



## City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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### For Immediate Release

### Sayles Appointed Chair of NLC Advocacy Committee

**Gaithersburg, Md. (December 6, 2018)** City Council Member Laurie-Anne Sayles was appointed Chair of the National League of Cities (NLC) Community and Economic Development (CED) Federal Advocacy Committee at the organization's 2018 City Summit in Los Angeles. The CED Committee is one of the seven NLC Federal Advocacy Committees that play a key role in all NLC advocacy efforts on the Hill and within the Administration. By virtue of this one-year appointment, she will also serve on the Board of Directors, helping to provide strategic direction and guidance for NLC's federal advocacy, governance and membership activities.

"Former City Council Member Henry Marraffa represented Gaithersburg in this position several years ago, and I am honored to continue the tradition of our City's involvement at a national level," said Council Member Sayles. "I look forward to working with my colleagues around the country to harness the power of our collective voice, to address issues like the affordable housing crisis, investing in infrastructure, combatting the opioid epidemic, and building a sustainable future that allows us to maintain and enhance the integrity of our communities."

"The National League of Cities Board of Directors serves a critical role in guiding our organization's priorities and policies," said National League of Cities (NLC) President Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor of Gary, Indiana. "NLC's Board of Directors is made up of a group of amazing leaders, and I look forward to working with them during an important time for the nation's cities."

NLC is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to building strong federal-local partnerships, and strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. It serves as a resource for cities, their elected leaders, and municipal staff, and advocates for more than 19,000 cities, towns and villages across the country. For more information visit [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org). For more information on the Gaithersburg City Council visit [www.gaitthersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaitthersburgmd.gov).

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