

Kathy Maness

Councilmember, Lexington, South Carolina
President, National League of Cities

Councilmember Kathy Maness serves on the Town Council of Lexington, South Carolina, and is the first vice president of the National League of Cities. Maness has been an active member of NLC since taking public office in 2004, including serving as president of the Women in Municipal Government (WIMG) constituency group. The councilmember has also served in other roles including NLC's Council on Youth, Education and Families, the Board Finance and Audit Committees, and the Board of Directors. Her areas of expertise include education, finance and youth civic engagement opportunities.

During her time on the Town Council, Maness has been involved in the inception and development of the Icehouse Amphitheatre in downtown Lexington, as well as the addition of new parks and a road improvement plan. Maness also serves as the Council Liaison for the Town's Planning Commission and has been on school improvement councils for 20 years.

In addition to her role as a councilmember, Maness is the Executive Director of Palmetto State Teachers Association, previously serving as the president while teaching third grade at Erwin Elementary in Lancaster County. Though these experiences, Maness has worked with the South Carolina legislature for 25 years, gaining experience testifying in committees and lobbying members.

Councilmember Maness is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a B.A. in Elementary Education and a master's degree in Early Childhood Education. She also attended Winthrop University, where she completed coursework for certification in Education Administration.

Maness is married to Amiel Maness and has three children: Rebekah, Patrick and Jonathan.

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