

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF  
**TED ELLIS**  
**MAYOR, BLUFFTON, INDIANA**  
**AND**  
**PRESIDENT OF**  
**THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES**

Ted Ellis is president of the National League of Cities (NLC), the nation's oldest and largest organization representing municipal government.

He is a native of Bluffton, Indiana, and was elected mayor in Bluffton in 1995, after serving nine years on the Wells County Council. He is a graduate of Indiana University with a degree in economics.

Mayor Ellis is the elected treasurer of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the international association representing local and regional governments and their national associations. He was the recipient of a John J. McCloy fellowship in Urban Affairs to study city issues in Germany.

He is past president of Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, and is a founding member of the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership. Ted was named a "Sagamore of the Wabash" by the Governor of Indiana. The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns awarded him the Russell Lloyd Award for "outstanding contributions to local government."

Mayor Ellis is also Moderator of the First Baptist Church in Bluffton and past board member of the American Baptist Churches of Indiana. He serves on the boards of the Ossian State Bank, Bluffton the Regional Medical Center, and the Wells County Foundation. He is a life member of the American Mensa Society.

Ted's wife, Marge, is a native of Holland, Michigan. They have four children and five grandchildren.

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