicial & Court Personnel Training Fund grant administered by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and a Texas Traffic Safety Program grant administered by the Texas Department of Transportation.

For continuing education hours to be awarded, please turn in the institute copy of your credit form at the registration desk no later than noon on Thursday, February 23.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

- Please silence your cellphones and refrain from taking calls during sessions.
- Out of respect to speakers, there is a strict adherence to the time schedule.
- Visit the institute's website (vgyi.tamu.edu) to download authorized school handouts and presentations available after the conference.

EVALUATIONS

Evaluations are in the attendee packet. Please complete and turn it in at the Registration Desk by noon Thursday, February 23.

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WELCOME RECEPTION

Please join us for dinner and the opportunity to network with colleagues from across the state. The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Exhibit Hall, and the Aggie Prime Rib Dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Texas Ballroom.

EXHIBIT SHOW

The Exhibit Show is open from 1 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Brazos A-C. Please take time throughout the conference to visit with exhibitors.

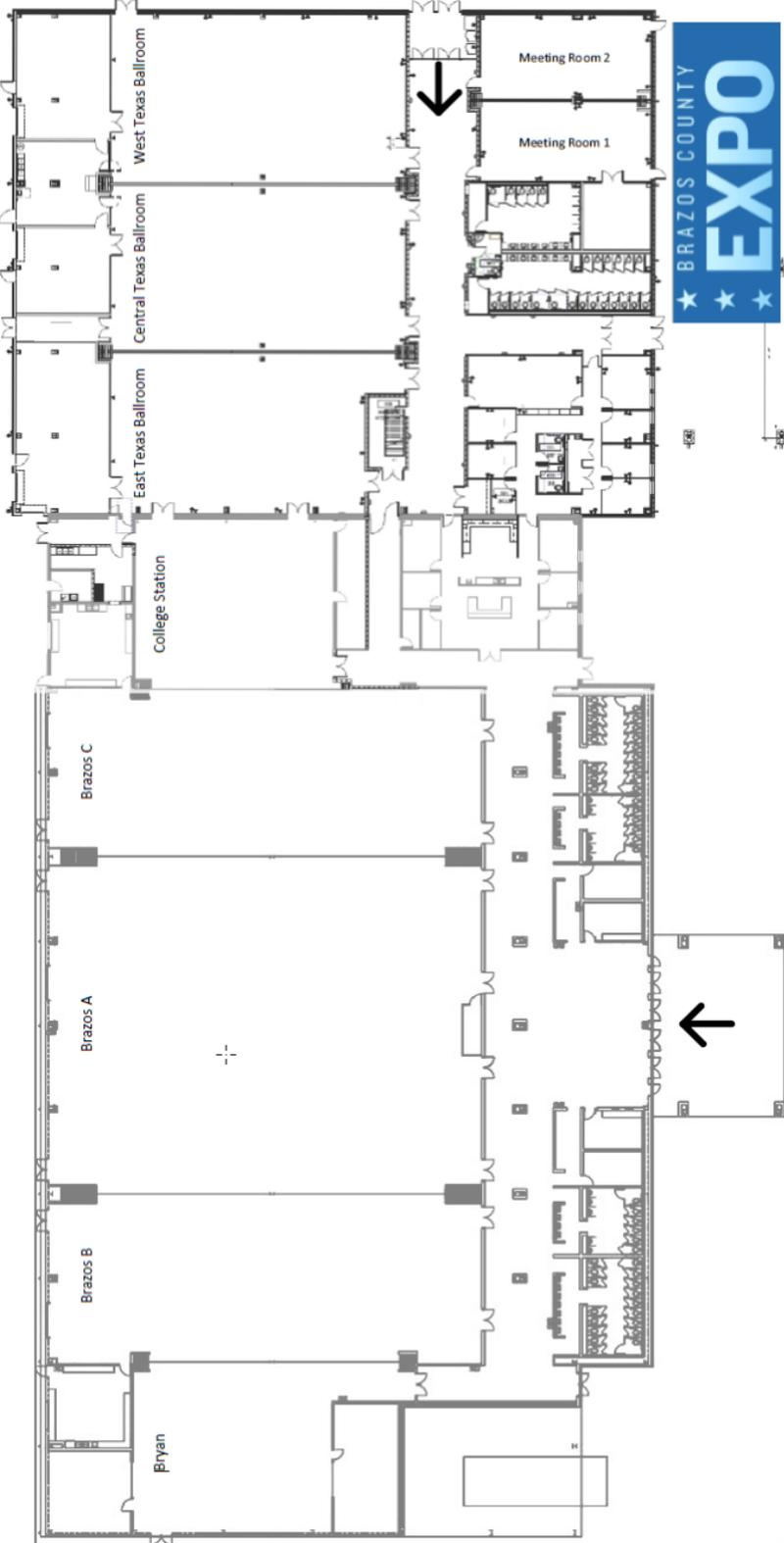
COMMISSIONERS COURT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ALUMNI

