

Conference/Seminar Summary

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To:	The Honorable Mayor & City Council
Council Meeting Date:	

City Council Member:	Jimmy Dutra
Conference/Seminar:	NLC City Summit
Location:	Atlanta, Georgia
Dates of Travel:	11/15/23-11/19/23

Please provide a brief report on the conference, seminar, or meeting you attended.

The National League of Cities offered an opportunity for representatives across the country to come together and address the issues facing our communities. We were able to discuss the importance of volunteering and working with our community partners in creating sustainable communities. Also, a common theme among so many of the sessions was the changing landscape of our communities in the way the public views government. There has been an increase of disrespect and boldness from people who feel it is acceptable to be aggressive toward their local leaders. Stopping hate and extremism at the local level was brought to the forefront in many conversations. This is definitely something we need to address and change. We also spoke about the changing landscapes of our cities. From electrifying our communities, to making our roadways safer through funding and grants our communities are receiving, and of course sessions on homelessness. So many of our communities are faced with similar issues at different degrees. These conferences offer us the ability to broaden our knowledge and scope of issues so we can bring them back to our communities and implement or at least have an in depth discussion on the topics.

*At the conclusion of the event, a brief report on the conference or seminar attended at the expense of the City must be presented to the City Council at the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.
Government Code Section 53234*