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## Mayor Lombardo Appointed to National League of Cities Community and Economic Development (CED) Federal Advocacy Committee

[PITTSTON, PA, January 31] – Mayor Michael Lombardo was recently appointed as Vice Chair to the National League of Cities (NCL) 2025 Community and Economic Development (CED) Federal Advocacy Committee.

The Community and Economic Development Committee is responsible for developing policy positions and leading NLC's advocacy on issues involving housing, community and economic development, land use, recreation and parks, historic preservation, and international competitiveness. In addition, the Committee leads efforts in support of federal grant programs that support these activities, including the Community Development Block Grant program.

Mayor Lombardo was selected for his experience and commitment and his efforts on this committee as Vice Chair will continue to guide communities around the country. Lombardo will be joined by Chair: **Jeffrey L. Boney**, Councilmember, Missouri City and Vice Chair: **Cindy Silva**, Councilmember, Walnut Creek, CA on the 2025 committee.

In addition to the CED Federal Advocacy Committee, Lombardo was appointed to the 2025 Small Cities Council which is open to municipal officials from member cities with populations of 50,000 or less. Participants share ideas and creative solutions to challenges affecting small cities.

"I'm honored to be selected to serve as Vice Chair of the National League of Cities' Community and Economic Development Federal Advocacy Committee and as a member of the Small Cities Council." stated Lombardo, "Both opportunities will allow me to share and learn best practices with other Cities and communities around the country. This experience will be beneficial in my capacity as mayor as well as in my capacity as a member of the Pennsylvania Municipal League Executive Board. I am appreciative for these opportunities."

For more information on these committees and their efforts, please visit the National League of Cities website at <a href="https://www.nlc.org">www.nlc.org</a>.

## **About the City of Pittston**

The City of Pittston is nestled along the banks of the Susquehanna River, centered between the cities of Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, proudly located "in the middle of it all". For more information, please visit <u>cityofpittston.org</u>

## **About the National League of Cities (NCL)**

The National League of Cities (NLC) is an organization comprised of city, town and village leaders that are focused on improving the quality of life for their current and future constituents.

With more than 100 years of dedication to the strength and advancement of local governments, NLC has gained the trust and support of more than 2,700 cities across the nation. Our mission is to relentlessly advocate for, and protect the interests of, cities, towns and villages by influencing federal policy, strengthening local leadership and driving innovative solutions. For more information, please visit www.nlc.org.

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