

InSite User Guide

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InSite is a website from which you can access and research legislative information. Your jurisdiction uses a software application called Legistar to help manage the legislative process. The information in Legistar is then published to InSite, which updates automatically. InSite is also referred to as the Legislative Portal. See our videos that provide an overview of InSite [here](#).

[Accessing and Navigating InSite](#)

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This section describes how to search for information about anyone who has ever been listed on the Legislative Portal as a member of any legislative body.

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For users who sign in to InSite, this section describes legislation, departments, meetings, and people pages that the user has recently viewed.

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This section describes the differences between using simple and advanced search in InSite.

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Accessing and Navigating InSite

Accessing InSite

1. Enter <jurisdiction>.legistar.com into the address bar of your web browser, replacing <jurisdiction> with the name of your jurisdiction. For example, to access the Chicago Clerk's Legislative Portal, enter the URL chicago.legistar.com.
2. The row of tabs at the top of the Legislative Portal allows you to navigate through the different screens available in the Portal. The following figure shows the banner and tabs at the top of the screen:



Your jurisdiction can customize the names of these tabs, as well as hide them, so what you see in your Portal may not match the images or what is described below. However, the functionality of the tabs remains the same regardless of how they are labeled. Additionally, the Home, Legislation, and Calendar tabs will almost always be present.

Signing into InSite

It isn't necessary to sign into InSite to view information on the tabs shown above. However, signing in enables public users to see their recently visited records and their own profile and security information.

Your jurisdiction has the option of turning on additional features such as legislation and meeting [alerts](#), and ATS ([approval tracking](#)); if these are available, a user with the appropriate permissions will have access to them when they sign in. Additionally, users who are designated as administrators can change administration data such as the site header, system captions, etc.

Navigating InSite

Generally, the three leftmost tabs are your jurisdiction's homepage (see below), the [Legislation tab](#), and the [Calendar tab](#). These are followed by some combination of the following tabs:

- [Primary Legislative Body tab](#) (e.g., City Council tab)
- [Departments tab](#)
- [People tab](#)

The Home Tab

The leftmost tab is often either a welcome page or a link to the jurisdiction or primary legislative body's homepage.



Legislative Information Center

Welcome to the Chicago City Clerk's Legislative Information Center. This site provides quick and easy public access to City Council legislative documents and resources. This includes all City Council legislation with corresponding City Council meeting videos, a Legislative Search page with advanced search features, City Council Committee reports, and information about all 50 Aldermen.

Note: The jurisdiction's homepage is often located outside of InSite, so you may need to use your browser's back button or retype the link to return to the Legislative Portal.

>>Next: [The Legislation Tab](#)

The Legislation Tab

The Legislation tab allows you to search through all the details of past and current legislation produced by your jurisdiction.

[Home](#) | [Legislation](#) | [Calendar](#) | [City Council](#) | [Departments](#) | [People](#)

Search: This Month All Types
 file # text attachments other info [Advanced search >>>](#)

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File #	Type	Status	File Created	Final Action	Title
13-1455	Report Action Item	Action Item	10/3/2013		Approval of September 26, 2013 Minutes.
13-1452	Presentation	Action Item	10/3/2013		Director's Reports: City Clerk Fire Chief Police Chief
13-1447	Minutes	Action Item	10/3/2013		Minutes from September 24, 2013.
13-1445	Presentation	Action Item	10/3/2013		Inspections Division Permit Summary Report for September, 2013.
13-1444	Report Action Item	Action Item	10/3/2013		Proposed modifications to Municipal Code Section 16-10 Snow and Ice Removal.

Searching Legislation (Simple Search)

Note: You can also click Advanced Search. To learn about the differences between simple and advanced search, see [Simple and Advanced Search in InSite](#).

1. (Optional) Enter your search criteria (keywords) in the **Search** textbox.
2. Select a date range from the **Date Range** drop-down menu.
3. Select the type of legislation from the **Type** drop-down menu.
4. Select the appropriate **checkboxes** to search file #, text, attachments, or other info.

Note: The **other info** checkbox searches secondary fields related to the legislation, such as status, sponsor, or legislation type.

5. Click **Search Legislation**. The search results are displayed. The number of records matching your search criteria is displayed at the top of the screen. For each record, the file number, type, status, and title is displayed, as well as the date the file was created and the date of the final action on the file (if applicable).

Note: To clear the search criteria and start over, click the **Legislation** tab.

6. Work with your search results as follows:

To	Do This
Set the number of records displayed on the screen	Click Show , and select the number of records you want to display on the screen (10, 100, 500, 1000, 1000, or all records).
Sort the records displayed on the screen	Click a column heading and select the arrows to sort the records. For the File Created and Final Action columns, an upward arrow indicates the list is displayed in order of the oldest date, and a downward indicates the list is displayed in order of the most recent date. For the File #, Type, Status, and Title columns, an upward arrow indicates the list is displayed in alphabetical order, and a downward arrow indicates the list is displayed in reverse alphabetical order.
Group the records displayed on the screen	Click Group , and select the appropriate option. You can group the records by type, status, the date the file was created or the date the final action was taken on the file.
Export the records to Excel, PDF, or Word	Click Export , and select the appropriate option.
View details of a specific record	Click the appropriate link in the File # column. A new screen displays details of the file, including file text, attachments and history (actions taken in meetings and results of those actions). If there is history available for the file, you can click links to view action details, meeting details and video. See the figure below.