A special session of the Commissioners Court Leadership Academy Alumni will be held from 3:20 to 5:05 p.m. Tuesday in the College Station Room.

COMMISSIONERS COURT PHOTOGRAPHS

Complimentary commissioners court photographs will be taken from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the College Station Room.

BRAZOS COUNTY EXPO CENTER



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Registration Opens
Registration Desk

8:00 a.m.-noon

Exhibitor Show Setup
Brazos A-C

8:00 a.m.-noon

County Budgeting
Texas Ballroom

8:00-9:00 a.m.

**Calendars: Budget, Property
Tax and Grievance**

9:00-10:00 a.m.

**Calculating Tax Rates and
What They Mean**

10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Advertisements and
Public Notices**

11:00 a.m.-noon

**Procedures to Adopt
Budgets and Tax Rates**

1:00-6:30 p.m.

Exhibitor Show Open
Brazos A-C (*See map and
directory on pages 18-21*)

1:00-1:10 p.m.

Opening General Session
Texas Ballroom

**Call to Order and
Announcements:**

Dr. Peter McGuill, Director,
V.G. Young Institute of
County Government

Invocation

**National and Texas Pledges
National Anthem**



Welcoming Comments:

Dr. Rick Avery,

Director, Texas A&M
AgriLife Extension Service

Hon. Harold Keeter,

President, County Judges
and Commissioners
Association of Texas

Hon. Kirk Frye,

President, West Texas
County Judges and
Commissioners Association

Hon. Kelly Traylor,

President, North and East
Texas County Judges and
Commissioners Association

Hon. Jill Sklar,

President, South Texas
County Judges and
Commissioners Association

Mr. Nathan Craddock,

President, Texas Association
of Counties

Mr. Matthew Chase,

Executive Director,
National Association of Counties

1:10-2:00 p.m.



4.016 Leadership/

Teambuilding:

**Positive Leadership –
A Better You Starts With
a Better View**

Speaker: Dr. Dave Schramm,
Professor and Extension
Specialist, Utah State University

2:00-2:50 p.m.



**3.018 Environmental
Issues**

Speaker: Mr. Eric Magee,
Partner, Allison Bass &
Magee LLP

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2:50-3:20 p.m.

Refreshment Break

Brazos A-C

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CCAC Phase 2 Meeting Room 2

3:20-4:10 p.m.



2.001 County Judge

Speaker: Hon. Kim
Halfmann, County Relations
Officer, Texas Association
of Counties

4:15-5:05 p.m.



2.002 County Commissioner

Speakers: Hon. Sammy Farias,
Commissioner, Bee County
Hon. Kirk Frye, Commissioner,
Parmer County
Hon. Larry Woolley,
Commissioner, Johnson County

CCAC Phase 3 East Texas Ballroom

3:20-4:10 p.m.



4.003 County Investment Policy

Speaker: Ms. Linda Patterson,
President, Meeder Investment-
Patterson Group

4:15-5:05 p.m.



4.004 County Purchasing

Speaker: Mr. Philip Arnold,
Partner, Bickerstaff Heath
Delgado Acosta LLP

Rural Issues Central Texas Ballroom

3:20-4:10 p.m.

Prescribed Fire Dilemmas

Speaker: Dr. Heath Starns,
Program Aide, Texas A&M
AgriLife Extension Service

4:15-5:05 p.m.

**Ag Laws Affecting
Rural Counties**

Speaker: Mr. Jim Bradbury,
Partner, James D. Bradbury PLLC

**Commissioners Court Leadership Academy
Alumni Session (Alumni Only)**

College Station Room

3:20-5:05 p.m.

