



PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIME
PREVENTION FEDERAL ADVOCACY
COMMITTEE MEETING



NOVEMBER
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2024

Public Safety and Crime Prevention Federal Advocacy Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, November 12, 2024
Tampa Bay Convention Center
Room 121, First Floor

- 12:30 Convene & Pledge of Allegiance**
- 12:35 Welcome Remarks:** The Honorable Mark Freeman, Chair and Councilmember, City of Mesa, Arizona
- 12:38 Greetings:** The Honorable Steve Patterson, NLC Second Vice President and Mayor, City of Athens, Ohio
- 12:40 Presentation:** Lee Bercaw, Chief of Police, Tampa, Florida
- 1:05 Presentation:** Barbara Tripp, Fire Chief, Tampa, Florida
- 1:30 Break:** Committee will transition to Ballroom C
- 1:40 Joint Federal Advocacy Committee Meeting:** Accelerating Community Recovery After Disasters

The PSCP Committee will hold a joint meeting with the Community Economic Development (CED) and the Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources (EENR) Federal Advocacy Committees focused on how federal, state, and local governments can collaborate to help communities recover swiftly following a disaster. Featuring speakers from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA), this session will support NLC's federal advocacy efforts by exploring the resources and strategies needed to ensure the federal government can effectively aid communities and their residents in disaster recovery.

Speakers:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4 (TBA)
- The Honorable Francisco Sánchez Jr., Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience (ODR&R), U.S. Small Business Administration

- 2:10 Question and Answer**
- 2:30 Adjourn**

Procedures for the Adoption of National Municipal Policy and Resolutions

**City Summit
Tampa, Florida
November 2024**

The [National Municipal Policy](#) (NMP) is NLC's comprehensive, standing statement of goals, principles, policies and program objectives on federal policy issues directly affecting or of concern to cities, towns and villages. The NMP serves as the basis for NLC's federal advocacy efforts on behalf of the nation's cities, towns and villages. The policy is subject to annual modification by delegates from direct member cities and state municipal leagues at the Annual Business Meeting during City Summit.

Since membership amends the NMP once each year, amendments to the policy typically do not endorse or oppose specific congressional bills, current presidential positions or technical aspects of federal regulations. Instead, positions on such timely matters – which are subject to major changes during the annual legislative and administrative processes – are the subject of NLC resolutions that stand for one year, from their time of passage until the adjournment of the next City Summit.

Direct member cities of NLC and state municipal leagues were invited to submit policy amendments and resolutions by July 7, 2024 for consideration by one of the seven Federal Advocacy Committees. The designated committee has the option of endorsing, amending or rejecting the submittal.

At least two weeks prior to the City Summit, proposed policy amendments and resolutions for 2025 are published on the NLC website and an announcement is sent to all NLC members. The proposed resolutions book for 2025 can be found [here](#). These proposals are subject to change by the Resolutions Committee at City Summit prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

Federal Advocacy Committees

NLC's seven Federal Advocacy Committees manage NLC's National Municipal Policy and Resolutions. At the Congressional Cities Conference (CCC) in March, the Federal Advocacy Committees set agendas for the year. The Committees meet routinely, during the course of the year, to explore topics within their portfolio, engage in advocacy efforts, share best practices and develop policy and resolutions recommendations.

NLC's Federal Advocacy Committees met in person and virtually prior to City Summit to finalize their recommendations for policy amendments and resolutions. During these Federal Advocacy Committee meetings, any policy amendments or resolutions submitted to NLC by the July 7, 2024 submission deadline were considered. Committees had the option of endorsing or rejecting those submittals. Adoption of recommendations is by a majority vote of Federal Advocacy Committee members present and voting. Proxies are not permitted.

Resolutions Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 12

Proposals approved by the Federal Advocacy Committees are forwarded to the NLC Resolutions Committee for consideration. The Resolutions Committee will meet during City Summit on **Tuesday, November 12 at 10:15 AM in the Tampa Marriott Water Street, Grand Ballroom Salon ABCDE,**

2nd Floor. The Federal Advocacy Committee chairs will report the recommendations of their respective committees to the Resolutions Committee members. The Resolutions Committee consists of the NLC Board of Directors plus representatives appointed by state municipal leagues whose states are not represented on the Board of Directors.

The Resolutions Committee will also consider any appeals from sponsors of proposals that were previously rejected by a Federal Advocacy Committee, as long as these were submitted by the July 7, 2024 deadline. Proposals introduced by members of the Resolutions Committee are also eligible for review.