File #: **13-1119** Version: 1 Name:
 Type: Report Action Item Status: Held in Committee
 File created: 8/8/2013 In control: [Municipal Services Committee](#)
 On agenda: 10/8/2013 Final action:

R/B - Smith - Glendale Avenue from Ballard Road to Roemer Road be reconstructed with concrete pavement and curb and gutter to a width of 48' from back of curb to back of curb, which is 1' narrower than the existing street width. The newly reconstructed Glendale Avenue would include an 8' parking lane along the north side of the street, a 3' buffer area between the parking lane and bike lane, a 5' wide bike lane along the north side of the street, two 12.5' travel lanes, and a 6' wide bike lane along the south side of the street. Parking would be removed from the south side of Glendale Avenue within the proposed project limits. New Sidewalks would be constructed to the right-of-way line along both sides of Glendale Avenue within the project limits. Approved by a vote of Aye-2/Dannecker, Oswald; Nay-1/Martin. Amendment #1 at 9/4/13 Council: Strike "north" in all cases, replace with "south", and vice versa. This amendment will move the proposed parking lane from the north to the s...

Attachments: 1. [Glendale Ave drawings.pdf](#)

10 records Group Export

Date ▼	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result	Action Details	Meeting Details	Video
9/10/2013	1		held		Action details	Meeting details	Video
9/10/2013	1	Municipal Services Committee	held	Pass	Action details	Meeting details	Video
9/4/2013	1		approved		Action details	Meeting details	Video
9/4/2013	1	Common Council	amended	Pass	Action details	Meeting details	Video
9/4/2013	1	Common Council	amended	Pass	Action details	Meeting details	Video
9/4/2013	1	Common Council	amended	Fail	Action details	Meeting details	Video
9/4/2013	1	Common Council	referred		Action details	Meeting details	Video
9/4/2013	1	Common Council	denied	Fail	Action details	Meeting details	Video
8/27/2013	1	Municipal Services Committee	recommended for approval	Pass	Action details	Meeting details	Video
8/13/2013	1	Municipal Services Committee	held	Pass	Action details	Meeting details	Video

Details of a Specific Record

>>Next: The Calendar Tab

The Calendar Tab

The Calendar tab displays meetings in a specified date range for selected meeting bodies, using the criteria entered in the Search textbox.

The Calendar tab has two views: List View and Calendar View.

List View

List View displays the meetings in the specified date range in list form.

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List View Calendar View

Search: [] Last Month All Departments basic info notes

Search Calendar Help

Name	Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Meeting Details	Agenda	Minutes	Video
Safety and Licensing Committee	9/26/2013	5:00 PM	Council Chambers, 6th Floor	Meeting details	Agenda	Minutes	Video
Parks and Recreation Committee	9/25/2013	6:00 PM	Council Chambers, 6th Floor	Meeting details	Agenda	Minutes	Video
Finance Committee	9/25/2013	4:30 PM	Council Chambers, 6th Floor	Meeting details	Agenda	Minutes	Video
Fox Cities Transit Commission	9/25/2013	3:00 PM	Council Chambers, 6th Floor	Meeting details	Agenda	Minutes	Video
Municipal Services Committee	9/24/2013	5:30 PM	Council Chambers, 6th Floor	Meeting details	Agenda	Minutes	Video
Utilities Committee	9/24/2013	4:30 PM	Council Chambers, 6th Floor	Meeting details	Agenda	Minutes	Video
Human Resources Committee	9/23/2013	6:00 PM	Council Chambers, 6th Floor	Meeting details	Agenda	Minutes	Video

Calendar View

Calendar View displays the meetings in the specified date range in calendar form. If no criteria is entered in the Search textbox, it will return all meetings for the specified date range. You can view the calendar by day, week, month, or timeline (3-day periods, the default being the current date plus the next 2 days).

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List View Calendar View

today Oct, 2013 Day Week Month Timeline

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
30	01 Oct	2	3	4
		Board of Health 7:00 AM Cancellation of meeting due to Lack of Quorum Finance Committee 6:15 PM Special Meeting Utilities Committee 6:30 PM Special Meeting Common Council 7:00 PM		
7	8	9	10	11
City Plan Commission 4:00 PM Community & Economic Development Committee 5:00 PM Human Resources Committee 6:00 PM THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED	Utilities Committee 4:30 PM Municipal Services Committee 5:30 PM	Appleton Redevelopment Authority 10:00 AM THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED Fox Cities Transit Commission 3:00 PM THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED Finance Committee 4:30 PM Parks and Recreation Committee 6:00 PM	Safety and Licensing Committee 5:00 PM	

Searching the Calendar

- (Optional) Enter search criteria (keywords) in the **Search** textbox.
- Select a date range from the **Date Range** drop-down menu.
- Select a department from the **Departments** drop-down menu.
- Select the notes **checkbox** to include agenda and minutes (action) notes. The basic info checkbox is selected by default and includes the name, date, time, and location of the meetings, and comments associated with them.
- Click **Search Calendar**. The search results are displayed. The number of meetings matching your search criteria is displayed at the top of the screen. For each meeting, the meeting name, date, time, and location is displayed, as well as links to the meeting details, agenda, minutes, and video if these are available.
- Work with your search results as follows:

To

Sort the records displayed on the screen

Do This

Click **Group**, and select the appropriate option. You can sort the records by name, meeting date, and meeting location.

Note: You can also click a column heading and use the arrows to sort the meetings, e.g., click the Name column and sort the meetings alphabetically or in reverse alphabetical order.

Export the records to Excel, PDF, or Word

Click **Export**, and select the appropriate option.

View details of a department

Click the appropriate link in the **Name** column.

View meeting details

Click the appropriate link in the **Meeting Details** column, if it's available. A new screen displays details of the meeting. From this screen, you can click links to file details, action details and video. See the figure below.

Add a meeting from the InSite calendar to your Outlook calendar

Click the appropriate **Export Calendar** icon in the **Meeting Date** column. This icon displays next to the meeting date for every meeting in the List View and next to the meeting name and time in the Calendar view.

View the meeting agenda

Click the appropriate link in the **Agenda** column, if it's available.

View the meeting minutes

Click the appropriate link in the **Minutes** column, if it's available.

View the meeting video

Click the appropriate link in the **Video** column, if it's available.

View eComments associated with a meeting, if eComment is enabled

Click the appropriate link in the **eComment** column, if it's available. The eComment popup window displays any eComments submitted on the meeting's agenda items. To learn more about eComments, see [eComment Overview](#).