**Managing Change
and Transition**

Speaker: Dr. Tom Marrs,
Licensed Psychologist,
Consultant and Educator

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Brazos A-C

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Aggie Prime Rib Dinner

Texas Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Complimentary Coffee

Prefunction Area

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7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Registration Open

Registration Desk

GENERAL SESSION

Texas Ballroom

8:00-8:50 a.m.



**3.003 Lawmaking:
Legislative Update**

Speaker: Mr. Jim Allison,
General Counsel, CJCAT

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8:50-9:40 a.m.



4.011 Budgeting

Speakers: Hon. Daryl L. Fowler, Judge, DeWitt County
Ms. Katie Conner, Auditor, Brazos County
Hon. Joe Fauth III, Judge, Grimes County

9:40-10:10 a.m.

Refreshment Break

Brazos A-C

10:10-11:00 a.m.



4.023 Grant Seeking

Speaker: Heather LaGrone, Senior Deputy Director, Texas General Land Office

11:00-11:50 a.m.



4.018 Emergency Management

Speaker: Mr. Nim Kidd, Chief, Texas Division of Emergency Management

11:50-1:15 p.m.

Lunch (Provided)

Brazos A-C

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CCAC PHASE 2

Meeting Room 2

1:15-2:05 p.m.



2.004 District Clerk

Speaker: Hon. Melisa Miller, District Clerk, Montgomery County

2:05-2:55 p.m.



2.008 County Attorney

Speaker: Mr. John Fleming, County Attorney, Nacogdoches County

2:55-3:20 p.m.

Refreshment Break

Brazos A-C

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3:20-4:10 p.m



2.011 Constable

Speaker: Hon. Carlos Lopez, Constable, Travis County

4:10-5:00 p.m.



2.012 County Auditor

Speaker: Ms. Melissa Jeter, Auditor, Houston County

COMMISSIONERS SESSION

Central Texas Ballroom

1:15-2:05 p.m.

**County Road
Inventory Update**

Speakers: Mr. Jason Ferrell,
GIS Analyst, TxDOT
Mr. Michael Chamberlain,
Director of Data Management,
TxDOT

2:05-2:55 p.m.

**The 5 Stage Model on How
to Attract and Keep Public
Works Employees**

Speaker: Mr. Ray Belk,
Consultant, Texas Local
Technical Assistance Program

2:55-3:20 p.m.

Refreshment Break

Brazos A-C
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Heath Delgado Acosta LLP

3:20-4:10 p.m.

Public Works Update

Speaker: Mr. Bert Nitzke,
Operations Chief, TEEX

4:10-5:00 p.m.

County Vehicle Inspection

Speakers: Hon. Rick Bailey,
Commissioner, Johnson County
Cpl. Casey Jones, State
Trooper, Texas Department of
Public Safety

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COUNTY JUDGE JUDICIAL TRAINING

East Texas Ballroom

- 1:15-2:15 p.m. **Sentencing in DWI Cases**
Speaker: Hon. Tramer Woytek,
Judicial Resource Liaison,
Texas Association of Counties
- 2:15-3:15 p.m. **Legislative Update – SB6**
Speaker: Ms. Kelsey Bernstein,
Legislative Consultant,
Texas Association of Counties
- 3:15-3:30 p.m. **Refreshment Break**
Sponsored by: Wright Asphalt
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. **SB6: Damon Allen Act Training**
Speaker: Hon. Alan Bristol,
County Relations Officer,
Texas Association of Counties
- 4:30-5:30 p.m. **Ethics**
Speaker: Hon. Tramer Woytek,
Judicial Resource Liaison
Texas Association of Counties

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

CCAC PHASE 2

Meeting Room 2

- 8:20-9:10 a.m.  **2.014 Extension Service**
Speaker: Dr. Jeff Ripley,
Associate Director of State
Operations, Texas A&M
AgriLife Extension Service
- 9:20-10:10 a.m.  **2.018 District Judge**
Speaker: Hon. David
Hilburn, 361st District Judge,
Brazos County

CCAC PHASE 3

East Texas Ballroom

8:20-9:10 a.m.



4.006 Fees and Revenues

Speaker: Mr. Gregory Miller, Associate, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP

9:20-10:10 a.m.



