

Past Presidents

*Titles noted are those held when elected as president of the National League of Cities.
Updated November 2024*

- 2024** Mayor David Sander, Rancho Cordova, California
- 2023** Mayor Victoria Woodards, Tacoma, Washington
- 2022** Mayor Vince Williams, Union City, Georgia
- 2021** Councilmember Kathy Maness, Lexington, South Carolina
- 2020** Councilmember Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles, California
- 2019** Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, Gary, Indiana
- 2018** Mayor Mark Stodola, Little Rock, Arkansas
- 2017** Councilmember Matt Zone, Cleveland, Ohio
- 2016** Councilmember Melode Colbert-Kean, Joplin, Missouri
- 2015** Mayor Ralph Becker, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2014** Mayor Christopher Coleman, Saint Paul, Minnesota
- 2013** Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale, Arizona
- 2012** Mayor Ted Ellis, Bluffton, Indiana
- 2011** Council Member James Mitchell, Jr, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 2010** Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge, Riverside, California
- 2009** Mayor Kathleen Novak, Northglenn, Colorado
- 2008** Council Member Cynthia McCollum, Madison, Alabama
- 2007** Mayor Bart Peterson, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2006** Councilmember James C. Hunt, Clarksburg, West Virginia

- 2005** Mayor Anthony A. Williams, Washington, District of Columbia
- 2004** Selectman Charles Lyons, Arlington, Massachusetts
- 2003** Mayor John DeStefano, Jr., New Haven, Connecticut
- 2002** Mayor Karen J. Anderson, Minnetonka, Minnesota
- 2001** Mayor Dennis W. Archer, Detroit, Michigan
- 2000** Mayor Bob Knight, Wichita, Kansas
- 1999** Mayor Clarence E. Anthony, South Bay, Florida
- 1998** Councilman Brian J. O'Neill, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1997** Council Member Mark Schwartz, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- 1996** Mayor Gregory S. Lashutka, Columbus, Ohio
- 1995** Councilwoman-at-Large Carolyn Long Banks, Atlanta, Georgia
- 1994** Mayor Sharpe James, Newark, New Jersey
- 1993** Mayor Donald M. Fraser; Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1992** Commissioner Glenda E. Hood; Orlando, Florida
- 1991** Mayor Sidney Barthelemy; New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1990** Mayor Bob Bolen; Fort Worth, Texas
- 1989** Mayor Terry Goddard; Phoenix, Arizona
- 1988** Councilor Pamela P. Plumb; Portland, Maine
- 1987** Councilwoman-at-Large Cathy Reynolds; Denver, Colorado
- 1986** Mayor Henry G. Cisneros; San Antonio, Texas
- 1985** Mayor George V. Voinovich; Cleveland, Ohio
- 1984** Mayor George Latimer; St. Paul, Minnesota
- 1983** Mayor Charles Royer; Seattle, Washington
- 1982** Mayor Ferd L. Harrison; Scotland Neck, North Carolina
- 1981** Mayor William H. Hudnut, III; Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1980** Councilwoman Jessie M. Rattley; Newport News, Virginia
- 1979** Mayor John P. Rousakis; Savannah, Georgia

- 1978** Mayor Tom Moody; Columbus, Ohio
- 1977** Council Member Phyllis Lamphere; Seattle, Washington
- 1976** Mayor Hans G. Tanzler; Jacksonville, Florida
- 1975** Mayor Carlos Romero Barcelo; San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 1975** Mayor Jake Garn, Salt Lake City, Utah (honorary Jan-Feb 1975)
- 1974** Mayor Tom Bradley; Los Angeles, California
- 1973** Mayor Roman S. Gribbs; Detroit, Michigan
- 1972** Mayor Sam Massell; Atlanta, Georgia
- 1971** Mayor Richard G. Lugar; Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1970** Mayor Frank Curran; San Diego, California
- 1969** Mayor Beverly Briley; Nashville, Tennessee
- 1968** Mayor James H. J. Tate; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1967** Mayor Harold M. Tollefson; Tacoma, Washington
- 1966** Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh; Detroit, Michigan
- 1965** Mayor Henry W. Maier; Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1964** Mayor John F. Collins; Boston, Massachusetts
- 1963** Mayor Lewis Cutrer; Houston, Texas
- 1962** Mayor Gordon S. Clinton; Seattle, Washington (1/62-8/62)
- 1962** Mayor Richardson Dilworth; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (8/61-1/62)
- 1961** Mayor Don Hummel; Tucson, Arizona
- 1960** Mayor Raymond R. Tucker; St. Louis, Missouri
- 1959** Mayor Anthony J. Celebrezze; Cleveland, Ohio
- 1958** Mayor George Christopher; San Francisco, California
- 1957** Mayor Ben West; Nashville, Tennessee
- 1956** Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Jr.; New York, New York
- 1955** Mayor Allen C. Thompson; Jackson, Mississippi
- 1954** Mayor William E. Kemp; Kansas City, Missouri

- 1953** Mayor William B. Hartsfield; Atlanta, Georgia
- 1952** Mayor A. E. Cobo; Detroit, Michigan
- 1951** Mayor William F. Devin; Seattle, Washington
- 1950** Mayor Quigg Newton; Denver, Colorado
- 1949** Mayor DeLesseps S. Morrison; New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1948** Mayor Fletcher Bowron; Los Angeles, California
- 1947** Mayor Woodall Rodgers; Dallas, Texas
- 1946** Mayor R. E. Riley; Portland, Oregon
- 1945** Mayor Wilson W. Wyatt; Louisville, Kentucky
- 1944** Herbert A. Olson, Michigan Municipal League
- 1943** Mayor Charles E. Lee; Decatur, Illinois
- 1941-42** E. E. McAdams, League of Texas Municipalities
- 1940** Richard Graves, League of California Cities
- 1939** C. C. Ludwig, League of Minnesota Cities
- 1938** Morton L. Wallerstein, League of Virginia Municipalities
- 1937** City Manager Andrew Joyner, Jr.; Greensboro, North Carolina
- 1936** John G. Stutz, League of Kansas Municipalities
- 1935** William P. Capes, New York State Conference of Mayors
- 1934** Harold D. Smith, Michigan Municipal League
- 1933** Frederick N. MacMillin, League of Wisconsin Municipalities
- 1930-32** Sedley H. Phinney, New Jersey State League of Municipalities
- 1930** Harvey W. Draper, League of Texas Municipalities
- 1929** Don C. Sowers, Colorado Municipal League
- 1928** A. D. McLarty, Illinois Municipal League
- 1927** Morton L. Wallerstein, League of Virginia Municipalities
- 1924-26** Morris B. Lambrie, League of Minnesota Cities