



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST (CCR)**

**TO:** Mayor & City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Victoria Woodards and Chief Policy Analyst Melanie Harding  
**COPIES TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Tadd Wille, Assistant City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney; Executive Leadership Team; File  
**SUBJECT:** Request for Resolution – NLC 2020 Cities Agenda – January 28, 2020  
**DATE:** January 14, 2020

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**ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**

I respectfully request City Council support to direct the City Manager to prepare a resolution for Council consideration on January 28, 2020 that would express support for the National League of Cities’ “Leading Together 2020 Cities Agenda.”

**BRIEF BACKGROUND:**

In its work to represent 19,000 cities across the United States and in acknowledgement that the presidential platforms built in 2020 have the potential to impact each of those cities and towns for a minimum of four years, the National League of Cities (NLC) has undergone its first-ever effort to craft a federal agenda for the current election cycle. The 2020 Cities Agenda was created by a bipartisan task force composed of 28 local leaders from across the country, including Mayor Woodards. The Task Force convened between June and November 2019 to develop the agenda, and it was subsequently accepted by the full 40-member NLC Board at the annual City Summit held in November 2019.

NLC proposes that elected leaders in local government are uniquely positioned to understand the day-to-day needs of the community, as they interact with constituents every day – in the grocery store, in places of worship, and at school/community events. The 2020 Cities Agenda reflects this deep understanding of America’s top needs and concerns.

The four pillars of the agenda – building sustainable infrastructure, creating a skilled workforce, ending housing instability and homelessness, and reducing gun violence – reflect items prioritized by the Tacoma City Council as well as concerns that have consistently been included in NLC’s annual advocacy agenda. They also address pressing, emergent topics that have arisen in NLC’s Standing Federal Advocacy Committees.

A full copy of the agenda is attached for your information.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

**State and briefly explain which strategic policy priority is best aligned to this action. Please remove the statements below you are not directly addressing.**

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.
- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.
- Encourage thriving residents with abundant opportunities for life-long learning.

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT PATH:**

☐ **Request for policy development and legislation**

This item is best aligned with the purview of the following Council Standing Committee (refer to Council Standing Committee Process Manual):

☐ Community Vitality and Safety

☐ Economic Development

☐ Government Performance and Finance ☐ Infrastructure, Planning and Sustainability

☒ **Request for Resolution**

☒ **Is there a specific deadline for this request?** (Note: All Council Consideration Requests will be expedited as soon as possible) 1/28/2020

**Please provide a brief explanation of deadline:** This initiative is intended to have federal influence throughout 2020.

In you have a question related to the Council Consideration Request, please contact Melanie Harding at 253-591-5156 or [Melanie.harding@CityofTacoma.org](mailto:Melanie.harding@CityofTacoma.org).

SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY:



Mayor

**SUPPORTING COUNCILMEMBERS SIGNATURES (2 SIGNATURES ONLY)**

(Signatures demonstrate support to initiate discussion and consideration of the subject matter by City Council for potential policy development and staff guidance/direction.)

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