



# Mayor Action Challenge for Lead Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods

## LOCAL ACTION CHALLENGE FOR LEAD SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS

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The National League of Cities (NLC) is challenging cities to take action on indoor environmental hazards and their impact on the health of children and families in 2019 and 2020. Pledge now to take action in your community and commit to implementing at least one policy or program. Please join your peers and select at least one of these four actions.

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### INFORM AND ENGAGE ALL RESIDENTS

**Empower residents to tackle housing quality issues.** Launch a public awareness campaign on healthy housing and/or host a town hall to learn about residents' priorities, and serve as a convener for landlords, tenants, health care providers, social workers and teachers to support community organizing around health hazards.

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### COME TOGETHER ON HOUSING HAZARDS

**Convene stakeholders to create a housing hazards task force.** Engage city departments and external partners, with an emphasis on data-driven decision making, to identify and address lead and asthma challenges in housing for all population groups.

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### TAKE STOCK OF HOUSING

**Review housing codes and enforcement policies.** Produce an internal policy document on housing code enforcement policies, noting areas that can better support healthy and equitable housing policies. Catalogue and explore potential funding sources.

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### STRENGTHEN HEALTHY HOMES POLICIES AND PRACTICES

**Create resources and build commitment across stakeholders.** Establish a registration system and database of rentals and associated violations that is available to tenants and use these tools to promote property standards and improve enforcement.

NLC Staff will be available to help you carry out this challenge in your city. For more information and resource guides for each action, go to [nlc.org/healthy-housing-mayors-challenge](http://nlc.org/healthy-housing-mayors-challenge).

## Take the Pledge!

Yes! I will sign on to the Mayor's Action Challenge for Lead Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods!

**If known, please check which action(s) you plan to take in your city:**

Inform and Engage All Residents — **Empower and engage stakeholders on housing quality issues.**

Take Stock of Housing — **Review existing housing codes and enforcement policies.**

Come Together on Housing Hazards — **Convene stakeholders to create a housing hazards task force.**

Strengthen Healthy Homes Policies and Practices — **Create resources and build commitment across stakeholders.**

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**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mayor/Councilmember Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please submit this pledge form to Anthony Santiago via email at [santiago@nlc.org](mailto:santiago@nlc.org) or you may sign up for the challenge online at [nlc.org/healthy-housing-mayors-challenge](http://nlc.org/healthy-housing-mayors-challenge).

# For More Information

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[nlc.org/healthy-housing-mayors-challenge](http://nlc.org/healthy-housing-mayors-challenge)

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