



Public Safety and Crime Prevention

2021 Congressional City Conference

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3:30 p.m.	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3:02 p.m.	WELCOME, OPENING COMMENTS, AND INTRODUCTIONS The Honorable Alan Wapner, Chair Mayor Pro Tem, Ontario California
3:35	COMMITTEE WORKPLAN FOR 2021 The committee will discuss what federal policies and issues they would like to consider this year. Last year, the Committee identified the following issue(s) for further consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal support for recruitment and retention of municipal law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical personnel • Federal efforts to reduce violent crime in cities • Federal support to help local governments establish alternatives to incarceration of youth and mentally ill people (review policy) • Federal support to reduce domestic violence in cities, towns, and villages • First responder equipment and technology • Law enforcement training • Qualified immunity for municipal law enforcement officers • Reducing criminal access to illegal guns Committee members will vote to select the top three issues they would like to focus on for the year.
4:05 p.m.	BOARD OF OFFICERS GREETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Honorable Joe Buscaino, NLC Past President Councilmember, Los Angeles, California NLC Past President Buscaino will bring greetings to Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee members and express the support of the

4:10 p.m.	<p>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Chapman, Acting Director Office of Community Oriented Policing Services U.S. Department of Justice <p>Discussion on recruitment and retention of law enforcement officer – including COPS Hiring Grants.</p>
4:40 p.m.	<p>NLC REIMAGING PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE</p> <p>NLC Staff will brief the committee on the work of the NLC Reimaging Public Safety Task Force. NLC has convened a task force of mayors and councilmembers from across the country to reimagine how they ensure public safety in their communities.</p> <p>By the end of its engagement, the Task Force will provide actionable steps for municipal leaders to take on areas such as alternative and innovative response, violence prevention and reduction, jail use reduction, law enforcement reform and accountability, public safety budgets and most importantly, racial equity and community engagement.</p> <p>The Task Force will work to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set out a 21st-century public safety agenda for America’s communities; • Highlight promising public safety and justice reform practices in municipalities and identify key areas for improvement and opportunities to scale; and • Amplify the voices of local leaders in justice reform and public safety.
4:50 p.m.	<p>FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yucel (u-jel) Ors, Legislative Director for Public Safety National League of Cities <p>Staff will provide an update to the committee on pending legislation being considered by Congress, including additional State and local aid for COVID-19 revenue shortfalls and expenses.</p>
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Next PSCP Committee Meeting:
NLC Summer Board and Leadership Forum
July 14-16

NLC POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY PROCESS

As a resource and advocate for more than 19,000 cities, towns and villages, the National League of Cities (NLC) brings municipal officials together to influence federal policy affecting local governments. NLC adopts positions on federal actions, programs and proposals that directly impact municipalities and formalizes those positions in the *National Municipal Policy (NMP)*, which guides NLC's federal advocacy efforts.

NLC divides its advocacy efforts into seven subject areas:

- Community and Economic Development
- Energy, Environment and Natural Resources
- Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations
- Human Development
- Information Technology and Communications
- Public Safety and Crime Prevention
- Transportation and Infrastructure Services

For each of the seven issue areas, a Federal Advocacy Committee advocates in support of NLC's federal policy positions. Members of each Committee serve for one calendar year and are appointed by the NLC President.

Federal Advocacy Committees

Federal Advocacy Committee members are responsible for advocating on legislative priorities, providing input on legislative priorities, and reviewing and approving policy proposals and resolutions. Additionally, Committee members engage in networking and sharing of best practices.

Federal Advocacy Committees are comprised of local elected and appointed city and town officials from NLC member cities. NLC members must apply annually for membership to a Federal Advocacy Committee. The NLC President makes appointments for chair, vice chairs, and general membership. In addition to leading the Federal Advocacy Committees, those appointed as Committee chairs will also serve on NLC's Board of Directors during their leadership year.

At the Congressional City Conference, Federal Advocacy Committee members are called upon to advocate for NLC's legislative priorities on Capitol Hill, as well as develop the committee's agenda and work plan for the year. Committee members meet throughout the year to further the plan, hear from guest presenters, discuss advocacy strategies and develop specific policy amendments and resolutions. At the City Summit, Committee members review and approve policy proposals and resolutions. These action items are then forwarded to NLC's Resolutions Committee and are considered at the Annual Business Meeting, also held during the City Summit.

Advocacy

Throughout the year, Committee members participate in advocacy efforts to influence the federal decision-making process, focusing on actions concerning local governments and communities. During the Congressional City Conference, Committee members have an opportunity, and are encouraged, to meet with their congressional representatives on Capitol Hill. When NLC members are involved in the legislative process and share their expertise and experiences with Congress, municipalities have a stronger national voice, affecting the outcomes of federal policy debates that impact cities and towns.

Appendix

Resource Documents and Information

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NLC RE-IMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE

- News Announcement: NLC Assembles Task Force of Local Leaders to Reimagine Public Safety in Communities Across the U.S.
Source: <https://www.nlc.org/post/2021/02/16/nlc-assembles-task-force-of-local-leaders-to-reimagine-public-safety-in-communities-across-the-u-s/>
- NLC's Re-Imagining Public Safety Task Force held a listening session on Monday February 22, 2021. The topic of the session was City Leadership in Transforming Responses to Calls for Service and Violence. A recording of the session is posted at https://service.ringcentral.com/recording/share/0_rsvyVPxigTeLp3OK_lm2OriEcFwevt09bU_BiAPfSwIumekTziMw?startTime=1614024150000
- Members of the Task Force

CO-CHAIRS

- Mayor Ras Baraka, Newark, NJ
- Mayor David Holt, Oklahoma City, OK

MEMBERS

- Councilmember Jay H. Banks, New Orleans, LA
- Deputy Mayor Keith Blocker, Tacoma, WA
- Mayor Sharon Weston Broome, Baton Rouge, LA
- Councilmember Joe Buscaino, National League of Cities Immediate Past President, Los Angeles
- Councilmember Phillipe Cunningham, Minneapolis, MN
- Cameron Diehl, State League Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns
- Mayor John Engen, Missoula, MT
- Councilmember Nikki Fortunato-Bas, Oakland, CA
- Councilmember Jamie R. Gauthier, Philadelphia, PA
- Mayor Tim Keller, Albuquerque, NM
- Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Milwaukee, WI
- Councilmember Janeese Lewis-George, Washington DC
- City Council Vice President Willie Lightfoot, Rochester, NY
- Mayor D. Love, Centerville, MN
- Mayor Gene McGee, Ridgeland, MS
- City Council President Aidee Nieves, Bridgeport, CT
- Mayor Steven Reed, Montgomery, AL
- Councilmember Emmanuel V. Remy, Columbus, OH
- Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, Los Angeles, CA
- Mayor Brandon M. Scott, Baltimore, MD
- Councilmember Linda Thompson, Spokane Valley, WA
- Mayor Vince Williams, National League of Cities First Vice President, Union City, GA
- Mayor Randall L. Woodfin, Birmingham, AL