Details

Name: [Safety and Licensing Committee](#) Agenda status: Final
 Meeting date/time: 9/26/2013 5:00 PM Minutes status: Final-revised
 Meeting location: Council Chambers, 6th Floor
 Published agenda: [Agenda](#) Published minutes: [Minutes](#)
 Meeting video: [Video Edit](#)

Attachments:

Meeting Items (13)									
13 records	Group	Export	Show: Legislation only						
File #	Ver.	Agenda #	Name	Type	Title	Action	Result	Action Details	Video
13-1301	1			Report Action Item	Approval of minutes from previous meeting	approved	Pass	Action details	Video
13-1303	1			Report Action Item	Operator's License application of Rhonda S. Abitz, 119 E. Mitchell Avenue.	recommended for approval	Pass	Action details	Video
13-1304	1			Report Action Item	Operator's License application of Marsha L. Anthony, 532 N. Meade Street.	recommended for approval	Pass	Action details	Video
13-1353	1			Report Action Item	Operator's License application of Matthew J. Vanden Bloomer, 5535 W. Sandra Drive.	recommended for denial	Pass	Action details	Video

Meeting Details

>>Next: [The Primary Legislative Body Tab](#)

The Primary Legislative Body Tab

The Primary Legislative Body tab is a direct link to information about your jurisdiction’s primary legislative meeting body. This tab is usually labeled with the name of the primary legislative body, e.g., City Council. The tab contains three subtabs: Details, Description, and Reports.

The Details Subtab

This subtab displays the meeting body's name, type, and meeting location, and contains the Calendar (List View and Calendar View), People, and Sponsored Legislation subtabs.

The screenshot shows the 'Details' subtab for 'City Council'. It includes a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Legislation', 'Calendar', 'City Council', 'Departments', and 'People'. Below this are 'Details' and 'Reports' subtabs. The main content area shows:

- Name: Common Council
- Type: Common Council
- Meeting location: Council Chambers

 There are also subtabs for 'Calendar (2)', 'People (16)', and 'Sponsored Legislation (0)'. Under 'Calendar', there are 'List View' and 'Calendar View' options, along with '2 records', 'Group', 'Export', and 'Date: This Month'. A table displays meeting records:

Date	Time	Location	Meeting Details	Agenda	Minutes	Video
10/16/2013	7:00 PM	Council Chambers	Meeting details	Not available	Not available	Not available
10/2/2013	7:00 PM	Council Chambers	Meeting details	Agenda	Minutes	Video

You can do the following on this screen:

To

Do This

View meetings associated with the primary legislative body on the calendar

Click the **Calendar** subtab.

View members of the primary legislative body

Click the **People** subtab.

View sponsored legislation associated with the primary legislative body

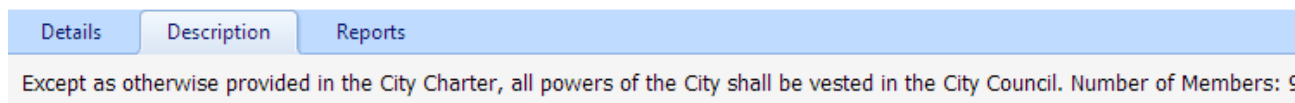
Click the **Sponsored Legislation** subtab.

Sort the records displayed on the screen	Click Group , and select the appropriate option. You can sort the records by meeting date or by meeting location. Note: You can also click a column heading and use the arrows to sort the departments, e.g., click the Date column and sort the meetings by most recent or least recent date.
Export the records to Excel, PDF, or Word	Click Export , and select the appropriate option.
Set the date range	Click Date , and select the appropriate date range, e.g., This Month, Last Month, This Week, This Year, etc.
Apply date, time or location filters	Enter a date, time or location in the text boxes beneath the appropriate column headings, click the Filter icon, and select the appropriate option, e.g., Equal to, Greater than, Less than.
Add a meeting from the InSite calendar to your Outlook calendar	Click the appropriate Export Calendar icon in the Meeting Date column. This icon displays next to the meeting date for every meeting in the List View and next to the meeting name and time in the Calendar view.
View the meeting agenda	Click the appropriate link in the Agenda column, if it's available.
View the meeting minutes	Click the appropriate link in the Minutes column, if it's available.
View the meeting video	Click the appropriate link in the Video column, if it's available.
View details of another department	Select a different Legislative Body from the Name drop-down menu to view

information about that Body. Note that this takes you to the [Departments tab](#).

The Description Subtab

This subtab contains a description of the selected legislative body.



The Reports Subtab

This subtab contains a list of uploaded reports associated with the selected legislative body. Click the appropriate link to view a report.



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The Details Subtab

The Details Subtab

This subtab displays the meeting body's name, type, and meeting location, and contains the Calendar (List View and Calendar View), People, and Sponsored Legislation subtabs.

Date	Time	Location	Meeting Details	Agenda	Minutes	Video
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10/2/2013	7:00 PM	Council Chambers	Meeting details	Agenda	Minutes	Video

You can do the following on this screen:

To

Do This

View meetings associated with the primary legislative body on the calendar

Click the **Calendar** subtab.

View members of the primary legislative body

Click the **People** subtab.

View sponsored legislation associated with the primary legislative body

Click the **Sponsored Legislation** subtab.

Sort the records displayed on the screen

Click **Group**, and select the appropriate option. You can sort the records by meeting date or by meeting location.

Note: You can also click a column heading and use the arrows to sort the departments, e.g., click the **Date** column and sort the meetings by most recent or least recent date.

Export the records to Excel, PDF, or Word

Click **Export**, and select the appropriate option.

Set the date range

Click **Date**, and select the appropriate date range, e.g., This Month, Last Month, This Week, This Year, etc.

Apply date, time or location filters

Enter a date, time or location in the text boxes beneath the appropriate column headings, click the Filter icon, and select the appropriate option, e.g., Equal to, Greater than, Less than.

