April 23, 2019

National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials
National League of Cities
P.O Box 3655
Jackson, MS 39207

Dear Friends,

As Governor of the State of Mississippi, it is an honor and my pleasure to welcome the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Official’s Summer Conference, an affiliate of the National League of Cities. The NBC-LEO Summer Conference is a wonderful venue to network and advocate for our cities and communities.

You will have the opportunity to discuss the challenges faced by your members and the solutions they’ve developed to improve their communities. Mississippi is proud of our leaders who work to make a positive difference in cities, states and the nation.

Many thanks are also due to the host and organizers. I applaud their efforts to put on this conference.

Again, have a wonderful time and a productive conference.

Sincerely,

Phil Bryant
Governor
Greetings fellow municipal leaders:

Welcome to Jackson, Mississippi, a city steeped in the civil rights movement, known for its Southern charm and fine cuisine, and of course a city of SOUL! Welcome to my city.

It gives me great pleasure to serve as your conference host and I invite you to explore all that this conference and our city has to offer. The next four days are filled with dynamic speakers, amazing and informative workshops, educational tours, scintillating food, and soul inspiring music. I encourage you to take it all in.

Our host hotel the Jackson Marriott and its staff are ready to be your home away from home this week. Located in the heart of downtown Jackson, everything is right at your fingertips. From fine dining, historic sites, to entertainment, our city is your city.

As a councilmember, local leader, and president of NBC-LEO, I know first-hand what it looks like when our community engages. I have seen the benefits of engagement at leadership retreats, working across the aisle with individuals who do not necessarily share my brand of politics, and the great rewards we all reap when one of us is willing to engage.

I encourage you to be ENGAGED throughout the conference and I guarantee your takeaways will be worth sharing when you return to your home cities. It is our goal that at the end of this conference, each of you has acquired the necessary tools to help your cities grow and prosper for years to come.

Finally, I am especially thrilled that part of this year’s summer conference, we will offer a mobile tour that will include a trip to the home of Medgar Evers, a visit to the historic Alamo Theatre, and service projects to benefit the Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tougaloo College and Jackson State University.

During your short stay, you will find Jackson to be a city that is filled with southern hospitality, deep roots, and strong warriors.

I look forward to a great conference as we engage to move forward!

Sincerely,

De’Keither Stamps
Councilmember, Jackson City Council
President, National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO)
## Conference Schedule at a Glance

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## Conference Program

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Windsor II & Windsor III

Municipal government is the closest level to communities and often the first point of contact for residents. Successful policies are created when local actors collaborate. From housing to economic development, coalitions are a great tool to connect the community with the city; residents with decision-makers to promote impactful outcomes, longtime alliances, and growth. This workshop will profile examples of successful coalitions from groups working in Jackson, MS.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  Counting Your Community In a Modern Census
Churchill I & II

The 2020 census is a critical discussion and the largest civilian governmental task in the United States. This official data will contribute to key decisions and provide funding for states to form committees or commissions. Most are concerned about the 2020 census because of new redistricting laws and limited information about the new system. This will be the first census conducted online stressing the importance of technology and internet access for undercounted populations.

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  When They See Us: Injustice in Our Communities
Windsor II

Communities of color have been the target of discrimination throughout American history, leading to racial profiling, over-policing in black and brown communities, and distrust. Hear from civil rights attorney Ben Crump how to challenge injustices in your community and where you can build engagement to uplift those who have been historically excluded.
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Dealing with the Housing Crisis:
Update from National League of Cities Housing Task Force

Across the country, cities are responding to an urgent need for housing. Challenging policy issues include homelessness, affordability, and changing demographics. Hear from elected officials and nonprofit experts how cities are addressing this challenge to promote equity and affordable housing. Also, hear from a member of the NLC Housing Task Force on the recently released report.

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1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Opening Luncheon
featuring Mayor Wayne Messam, NBC-LEO immediate past president and 2020 presidential candidate

2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. NBC-LEO Committee Meetings
Membership
Policy

3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Balancing the Books:
Financial Stewardship in the Public Sector

As an elected official, you are accountable to your constituents and reporting on resource allocation. This workshop features a panel of experts discussing resources and stewardship for community investment and transparency. Learn how your city can strategize on resource distribution and instituting financial stewardship programs.