Only members of the Resolutions Committee can participate and vote in this meeting. Speakers recognized during the meeting by the Chair may include Resolutions Committee members, Federal Advocacy Committee chairs or their designees, and sponsors of appealed policy recommendations. Decisions will be made by a majority vote of the members present. Proxies are not permitted.

The Resolution Committee Official Rules of Conduct and the NLC Bylaws shall govern the conduct of the Resolutions Committee meeting. In the event that procedural matters arise that are not addressed by the Official Rules or Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12th Edition shall govern the conduct of the meeting.

Annual Business Meeting: Saturday, November 16

Resolutions Committee actions are referred to the Annual Business Meeting for consideration and adoption by the voting delegates. The report of the Resolutions Committee will include only recommended policy amendments and resolutions. The Annual Business Meeting will be held during City Summit on **Saturday, November 16 at 2:45 PM in the Tampa Convention Center, Ballroom C, 1st Floor.**

To cast a vote at the Annual Business Meeting, all voting or alternate delegates must be present and registered with the Credentials Committee and must have official voting materials. Each direct member city has a certified voting delegate, or alternate, who is entitled to vote at the Annual Business Meeting. The delegate may cast a certain number of votes based upon the direct member city's population, determined by the 2020 U.S. Census; member cities may not split their votes. Each state municipal league is entitled to cast a total of 20 votes by its delegate or delegates, and those votes may be split and distributed at the discretion of each state municipal league. Voting delegates must be present to vote. Proxies are not permitted.

After a brief presentation of the Resolutions Committee's report, the Annual Business Meeting's Presiding Officer will call for adoption of NMP amendments and resolutions as proposed by the Resolutions Committee. Amendments to each chapter will be considered in the order in which those chapters appear in the NMP. Motions from the floor to amend the Resolutions Committee's recommendations require a majority vote for passage. Final adoption of amendments to the NMP requires a two-thirds vote of voting delegates.

Voting delegates may submit a petition for policy proposals to the NLC Federal Advocacy team by **10:00 AM on the day of the Annual Business Meeting** to the **NLC Policy Office in the Tampa Convention Center, Meeting Room 419, 4th Floor.** Petitions must carry the text of the proposal and printed names, titles and signatures of 10 certified voting delegates with their respective cities and states. The petition must receive a majority vote of the voting delegates to be accepted for floor consideration and require a two-thirds vote for final approval. Petitioners should complete the packet that can be found [here](#).

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For further information about this process prior to City Summit or to contact the NLC staff for a Federal Advocacy Committee, contact Dion Taylor at 202-626-3064 or taylor@nlc.org.

During City Summit, please contact the Federal Advocacy staff at the Policy Office located in the Tampa Convention Center, Meeting Room 419, 4th Floor.

-- CALL TO ACTION --

NLC, in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Climate Mayors and c40 Cities, invites you to join a sign-on letter urging Congress to swiftly pass a comprehensive, clean emergency disaster supplemental bill. The letter calls for funding for FEMA, the Small Business Administration, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, CDBG-DR and SNAP. We hope you consider signing onto this letter to advocate for additional emergency funding for communities impacted by natural disasters in 2023-2024. You can sign-on and read the letter [here](#). A PDF version of the letter is [here](#).

DEADLINE TO SIGN-ON: NOV. 13 at midnight.

Applications to join NLC Member Councils, Federal Advocacy Committees and Constituency Groups are now open!

Each group gives elected officials a space to engage with people facing similar challenges in an ever-changing world, and advocate for the needs of their community at the national level.

- Join a Federal Advocacy Committee and shape National Municipal Policy
- Join a Member Council and connect with cities like yours
- Join a Constituency Group to build your network and celebrate diversity in cities towns and villages

NLC is accepting membership applications for the following groups:

Federal Advocacy Committees

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

Ready to apply to a Federal Advocacy Committee? [Start](#) your application now. **Current committee members MUST reapply. You will need to log into your MyNLC account to complete this year's application and reapply.**

For more information, go to: <https://www.nlc.org/initiative/councils-groups-committees-applications/>

CONFERENCE WORKSHOP AGENDA

For the full conference agenda, go to: <https://citysummit.nlc.org/agenda/>

Thursday, Nov 14

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

- **Moving Residents from Economic Stability to Security**
- **Securing Capital for Housing Development: Strategies and Partnerships for Success**
- **Building Bridges to Trust & Civility**
- **Opening New Pathways to Public Service**
- **Meeting the Moment on Immigration I: Community Impact**
- **The Future of Work: Preparing Your Community**