Add a meeting from the InSite calendar to your Outlook calendar

Click the appropriate **Export Calendar** icon in the **Meeting Date** column. This icon displays next to the meeting date for every meeting in the List View and next to the meeting name and time in the Calendar view.

View the meeting agenda

Click the appropriate link in the **Agenda** column, if it's available.

View the meeting minutes

Click the appropriate link in the **Minutes** column, if it's available.

View the meeting video

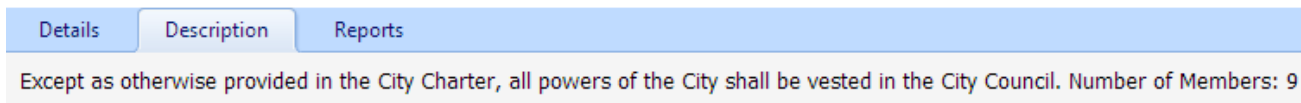
Click the appropriate link in the **Video** column, if it's available.

View details of another department

Select a different **Legislative Body** from the **Name** drop-down menu to view information about that Body. Note that this takes you to the [Departments tab](#).

The Description Subtab

This subtab contains a description of the selected legislative body.



The Reports Subtab

This subtab contains a list of uploaded reports associated with the selected legislative body. Click the appropriate link to view a report.



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>>Next: The Departments Tab

The Departments Tab

The Departments tab contains a list of all Legislative Bodies that have been entered into Legistar for your jurisdiction. You can also use this tab to track vacancies for publicly staffed boards or commissions.

Home | Legislation | Calendar | City Council | **Departments** | People

Share

Search | Reports

Search: Type: -Select-

[Search Departments](#) [Help](#)

22 records	Group	Export	View: Current	
Department Name ▲	Type	Meeting Location	Members	Vacancies
Appleton Redevelopment Authority	Committee, Board or Commission	Council Chambers, 6th Floor	1	
Board of Building Inspection	Committee, Board or Commission		1	
Board of Health	Committee, Board or Commission	Council Chambers, 6th Floor	5	
Board of Heating Examiners	Committee, Board or Commission			
Board of Public Works	Committee, Board or Commission	Council Chambers	11	

Note: This tab is often labeled **Committees** or **Boards and Commissions**.

Searching Departments

1. (Optional) Enter search criteria (keywords) in the **Search** textbox.
2. Select the type of legislative body from the **Type** drop-down menu. The list of types available is determined by the body types set up for your jurisdiction in Legistar Administration.
3. Click **Search Departments**.
4. Work with your search results as follows:

To

Sort the records displayed on the screen

Do This

Click **Group**, and select the appropriate option. You can sort the records by type, and by meeting location.

Note: You can also click a column heading and use the arrows to sort the departments, e.g., click the **Department Name** column and sort

the departments alphabetically or in reverse alphabetical order.

Export the records to Excel, PDF, or Word

Click **Export**, and select the appropriate option.

View active, inactive or all departments

Active (current) departments are displayed by default. Click **View** and select **Past** to display only inactive departments, or select **All** to display active and inactive departments.

View details of a department

Click the appropriate link in the **Department Name** column. The department details are similar to the details displayed on the [Primary Legislative Body](#) tab.

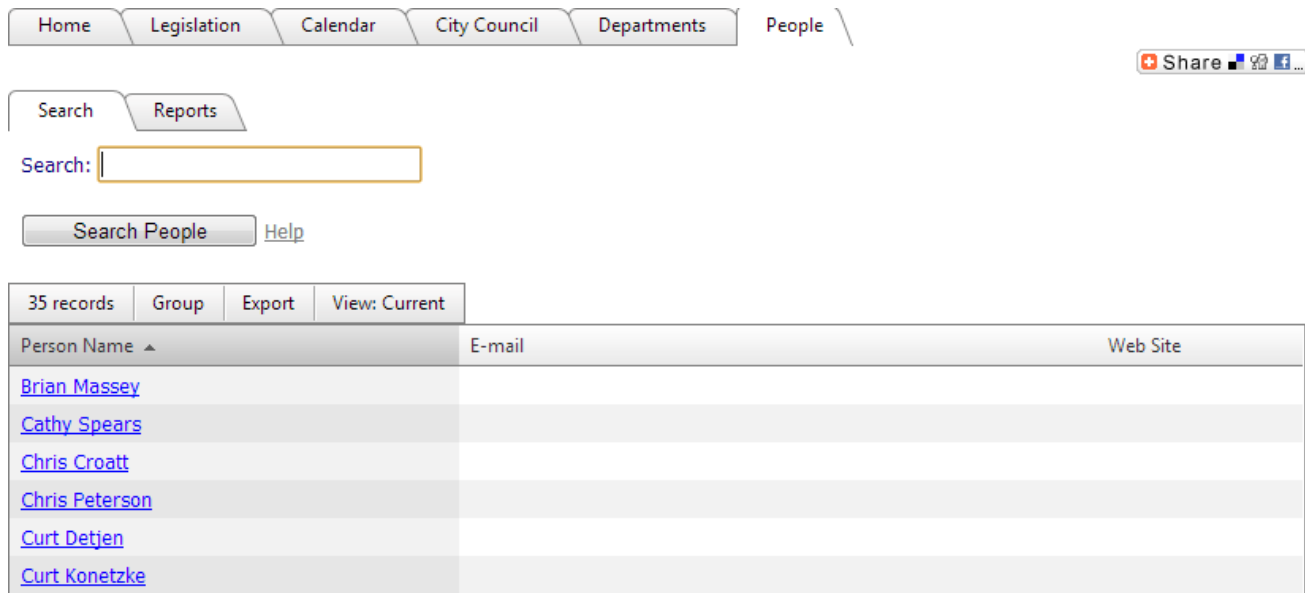
[>>Next: The People Tab](#)

The People Tab

The People tab contains information about anyone who has ever been listed on the Legislative Portal as a member of any legislative body. The tab contains two subtabs: Search and Reports.

