

NBC-LEO

2024 SUMMER CONFERENCE

FROM LEADERSHIP TO LEGACY: CONTINUING TO FULFILL THE PROMISE

Topics: Housing Accessibility/Affordability, Reimagining Public Safety, Direct funding for Municipalities

Welcome to the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) Summer Conference, where local leaders from cities, towns and villages across the country are coming together to learn, network, and strategize on how we can better serve their communities.

From informative workshops to expert-led discussions and mobile tours, this dynamic event promises to deliver empowering conversations, leadership development and the chance to connect with fellow African American municipal officials.

We hope you take full advantage of your time in Chicago and make connections. You will get out of this event what you put into it, so please reach out to NBC-LEO Board members to find out how you can get more involved in NBC-LEO and across NLC as we strive to lift up our communities.

SCHEDULE

June 25

Tuesday

TIME	TITLE
3:00pm - 5:30pm	Conference Registration <i>6th Floor, Palmer House</i>
3:00pm - 4:00pm	NBC-LEO Membership Committee Meeting
4:00pm - 5:00pm	NBC-LEO Board Meeting <i>Adams Room</i>
6:00pm - 7:00pm	NBC-LEO Welcome Reception <i>Empire Room</i>
7:30pm - 9:30pm	NBC-LEO Board Dinner <i>222 N Canal St, Chicago, IL 60606</i> <i>Open to current Board members.</i> <i>Previous RSVP Required</i>
9:45pm	The Clayton Cigar and Social Club <i>212 N Canal St, Chicago, IL 60606</i> <i>Open to current Board members.</i> <i>Previous RSVP Required</i>

*All rooms located at The Palmer House,
17 E Monroe St, Chicago, IL 60603,
unless otherwise noted*

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26 Wednesday

TIME	TITLE	SESSION DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
7:30am - 4:30pm	Conference Registration	Location: <i>6th Floor, Palmer House</i>	
8:30am - 9:30am	Opening General Session & Breakfast "Setting the Stage" <i>Adams Room</i>	Learn from other local leaders on how history has created a pathway for them to show up authentically and lead even through challenges and obstacles	Moderator: President Denise Mitchell Panelists: Karen Freeman-Wilson , President of Chicago Urban League Chemberly Harris , Councilmember, Normal, IL Mayor Nathaniel Booker , Village of Maywood, IL
9:45am - 11:15am	Housing 101: Strategies for Increasing Housing Supply <i>Monroe Room</i>	This session is targeted to delve into the Housing Supply Accelerator Playbook: Solutions, Systems, Partnerships, a resource designed to support communities in navigating their housing supply challenges. This workshop will explore how communities can accelerate locally driven housing solutions to produce, preserve and improve the quantity of quality housing units.	Lauren Lowery , Director, Housing and Community Development, National League of Cities Mike Wallace , Legislative Director, Housing, Community and Economic Development, National League of Cities
9:45am - 11:15am	Public Safety 101: Collaboration in Local Public Safety <i>Adams Room</i>	In cities across the country, collaborative local safety efforts are showing promise. Regardless of city size, ensuring that local elected officials, law enforcement, community-based organizations and residents are all engaged in efforts to create safer communities is key. This session will feature strategies and efforts that promote coordination across city departments and community partners to advance public safety.	Moderator: Ganesha Martin Let's Meet in the Middle Consulting Panelists: Kimberly Smith Director of Programs, UChicago Crime Lab Ahmadou Drame Director, Illinois Justice Project Murphy Paul retired, Chief of Police, Baton Rouge, LA Johnnie Graham-Wicks Violence Prevention Director, City of Kankakee, IL
11:30pm - 1:00pm	Opening Luncheon/ General Session Fireside Chat with Clarence Anthony and Mayor Brandon Johnson <i>Adams Room</i>	One of the primary benefits of knowing your "Why" is that it provides clarity of purpose. Hear from NLC CEO Clarence Anthony and Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson as they host a fireside chat on the motivation that fuels the mayor's passion and gives meaning to his efforts, introspection, and self-discovery.	Mayor Brandon Johnson , Chicago, IL Clarence E. Anthony , CEO and Executive Director, National League of Cities
1:15pm - 2:30pm	General Session / Speed Dating: Ready, Get Set and Grow as a Local Black Leader <i>Monroe Room</i>	As a local leader, you will have an opportunity to leverage the resources of organizations addressing issues within communities to make them better for everyone who lives in them.	Stacy Spann , Head of Housing Access & Affordability Philanthropy and Community Impact, Wells Fargo Foundation Local Infrastructure Hub NLC's Center for Municipal Practice The Strong Southern Communities Initiative (SSCI)

2:45pm – 3:30pm	General Session: Targeted Universalism <i>Adams Room</i>	Explore ways to identify and eliminate the barriers to an inclusive, just, and sustainable society and learn how to create transformative change toward a more equitable world.	john a. powell Director, Othering & Belonging Institute, University of California, Berkeley
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Session Lab: Show & Tell, an Interactive Experience <i>Adams Room</i>	Join your peers in this interactive session as they share best practices, resources, or initiatives that they are working on in their communities to uplift housing accessibility and affordability as well as reimagining public safety.	Members of the NBC-LEO Board
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Reception Hosted by: The Chicago Aldermanic Black Caucus <i>Pink Polo Social Club</i>	Meet and Greet with remarks from President Denise Michell <i>Location: The Pink Polo Social Club & Bar 312 W Chestnut St, Chicago, IL 60610</i>	

