



# Public Safety and Crime Prevention

**2022 Congressional City Conference**  
**Independence Salon D**

Sunday, March 13, 2022 1:00-4:00 p.m.

NLC Congressional City Conference  
Washington, D.C., Marriot Marquis  
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<p><b>1:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND MEETING OVERVIEW</b></p> <p><b>The Honorable Joel Navarro, Chair</b> Councilmember City of Tempe, AZ</p> <p><b>The Honorable Willie Lightfoot, Vice Chair</b> Council Vice President City of Rochester, NY</p> <p><b>The Honorable Brian Kazy, Vice Chair</b> Council Member City of Cleveland, OH</p>
<p><b>1:10 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>NLC OFFICER GREETING</b></p> <p><b>Clarence Anthony</b> CEO and Executive Director National League of Cities</p>
<p><b>1:15 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>LISTENING SESSION ON REDUCING VIOLENCE IN CITIES</b></p> <p><b>Amy Solomon</b> Assistant Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the most urgent needs of municipalities facing a significant increase in violence?</li> <li>• How can the Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs help local governments reduce the level of violence while ensuring laws are enforced equitably?</li> <li>• What are the greatest challenges local governments need to overcome to combat the rise in violence?</li> <li>• What types of technical assistance are available to help cities combat the rise in violence?</li> </ul> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gun violence</li> <li>• Domestic Violence</li> <li>• Hate Crimes</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law enforcement resources (staffing, training, and equipment)</li> <li>• Ensuring equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data</li> <li>• Transparency</li> <li>• Accountability</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Other topics DOJ OJP would like to get feedback on from local elected officials</li> </ul>
<b>2:15 PM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>2:30 PM</b>	<p><b>DISCUSSION – FUNDING FOR CRISES INTERVENTION</b></p> <p><b>Shannon Scully</b> Senior Manager, Criminal Justice Policy, Government Relations, Policy &amp; Advocacy National Alliance on Mental Illness</p> <p><b>Hannah Wesolowski</b> Chief Advocacy Officer National Alliance on Mental Illness</p>
<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<p><b>DISCUSSION: REENTRY, VIOLENCE PREVENTION &amp; JAIL REDUCTION – ADVANCING JUSTICE IN 2022</b></p> <p><b>Kirby T. Gaherty (She/Her)</b> Program Manager- Justice Initiatives Institute for Youth, Education &amp; Families National League of Cities</p>
<b>3:45 p.m.</b>	<p><b>TAKING ACTION IN 2022 – NLC’S FEDERAL ACTION AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>Yucel (u-jel) Ors</b> <i>Legislative Director for Public Safety, Federal Advocacy, National League of Cities</i></p> <p>Committee members will hear an update on NLC’s Federal Action Agenda, as well as public safety issues before Congress, the Administration and the courts. Committee members will also discuss advocacy actions they can take in 2022 to advance local priorities.</p>
<b>3:55 p.m.</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

**Upcoming PSCP Committee Meetings:**

- April 15, 2022, Noon EST (Zoom Meeting): FBI Law Enforcement Use of Force Database Program
- May 20, 2022, Noon EST (Zoom Meeting): Subject TBD
- June 17, 2022, Noon EST (Zoom Meeting): Subject TBD
- July XX, 2022, Atlanta, GA, NLC Summer Board and Leadership Meeting

## **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 providing input and advocating on legislative priorities and reviewing and approving policy proposals and resolutions. Additionally, Committee members engage in networking and sharing of best practices throughout the year.

Federal Advocacy Committees are comprised of local elected and appointed city, town and village 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, towns and villages