3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cities, Labor & Jobs

The panel features labor union leaders from the Ironworkers, AFSCME, NEA, and IUPAT. Philadelphia Councilmember Derek Green and Charlotte Councilmember LaWana Mayfield will moderate. Panelist will discuss how unions help strengthen the middle class, campaign to focus union membership in communities of color, threats to unions, and how we can work together to build power and protect gains already achieved. This panel touches upon work done by Democratic Municipal Officials.
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Windsor IV and Windsor V

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9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  Bridging the Local with the Federal:
Successful Strategies for
Federal Engagement
Windsor II & Windsor III

Creating partnerships with federal partners to implement successful policies can have benefits for municipalities and their residents. Learn the various pathways available to your city to navigate the federal bureaucracy. Hear from USDA State Conservationist Kurt Readus how to connect and access resources for your city.

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  Plenary Luncheon
Windsor II & Windsor III

featuring former
U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Mobile Tour  – Farish Street (off site)
Smith Robertson Museum
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   255 E. Pascagoula Street
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7:00 p.m.  City of Jackson Concert
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   Ticketed event

Sunday, July 21

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  New Hope Baptist Church
   1555 Beasley Road
   Jackson, MS 39206
   *Optional
Things to Know

HBCU Themed Closing Luncheon
Our closing luncheon is a celebration of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). You are invited to wear your favorite HBCU colors.

Jackson State University Tiger Career Closet
The Tiger Career Closet is a program dedicated to providing professional attire to currently enrolled JSU students in need of professional attire for job interviews or for the purpose of attending a function while representing JSU. NBC-LEO has partnered with Jackson State to collect donations for the Career Closet. JSU First Lady Deborah Bynum will accept the contributions during the Closing Luncheon.

Location: Windsor I

Things to Do In Jackson

Mississippi Children’s Museum
The Mississippi Children’s Museum is your Destination for Imagination. MCM wants to ignite the spark of creativity that is inside everyone and awaken a lifelong passion for learning, exploration, and discovery. Visit the Mississippi Children’s Museum and get inspired! Open Tuesday through Saturday 9a-5p and Sunday 1p-6p. Admission is $10 per person; children under the age of 1 year are free.

4th Ave Lounge
209 S Lamar Street
4th Avenue Lounge is a hybrid cocktail lounge in Downtown Jackson. Stop in for upscale drinks or grab a bite to eat.

Hours:
Sun/Mon/Tues: Closed
Wed: 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Thurs - Sat: 4:00 p.m. - 1200 a.m.

Johnny T’s Bistro & Blues
538 N Farish Street
Enjoy authentic southern cuisine and live music at Johnny T’s. Once you’ve dined, you can head upstairs to Ultra Lounge 540 for drinks and dancing.

Hours:
Mon: Closed
Tues - Fri: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Sat/Sun: 6:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Ultra Lounge:
Fri/Sat: 9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
114 Lounge
100 E Capitol Street
Enjoy dancing, music, food, and live entertainment in one of the city’s most well-known nightspots. Stop in for a drink, and a bite to eat in a fun and upbeat atmosphere.

**Hours:**
Sun/Mon/Tues: Closed
Wed/Thurs: 4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fri/Sat: 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Names & Faces Lounge
224 E Capitol Street
Enjoy a signature cocktail at this laidback hangout, and stop by their 4-7 happy hour for discounted food and drink.

**Hours:**
Mon-Thurs: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Fri/Sat: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Sun: Closed

King Edward Hotel
235 W Capitol Street
Enjoy a few nights in this landmark hotel, located in downtown Jackson. The King Edward Hotel sits in the cultural arts district, and is a short walk from the Jackson Convention Complex, the Mississippi State Capitol, and the Mississippi Museum of Art.

Westin Hotel
407 South Congress Street
Stay in the heart of downtown Jackson in this brand-new hotel. The Westin Jackson is located conveniently within walking distance of great food and entertainment. Enjoy the Soul Spa during your stay, and use the workout studio or indoor pool.
Acknowledgment

NLC would like to acknowledge and express gratitude to our local partners in Jackson who assisted with our service projects and providing volunteers during the conference.

Lead Partner

**Will Jemison**, president, International Community Ambassadors Network

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**Tiffany Ard**, president, Metro Jackson National PanHellenic Council

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**Dr. Chinelo Evans**, principal, Michelle Obama Early College High School at Tougaloo College

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**Mrs. LaShunna McInnis**, director, Metro Jackson National PanHellenic Chorale

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Friends, family, neighbors, and local business owners are the backbone of this community. Our vibrant spirit comes alive at events like these.

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A comfortable retirement should be the reward for a job well done.

People who dedicate their lives to serving others deserve an organization that dedicates itself exclusively to them. For over forty years, we’ve met the challenge to help public sector workers realize their retirement dreams.

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Future Conference Dates

City Summit

San Antonio, Texas
November 20-23, 2019

Tampa, Florida
November 18-21, 2020

Salt Lake City, Utah
November 17-20, 2021
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