The Search Subtab

This subtab is displayed by default when you access the People tab.



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Share

Search Reports

Search:

Search People Help

35 records	Group	Export	View: Current
Person Name	E-mail	Web Site	
Brian Massey			
Cathy Spears			
Chris Croatt			
Chris Peterson			
Curt Detjen			
Curt Konetzke			

To search People:

1. (Optional) Enter search criteria in the **Search** textbox.
2. Click **Search People**.
3. Work with your search results as follows:

To

Sort the records displayed on the screen

Do This

Click **Group**, and select the appropriate option. You can sort the records by email or by website.

Note: You can also click a column heading and use the arrows to sort the

departments, e.g., click the Person Name column and sort the list of names alphabetically or in reverse alphabetical order.

Export the records to Excel, PDF, or Word

Click **Export**, and select the appropriate option.

View active, inactive or all people records

Active (current) person records are displayed by default. Click **View** and select **Past** to display only inactive person records, or select **All** to display active and inactive person records.

View details of a person

Click the appropriate link in the **Person Name** column. The details displayed include the person's first and last name, email, website, and additional notes entered about them, as well as a list of the departments of which they are a member, and their position, start and end date in those departments. If the person is associated with sponsored legislation, these details are displayed when you click the **Sponsored Legislation** subtab.

The Reports Subtab

The Reports subtab allows you to view membership in departments and department vacancies reports that your meeting body has uploaded to the Legislative Portal. Click the appropriate link to view a report.



[Departments and People](#)

[Departments and People - Vacancies](#)

>>Next: The Recently Visited Tab

The Recently Visited Tab

The Recently Visited tab is visible for users who sign in to InSite. It displays legislation, departments, meetings, and people pages that the user has recently viewed. Links are available if you need to view these pages again.

Home	Legislation	Calendar	City Council	Departments	People
Recently Visited	Information	Security	Alerts	Approval Tracking	

Legislation

File #	Type	Title
13-1431	Report Action Item	Minutes of 9/23/13
13-1441	Report Action Item	Award Appleton WWTP ACCU Replacement to August Winter & Sons, Inc. for a contract amount of \$62,150 ...

Calendar

Department Name	Meeting Date	Meeting Details
Appleton Redevelopment Authority	10/9/2013	Meeting details

People

Person Name
Jeffrey Jirschele

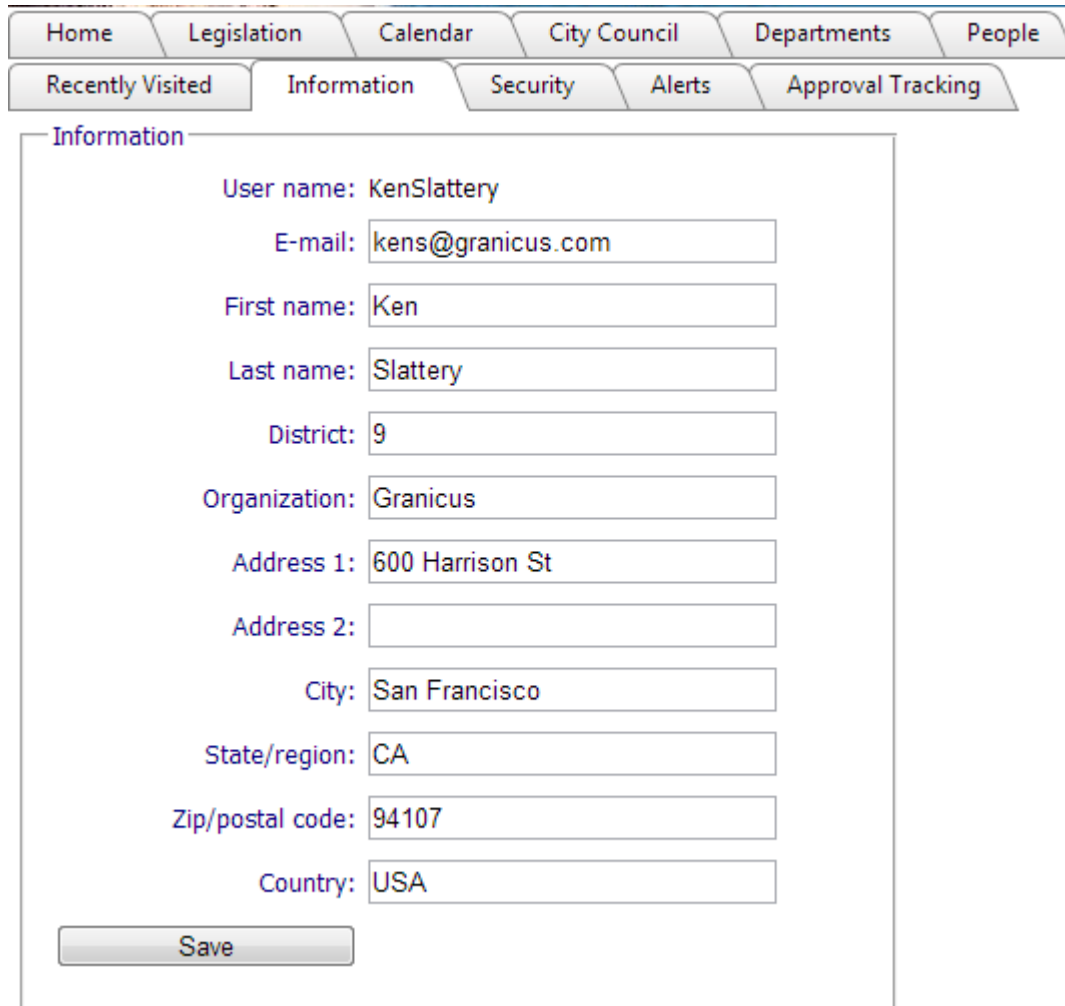
Departments

Department Name
Common Council
Utilities Committee

>>Next: The Information Tab

The Information Tab

The Information tab is visible for users who sign in to InSite. It displays the user's personal details such as username, email, first and last name, district, organization, and address. Users can add or edit information in any field aside from the User name field, and click **Save** to update these details.