02:00 PM - 03:30 PM

- **The New Downtown: Dynamic, Inclusive & Creative**
- **Climate-Ready Futures I: City Profiles in Action**
- **Maintaining Community Cohesion in Times of Global Crisis**
- **Creating Community Opportunity Through Cybersecurity**
- **Meeting the Moment on Immigration II: Roundtable Conversations**
- **Film Screening: Join or Die**

03:45 PM - 05:15 PM

- **Moving the Needle on NIMBY & Housing**

- **Empowering the Early Childhood Workforce**
- **Climate-Ready Futures II: Financing Infrastructure and Community Initiatives**
- **Building Your Preemption Toolbox**
- **Community Engagement: It Starts with Authenticity**

Friday, Nov 15

03:00 PM - 04:30 PM

- **Get Current with New Drinking Water Regulations**
- **Honest Conversations: Public Safety & Community Perception**
- **The Nuts & Bolts: AI in Municipal Government**

Saturday, Nov 16

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM

- **How to Win & Manage Federal Infrastructure Grants**
- **NLC Technical Assistance Program Fair**

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

- **Community Resilience and Grid Reliability in a Clean Energy Economy**
- **Integrating Racial Equity: Transforming Communities with Municipal Bonds**
- **From Basic Needs to Thriving Communities**
- **Housing Strategies to End Homelessness**
- **Harnessing the Power of Inclusive Procurement**

Big Ideas for Cities Invite

PSCP Committee Members are invited to attend the Big Ideas for Cities: An International Cities Summit that will take place after our meeting on November 12th. Click here to [RSVP](#) for this event.

BIG IDEAS FOR CITIES
AN INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT
A Global Mayors Convening Brought to you by the National League of Cities

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024
TAMPA, FLORIDA
The eve of our annual City Summit conference

NLC 100
1924-2024. A CENTURY OF STRENGTHENING CITIES

Jane Carter *Clarence Anthony*

You are invited to NLC's **Big Ideas for Cities: An International Summit** on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at the Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation, University of South Florida in Tampa.

Join us for this global TEDx-style event where mayors will share innovative solutions driving positive change in their communities. This is an **invite-only event**, and invitations are **non-transferable**.

[Yes, I'm Interested](#)

Best,
Clarence Anthony
Clarence Anthony
National League of Cities

Speaker Biography



Chief of Police Lee Bercaw, joined the Tampa Police Department in 1997. During his tenure, he has worked in all three districts. He has become known for his proactive crime reduction initiatives and his management of large-scale events in security and transportation for the Super Bowl, Republican National Convention, IFFA (International Indian Film Academy - aka “Bollywood”), Gasparilla and the College Football National Championship. In addition, he was instrumental in devising quality of life improvements and crime reduction strategies in the city.

He holds a doctorate in Criminal Justice from St. Leo University, as well as a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Criminology from the University of South Florida (USF).

In 2016, Chief of Police Bercaw was honored by the USF Department of Criminology by being named to their Wall of Fame as an Outstanding Criminology Ambassador. He is a board member of the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Education and Research Foundation.



Chief Barbara Tripp was born and raised in Tampa, Florida. Chief Tripp graduated in 1984 from Hillsborough High School. After graduating from high school, Chief Tripp enrolled at the University of South Florida to pursue a degree in Computer Engineering. Later she enlisted into the United States Navy where she completed a honorable Department of Defense tour in Hawaii.

Upon returning home to Tampa, Chief Tripp enrolled in Hillsborough Community College where she completed the Fire Academy and became a certified firefighter. She received her EMT certification, Paramedic certification, Associate of Arts, Associate of Science in Emergency Management, and Associate of Science in Nursing from Hillsborough Community College. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from St. Petersburg College.

Chief Barbara Tripp is a 27-year veteran of the City of Tampa and has over 30 years of experience in the fire service. She has held positions as a Firefighter, Paramedic, Paramedic Field Training Officer, Lieutenant, Captain, Acting District Chief, Quality Assurance Officer, Rescue Division Supervisor, and Rescue Division Chief.

In November 2020, she was appointed as Interim Fire Chief for Tampa Fire Rescue and sworn in as the first female Fire Chief of Tampa Fire Rescue on June 25, 2021.

Convention Center Floor Plan

