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Councilmember Lou La Monte Appointed Vice Chair of National League of Cities' Community and Economic Development Committee

(Malibu CA, Washington, D.C.) – Malibu City Councilmember Lou La Monte has been appointed to serve as Vice Chair of the National League of Cities (NLC) 2018 Community and Economic Development Federal Advocacy Committee.

This committee is responsible for developing the League's federal policy positions on issues involving housing, community and economic development, land use, recreation and parks, historic preservation and international competitiveness. The appointment was announced by NLC President Mark Stodola, Mayor of Little Rock, Arkansas.

"It is more important than ever to ensure that America's cities and towns are not forgotten amidst the political noise in Washington," Councilmember La Monte said. "Serving on the League and other intergovernmental associations means that the daily quality of life issues that are so important to residents of Malibu are heard in Los Angeles County, Sacramento and Washington, D.C."

The National League of Cities is an advocacy organization dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities, and represents 19,000 cities and towns with more than 218 million residents.

As Vice Chair of the Committee, Councilmember La Monte will play a key role in shaping the League's policy positions and will advocate on behalf of America's cities and towns before Congress, with the administration and at home.

"Serving on an NLC committee is one of the most effective ways for a local official to advocate for their community in Washington," said NLC President Stodola. "I am thrilled to have Lou La Monte join a team of local leaders from around the country working to craft our policy platform and to solve the most pressing challenges facing our communities."

Councilmember La Monte has long been committed to serving on inter-governmental bodies, holding numerous positions with National League of Cities, League of California Cities and the California Contract Cities Association.

He has been particularly focused on legislation that will offer ways to improve the lives of the patients of drug and alcohol rehab facilities and address the concerns of the neighborhoods where they are located. The focus of Councilmember La Monte's work with the National League of Cities is on federal regulation of sober living homes.

On the state level, he has worked closely with State Senators Henry Stern and Ben Allen and Assemblymember Richard Bloom on developing a statewide bill to address the issue of overconcentration of rehab facilities in residential areas.

For more information on NLC's federal advocacy committees, visit www.nlc.org/advocacy/committees.

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