27 Thursday

TIME	TITLE	SESSION DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
7:30am – 3:00pm	Conference Registration	Location: <i>6th Floor, Palmer House</i>	
8:00am – 9:15am	NBC-LEO Policy Committee Meeting/Breakfast <i>Grant Park Parlor</i>	Members of NBC-LEO Policy Committee will provide updates from the NLC Summer Board and Leadership Meeting and discuss next steps on advancing policy in the NLC Federal Advocacy process	Committee comprised of NBC-LEO members on NLC's 7 Federal Advocacy Committees
8:00am – 9:15am	Networking Breakfast	For those that are not on the NBC-LEO Policy Committee	
9:25am – 10:55am	Public Safety 201: Funding and Messaging Strategies <i>Adams Room</i>	When looking to reimagine community safety in cities, costs and strategies to message change can be a hurdle for local elected officials. As cities see progress through collaboration and expanded public safety workforces, it is imperative to consider the costs associated with these developments while also bringing people to the table to discuss why it is important and effective to reimagine public safety. This fireside chat/panel will allow attendees to learn about what it takes to fund and message new strategies toward community safety and justice.	Ganesha Martin (Moderator) Bria Gillum Program Officer Criminal Justice, MacArthur Foundation Miguel Cambray Program Director, Community Violence Intervention Leadership Academy, University of Chicago
9:25am – 10:55am	Housing 201: Strategies for Property Tax Foreclosure Prevention and Fair Appraisal Practices <i>Monroe Room</i>	During this session, attendees will gain valuable insights into effective property tax foreclosure prevention strategies and the implementation of fair appraisal practices aimed at safeguarding homeownership and promoting equitable wealth creation and retention. This session will highlight how cities across the country are actively working to prevent property tax foreclosures and address disparities in property valuations.	Fritz Kaegi , Assessor, Cook County, IL

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TIME	TITLE	SESSION DESCRIPTION	SPEAKERS
11:00am - 11:50am	Considering leadership within NBC-LEO?	Members of NBC-LEO will have an opportunity to hear from current NBC-LEO leadership about what it means to be a leader in this Constituency Group and serve in other capacities of NBC-LEO.	Seantae Byers , Senior Executive & Director, Member & Partner Engagement Denise Mitchell , Mayor Pro Tem, College Park, MD, President, NBC-LEO Nathaniel George Booker , Mayor, Village of Maywood, IL, 1 st Vice President, NBC-LEO Bobby Scott Jr. , Mayor, Center Point, AL, 2 nd Vice President, NBC-LEO
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Leadership to Legacy: Creating an Imprint Beyond Self Luncheon <i>Adams Room</i>	Hear from Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford as she talks about the impact of four pillars and the blueprint that local leaders play with the cities, towns and villages they serve.	Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford , Illinois State Senate Donnell Williams , Regional Director, Mission-Square Retirement
1:45pm - 3:30pm	Workforce and Economic Development Site Visit <i>The Will Group - K-Town Facility</i> <i>4647 West Polk St, Chicago, IL 60644</i>	A company dedicated to building strategic partnerships and providing jobs to local residents. The Will Group prioritizes creating well-paying jobs with benefits and safe working conditions to grow the global middle class. By fostering employment, they generate social capital in neighborhoods that need it most, aiming to transform communities and build a proud, sustainable ecosystem.	Katrina Steele , Municipal Business Development Manager, The Will Group
3:30pm - 5:30pm	Mobile Tour <i>Forest Park Plaza</i> <i>7600 Roosevelt Rd, Forest Park, IL 60130</i>	Members of NBC-LEO will have the opportunity to see the vision of Bill Winston Ministries through partnerships with local officials, retailers and residents based on integrity, excellence and value	Derrick Collins , CEO, Founder, Productivity Specialist, Good-N-Faithful Service Consulting
8:00pm - 11:30pm	NBC-LEO SneakerBall Night Out Event <i>DuSable Museum</i>	A night of entertainment, food and fellowship. Location: <i>DuSable Black History Museum, 740 E 56th Pl, Chicago, IL 60637</i>	

28 Friday

8:30am - 11:00am	Conference Registration	Location: <i>6th Floor, Palmer House</i>	
9:00am - 11:00am	NBC-LEO General Membership Meeting/Closing Session "What is the Next Chapter of DEI?" <i>Adams Room</i>	Members of NBC-LEO will be able to learn about the work that is being done to advance NBC-LEO through membership and policy. Attendees will also have an opportunity to hear from local leaders discuss the next chapter of DEI.	Moderator: Karen Freeman-Wilson , President, Chicago Urban League, Mayor Pro Tem Denise Mitchell , College Park, MD, Mayor Nathaniel George Booker , Maywood, IL, Mayor Bobby Scott Jr. , Center Point, AL, Alderman Lamont Robinson , Ward 4, Chicago, IL, Mayor Thurman Bill Bartie , Port Arthur, TX
11:00am - 5:00pm	Optional Mobile Tour	<i>Optional activity - If you are interested in attending, please check in with registration.</i>	