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Recently Visited **Information** Security Alerts Approval Tracking

Information

User name: KenSlattery

E-mail:

First name:

Last name:

District:

Organization:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City:

State/region:

Zip/postal code:

Country:

>>Next: The Security Tab

The Security Tab

The Security tab is visible for users who sign in to InSite. The tab enables users to change their password, and set their secret question. Users must click **Save** to save their updates.



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Recently Visited Information **Security** Alerts Approval Tracking

Security

User name: KenSlattery

Current password:

New password:

Confirm new password:

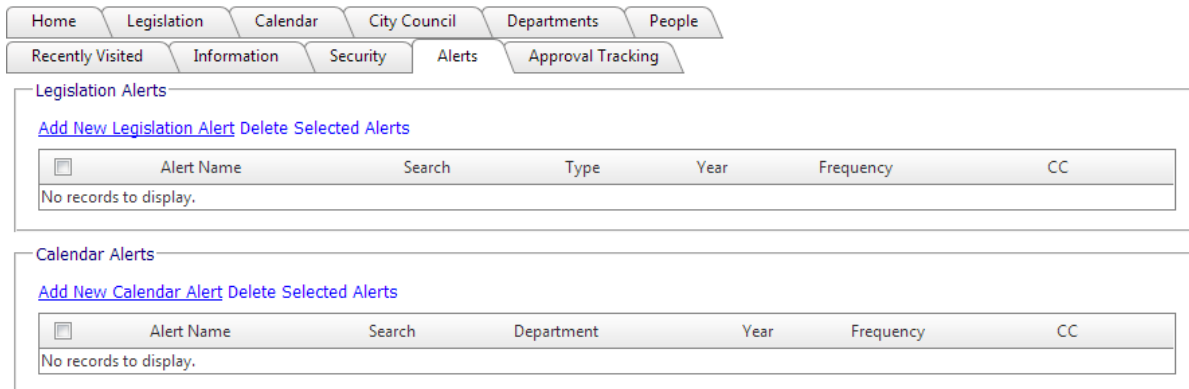
Secret question: What's my mother's maiden name

Secret answer:

>>Next: [The Alerts Tab](#)

The Alerts Tab

The Alerts tab is visible to users who sign in to InSite, and enables them to set legislation and meeting alerts. Alerts are e-mail updates of the latest relevant search results based on your search terms. If your initial search doesn't produce immediate results, you can create an alert for the search terms in order to receive e-mails if your search terms are added to the Legislation or Calendar pages.



The screenshot shows the InSite navigation menu with tabs for Home, Legislation, Calendar, City Council, Departments, People, Recently Visited, Information, Security, Alerts, and Approval Tracking. Below the menu, there are two sections: "Legislation Alerts" and "Calendar Alerts". Each section has a header with "Add New" and "Delete Selected Alerts" links, followed by a table with columns for Alert Name, Search, Type, Year, Frequency, and CC. Both tables currently display "No records to display."

Set a Legislation Alert

1. Make sure you're signed into InSite.
2. Click the **Alerts** tab. (If you don't see this tab, click **My Account** in the top right corner of your screen).

Note: You can also set an alert after you run a search from the Legislation tab by clicking the Alerts button on the right-hand side of the Legislation page. When you do this, make sure the Search Terms, Time Period, and Type values are correct. To change them, return to the Legislation page and generate a new search. Otherwise, the steps for creating the alert are similar to the steps described here.

3. (Optional) Edit the Alert Name; this will appear as the subject of the email you receive.
4. Enter your keywords in the **Search terms** field.
5. Select how often you would like to receive an alert (Once, Daily, Weekly, Monthly).
6. Confirm the email address in the **Deliver to** field is correct; this should be the email address associated with your login.
7. (Optional) Enter a secondary email address in the **CC** field.
8. Click **Add Alert**.

Alerts are e-mail updates of the latest relevant search results based on your choice of query.

Create a Legislation Alert

Your Alert is built on the terms entered and selected in the search section of the Legislation page. Even if your search does not produce immediate results, you can create an alert for the search terms. Any alerts you create will send you emails if your search terms are added to the Legislation page.

1 Click the Alerts button, after you run a search from the Legislation interface. The Alerts button is located on the right-hand side of the Legislation page.

2 Edit the Alert Name; this will appear as the subject of the email you receive. (Optional)

3 Confirm the Search Terms, Time Period, and Type are correct. To change them, return to the Legislation page and generate a new search.

4 Select an occurrence of how often you would like to receive an alert.

5 Confirm the email address is correct; this should be the email address associated with your InSite login.

6 Enter a secondary email address in the CC field. (Optional)

7 Click the Add Alert button.

Alert

Alert name:

Search terms:

How often: Once Daily Weekly Monthly

Deliver to:

CC:

Set a Calendar Alert

1. Make sure you're signed in to InSite.
2. Click the **Alerts** tab. (If you don't see this tab, click **My Account** in the top right corner of your screen).

Note: You can also set an alert after you run a search from the Calendar tab by clicking the Alerts button on the right-hand side of the Calendar page. When you do this, make sure the Search Terms, Time Period, and Department values are correct. To change them, return to the Calendar page and generate a new search. Otherwise, the steps for creating the alert are similar to the steps described here.

3. (Optional) Edit the Alert Name; this will appear as the subject of the email you receive.
4. Enter your keywords in the **Search terms** field.
5. Select how often you would like to receive an alert (Once, Daily, Weekly, Monthly).
6. Confirm the email address in the **Deliver to** field is correct; this should be the email address associated with your login.
7. (Optional) Enter a secondary email address in the **CC** field.
8. Click **Add Alert**.

