



# **Community and Economic Development Federal Advocacy Committee**

**2023 Congressional City Conference**

Marriott Marquis Hotel

Washington, D.C.

Saturday, March 25, 2023

1:00-4:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.	<p><b>WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND MEETING OVERVIEW</b></p> <p><b>The Honorable Patricia Lock Dawson, Vice-Chair</b> <i>Mayor, City of Riverside, CA</i></p> <p>Welcome and Introductions</p>
1:10 p.m.	<p><b>TAKING ACTION IN 2023 – NLC’S FEDERAL ACTION AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>Michael Wallace</b> <i>Legislative Director for Housing, Community, and Economic Development Federal Advocacy, National League of Cities</i></p> <p>Committee members will hear an update on NLC’s Federal Action Agenda, as well as community and economic development issues before Congress and the Administration. Questions and discussion will follow.</p>
1:30p.m.	<p><b>U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION KEY PROGRAM UPDATES</b></p> <p><b>The Honorable Alejandra Y. Castillo</b> <i>Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, U.S. Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce</i></p> <p>Committee members will hear from the Economic Development Administration leadership about recently released Requests for Information and Notices of Funding Opportunity from the recently passed CHIPS and Science Act.</p>
2:00 p.m.	<p><b>HEALTHY HOUSING CHANGE AGENT AWARD</b></p> <p><b>The Honorable Joe Cobb</b> <i>Vice Mayor, Roanoke, Virginia</i></p> <p><b>Becky O'Meara, MSW</b> <i>Program Manager, Healthy Housing, L.E.A.D., National League of Cities</i></p> <p>Measuring success of health-promoting policies can be difficult given the challenging nature of structural change. City leaders in Roanoke have made a committed effort to the implementation of the Healthy Homes Roanoke program – a program designed to assess and mitigate the health hazards in home, with support from a HUD Healthy Homes Production Grant. Roanoke will receive NLC’s Healthy Housing Change Agent award.</p>
2:30 p.m.	<p><b>NLC/APA Housing Supply Accelerator</b></p>

	<p><b>Michael Wallace</b>  <i>Legislative Director for Housing, Community, and Economic Development</i>  <i>Federal Advocacy, National League of Cities</i></p> <p><b>Lauren Lowery</b>  <i>Director, Housing and Community Development</i>  <i>Municipal Practice, National League of Cities</i></p> <p>The National League of Cities (NLC) and the American Planning Association (APA) are co-leading a national effort, the Housing Supply Accelerator, to help local governments accelerate housing development that meets the needs of their communities. The campaign is bringing together local governments, community planners, builders, financial institutions, and housing policy experts to improve local capacity, identify critical solutions, and speed reforms that enable communities and developers to work together to produce, preserve and provide a diverse range of quality housing by realigning the efforts of public and private stakeholders in the housing</p>
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>3:10 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Policy and Workplan Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Michael Wallace</b>  <i>Legislative Director for Housing, Community, and Economic Development</i>  <i>Federal Advocacy, National League of Cities</i></p> <p>Members will discuss the Committee's 2023 workplan and identify issues and areas of interest to prioritize for the rest of the year.</p>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>ADJOURN</b>

**Upcoming CED Committee Meetings:  
Conference Calls: TBD  
NLC Summer Board and Leadership Meeting – Tacoma, WA, July XX**

**Enclosures**

- NLC Policy Development and Advocacy Process
- CED Committee Roster

## **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.





## 2023 Community & Economic Development (CED) Committee Roster

### Leadership

- Chair Tishaura Jones, Mayor City of St. Louis, MO
- Vice Chair Patricia Dawson, Mayor, City of Riverside, CA
- Vice Chair Lacey Beaty, Mayor, City of Beaverton, OR

### Members

- Stuart Adams, Council Member, City of College Park, MD
- Pious Ali, Councilor, City of Portland, ME
- Larry Avery, Council Member, City of Gadsden, AL
- Nicholas Bankston, Council Member, City of Columbus, OH
- Lee Barnes, Council Member, City of Kansas City, MO
- Jeffrey Boney, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Missouri City, TX
- Patricia Britt, City Clerk, Clerk of Council, City of Cleveland, OH
- Tyrone Brown, Council Member, Town of Dumfries, VA
- Felicia Brunson, Mayor, City of West Park, FL
- Travis Bruton, Council Member, City of Glenn Heights, TX
- Joe Bushnell, Council Member, City of Tacoma, WA
- Angelyne Butler, Mayor, City of Forest Park, GA
- DM Collins, Council President, City of Center Point, AL
- John Courage, Council Member, City of San Antonio, TX
- Sue Crawford, City Administrator, City of York, NE
- Deborah Figgs-Sanders, Council Member, City of St. Petersburg, FL
- Alyssa Goslee, Community Relations Specialist, City and County of Honolulu, HI
- Donald Groesser, Mayor, City of Ralston, NE
- Dan Gustafson, Council Member, City of Burnsville, MN
- Chamberly Harris, Council Member, Town of Normal, IL
- Duane Haskins, Mayor, City of Burton, MI
- Christina Hobbs, Councilmember, City of Union City, GA
- Sherry Holliman, Councilwoman, City of Marion, AR
- Nikkie Hunter, Council Member, City of Arlington, TX
- Cecilia Hupp, Mayor, City of Brea, CA
- Victoria Jones, Council Member, City of Lawrenceville, GA

- Christopher Jones, Council Member, City of Harrisonburg, VA
- Bennie Jones, Council Member, City of Dublin, GA
- Joe Karlin, Council Member, City of Lenexa, KS
- Brian Knudsen, Council Member, City of Las Vegas, NV
- Tonya Latham, Council Member, City of Gadsden, AL
- Mike Lockhart, Mayor, City of Muscle Shoals, AL
- Veronica Malone, Vice Mayor, City of Avondale, AZ
- Brandon McGee, Council Member, City of Denton, TX
- Marjorie Molina, Council Member, City of Charlotte, NC
- Diana Nelson, Vice Mayor, City of Mason, OH
- Jaime Patino, Vice Mayor, City of Union City, CA
- Sue Piazza, Councilor, City of Gresham, OR
- Daphnee Sainvil, Government & External Affairs, City of Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Jessica Sandgren, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Thornton, CO
- Karin Schnaider, Assistant City Manager, City of Tracy, CA
- Cindy Silva, Incoming Mayor, City of Walnut Creek, CA
- Steve Smith, Council Member, City of Gadsden, AL
- Brandon Tate, Councilmember, City of Lincoln, AL
- Donald Terry, Mayor, City of Rancho Cordova, CA
- Casey Thomas, Council Member, City of Dallas, TX
- Tiffany Thomas, Council Member, City of Houston, TX
- Ovita Thornton, Commissioner, Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, GA
- John Warren, Council President, Village of Oakwood (Cuyahoga County), OH
- Jeff Weisensel, Mayor, City of Rosemount, MN
- Keithsha Wheaton, Councilmember, City of Lancaster, TX
- DerrickWood, Mayor, Town of Dumfries, VA