4.001 Bonds & Certificates of Obligation

Speaker: Ms. Kristen Kubecka, Auditor, Matagorda County

JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING

Central Texas Ballroom

8:20-9:10 a.m.



3.007 Civil Rights Issues

Speaker: Ms. Vanessa Gonzalez, Partner, Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP

9:20-10:10 a.m.



4.022 Cybersecurity

Speaker: Mr. Robert Ruiz, Associate Director, Texas Association of Counties

GENERAL SESSION

Texas Ballroom

10:10-10:20 a.m.

Refreshment Break

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10:20-11:10 a.m.

County Considerations for Groundwater

Speaker: Mr. Joel Pigg, Program Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

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11:10 a.m.- noon

First Amendment Audits

Speaker: Mr. Thomas
Kerss, LE & Simulator
Consultants Supervisor,
Texas Association of Counties

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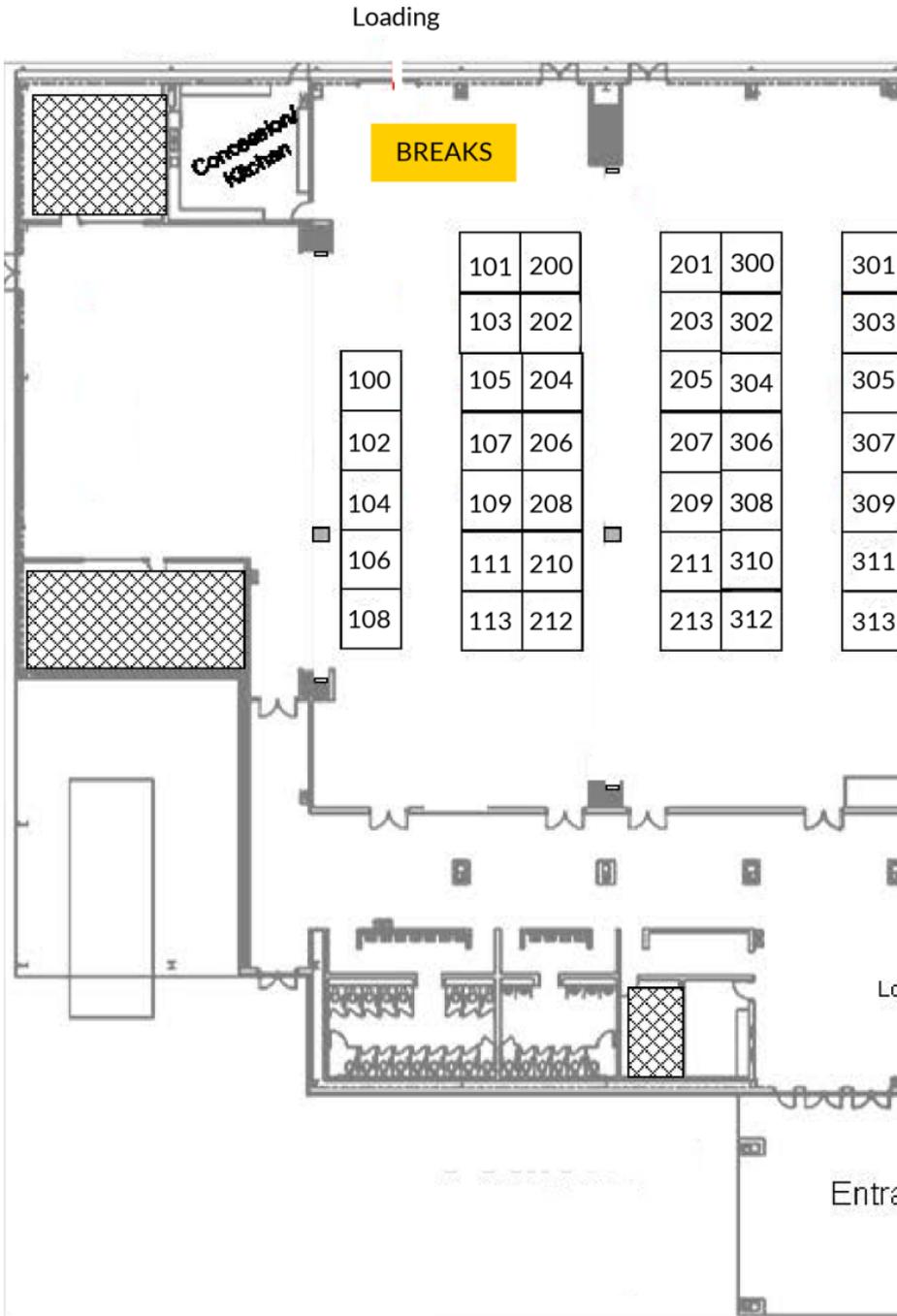
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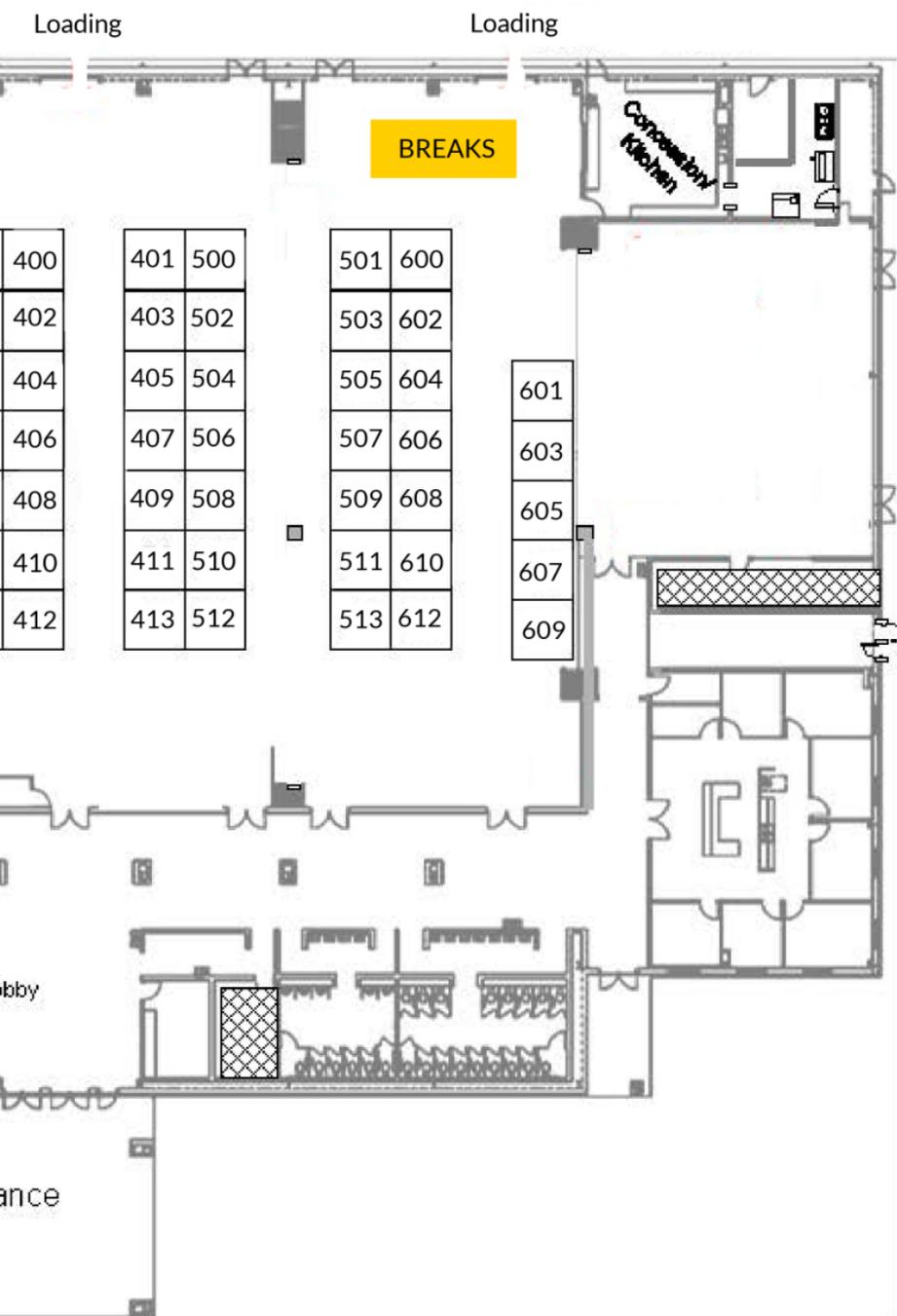
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