Alerts are e-mail updates of the latest relevant search results based on your choice of query.

Create a Calendar Alert

Your Alert is built on the terms entered and selected in the search section of the Calendar page. Even if your search does not produce immediate results, you can create an alert for the search terms. Any alerts you create will send you emails if your search terms are added to the content on the Calendar page.

- 1 Click the Alerts button, after you run a search from the Calendar page. The Alerts button is located on the right-hand side of the Calendar page.
- 2 Edit the Alert Name; this will appear as the subject of the email you receive. (Optional)
- 3 Confirm the Search Terms, Time Period, and Department parameters are correct. To change them, return to the Calendar interface and generate a new search.
- 4 Select an occurrence of how often you would like to receive an alert.
- 5 Confirm the email address is correct; this should be the email address associated with your InSite login.
- 6 Enter a secondary email address in the CC field. (Optional)
- 7 Click the Add Alert button.

Alert

Alert name:

Search terms:

How often: Once Daily Weekly Monthly

Deliver to: kens@granicus.com

CC:

Delete an Alert

- On the Alerts tab, select the checkbox or checkboxes associated with the alert or alerts you want to delete, and click **Delete Selected Alerts**.

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Legislation Alerts

[Add New Legislation Alert](#) [Delete Selected Alerts](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Alert Name	Search
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of Appleton - Legislation	Agriculture

Calendar Alerts

[Add New Calendar Alert](#) [Delete Selected Alerts](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Alert Name	Search
<input type="checkbox"/>	City of Appleton - Calendar	Library Advisory Board

>>Next: The InSite Approval Tracking Tab

The InSite Approval Tracking Tab

The Approval Tracking tab on InSite enables users who are signed in to approve, disapprove, delegate, or extend the due date of a file.

Complete the following steps:

1. Click **Sign In** in the top right corner.
2. Click the **Approval Tracking** tab. If you don't see that tab, click the **My Accounts** link in the top right corner to pull it up. You may also need to ask your Legistar system administrator to enable the tab.
3. Click the **File ID** of the item you would like to approve.
4. Review the information on the screen.
 - a. Make changes to the text if needed.
 - b. Click **View** to review attachments.
 - c. Click **Edit** to modify attachment names.
 - d. If you make any changes to an existing attachment or need to upload a new attachment do so using the New Attachment button.
5. Change the text and upload new attachments if needed.
6. Enter any Notes if needed.
7. Select your approval action:

Approval Action	Description
Approve	Sends the file to the next person in the approval process.
Disapprove	Sends emails to the drafter and anyone who already approved the item, informing them that you did not approve the file. Be sure to add a note explaining why you did not approve the file.

Delegate	Sends the item to another eligible approver. You'll need to fill in the Delegate field to the right of the Action field.
Extend Due Date	Gives you more time to consider the file by extending the due date.

8. Click **Submit**.

Simple and Advanced Search in InSite

Simple Search

You can use Simple Search to search the Legislation, Calendar, Departments, and People tabs.

Search Type	Description
Single Word Search	Entering a single word in the textbox returns results containing that word. For example, searching for <i>safety</i> returns any item containing the word <i>safety</i> .
Multiple Word Search	Entering multiple words in the textbox returns results containing all of the entered words. For example, searching for <i>public safety</i> returns any item containing both the words <i>public</i> and <i>safety</i> .
Multiple Word Search (With Quotes)	Entering multiple words enclosed in quotes in the textbox returns results containing the entered words in the exact order they are entered. For example, searching for <i>public safety</i> returns any item containing the phrase <i>public safety</i> , but not items with the phrase <i>safety of the public</i> .
Wildcard Search	Entering a series of letters followed by an asterisk(*) as a placeholder returns any words that begin with those letters. For example, searching for <i>safe*</i> returns items containing <i>safe</i> , <i>safety</i> , and <i>safest</i> , but not <i>vouchsafe</i> (because the wildcard is placed after the word <i>safe</i> , not before it).
OR Search	Entering two words separated by OR in the textbox returns any items containing either of the words, or both. For example, searching for <i>public OR safety</i> returns items containing <i>public</i> , <i>safety</i> , and <i>public safety</i> .
AND NOT Search	Entering two words separated by AND NOT in the textbox returns items containing the first word, as long as the second

is not present. For example, searching for *public AND NOT safety* returns items containing *public housing*, but not items containing *public safety*.

Advanced Search

Click the **Advanced Search** link on the Legislation tab to use advanced searching capabilities. Advanced Search provides many ways to increase the accuracy of search results by adding to the Simple Search functionality.

Note: Search results in Advanced Search are based on the result of all fields combined, so each additional field will narrow the search results further. All search results have to match all criteria.

The following table describes the search fields available in Advanced Search:

Field	Description
Number of results	Limits the number of results returned by the search to the number selected in the drop-down menu.
Date	Limits the date range of the search results to the period selected in the drop-down menu.
Legislative Files Information	This is a heading.
Legislative text	Searches the text of Legislative Files (minutes, agenda, etc.) for the criteria entered in the textbox. It does not search attachments.
Title	Searches the titles of Legislative Files for the criteria entered in the textbox.
File/Enactment/Document #	Limits the search results to those with the specified File, Enactment, or Document number.
Type	Limits the search results to files of the legislative file type selected in the drop-down menu.

Status	Limits the search results to those with the status selected in the drop-down menu.
File Created (Intro Date)	<p>These fields limit the search results to legislation created on (=), before (<), after (>), or between the entered dates.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selecting the <i>on</i> (=) radio button and <i>12/1/2013</i> on the calendar returns any legislation introduced on December 1, 2013. • Selecting the <i>before</i> (<) radio button and <i>12/1/2013</i> on the calendar returns any legislation introduced before December 1, 2013. • Selecting the <i>after</i> (>) radio button and <i>12/1/2013</i> on the calendar returns any legislation introduced after December 1, 2013. • Selecting the <i>between</i> radio button, <i>11/1/2013</i> on the first calendar, and <i>12/1/2013</i> on the second calendar returns any legislation introduced between November 1, 2013 and December 1, 2013.
In Control	Limits the search results to those currently controlled by the specified Legislative Body.
On Agenda	<p>Limit the search results to legislation from an Agenda on (=), before (<), after (>), or between the entered dates.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selecting the <i>on</i> (=) radio button and <i>12/1/2013</i> on the calendar returns any legislation from any Agenda dated December 1, 2013. • Selecting the <i>before</i> (<) radio button and <i>12/1/2013</i> on the calendar returns any legislation from any Agenda dated before December 1, 2013. • Selecting the <i>after</i> (>) radio button and <i>12/1/2013</i> on the calendar returns any legislation from any Agenda dated after December 1, 2013. • Selecting the <i>between</i> radio button, <i>11/1/2013</i> on the first calendar, and <i>12/1/2013</i> on the second calendar returns any legislation from any Agenda dated between November 1, 2013 and December 1, 2013.
Final Action (Passed Date)	Limit the search results to legislation with a final action on (=), before (<), after (>), or between the entered dates.

For example:

- Selecting the *on (=)* radio button and *12/1/2013* on the calendar returns any legislation passed on December 1, 2013.
- Selecting the *before (<)* radio button and *12/1/2013* on the calendar returns any legislation passed before December 1, 2013.
- Selecting the *after (>)* radio button and *12/1/2013* on the calendar returns any legislation passed after December 1, 2013.
- Selecting the *between* radio button, *11/1/2013* on the first calendar, and *12/1/2013* on the second calendar returns any legislation passed between November 1, 2013 and December 1, 2013.

Related Information

This is a heading.

Sponsor

Limits the search results to legislation sponsored by the person or Body specified in the drop-down menu.

Index

Limits the search results to legislation with the Matter Index specified in the drop-down menu. You can use this field to narrow your search to categories defined by your meeting body.

Code Section

Limits the search results to legislation affecting the Code Section specified in the drop-down menu.

Attachment

Searches Titles and Content of attachments for the criteria entered in the textbox.

History

This is a heading.

Action Date

Limit the search results to legislation with a final action on (=), before (<), after (>), or between the entered dates.

For example:

- Selecting the *on (=)* radio button and *12/1/2013* on the calendar returns any legislation passed on December 1, 2013.
- Selecting the *before (<)* radio button and *12/1/2013* on the calendar returns any legislation passed before December 1, 2013.
- Selecting the *after (>)* radio button and *12/1/2013* on the calendar returns any legislation passed after December 1, 2013.
- Selecting the *between* radio button, *11/1/2013* on the first calendar, and *12/1/2013* on the second calendar returns any legislation passed between November 1, 2013 and December 1, 2013.

Action by	Limits the search results to the legislative body specified in the drop-down menu.
Action	Limits the search results to the action specified in the drop-down menu.
Sent to	Limits the search results to the legislative body specified in the drop-down menu.
Agenda note	Searches agenda notes for the criteria entered in the textbox.
Minutes note	Searches minutes notes for the criteria entered in the textbox.

The System Admin Tab

The **System Admin** tab enables administrators to work with InSite System Captions, the Site Header, Statistics and Users.

InSite System Captions

This screen enables you to rename field labels on InSite. It lists every label that appears on your InSite pages. The original caption and new caption is displayed. When you want to change a label on a page, you search for the original label, and then click **Edit** and enter the new one.

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0 records
Group
Export

Drag a column header and drop it here to group by that column

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
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	Original Text ▲	Text
Edit	*	
Edit	* indicates extended term	
Edit	A value of N/A means that there is no data available within the selected date range.	
Edit	Action by:	
Edit	Action date:	
Edit	Action Date	
Edit	Action details	Action details
Edit	Action:	
Edit	Address	
Edit	Address 2	
Edit	Advanced search	
Edit	Agenda	
Edit	All	
Edit	All Types	
Edit	All votes	
Edit	All Years	
Edit	and	
Edit	Appointed By	
Edit	Attachment:	
Edit	attachments	

Site Header

Use this screen to customize your site header. For example, you can insert a site banner here.

Statistics

This screen enables you to view statistics for legislation and calendar search terms, and unique visitors to your site by day, month, or year. You can set a time period for your results: this week, month, or year, last week, month, or year, and the current day. You can export the results to PDF, Excel, or Word.

Statistic: Time period:

10 records

Search Term	Count
<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="T"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="T"/>
change order	8
item	5
meeting	2
agenda	2
13-119	2
fire safety	2
special use permit	1
report	1
minutes	1
13-1119	1
Sum : 25	

Users

This screen enables you to edit InSite users' first name, last name, and email address. You can also make them a system administrator, OLS administrator, or OLS user. Click **Edit** for the user whose details you want to change, make the changes, and then click Update. You can also delete users from this screen; see the Delete icon on the right of the screen.

Use the **Filter** options under the column headings to filter your list of users as necessary.

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User	First Name	Last Name ^	E-mail	System Admin	OLS Admin	OLS User	OLS Send E-mail		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Edit	Lyzanne Alfonso	Lyzanne	Alfonso	jonj@granicus.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Edit	Jennifer Auletta	Jennifer	Auletta	jonj@granicus.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Edit	Mike Bakaldin	Mike	Bakaldin	jonj@granicus.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Edit	Pete Ballew	Pete	Ballew	jonj@granicus.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Edit	Sally Barros	Sally	Barros	jonj@granicus.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Edit	Yolanda Carrasco	Yolanda	Carrasco	asaf@granicus.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Edit	Stephen H. Cassidy	Stephen	Cassidy	jonj@granicus.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Edit	Nicole Castelino	Nicole	Castelino	jonj@granicus.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Edit	Reh-Lin Chen	Reh-Lin	Chen	jonj@granicus.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Edit	Vivian Chiu	Vivian	Chiu	jonj@granicus.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	