



# Conference/Seminar Summary

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To: The Honorable Mayor & City Council  
 Council Meeting Date: 04/14/2026

City Council Member: Ari Parker  
 Conference/Seminar: 2026 NLC Congressional City Conference  
 Location: Washington D.C  
 Dates of Travel: 03/16/2026 – 03/18/2026

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

I attended the National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference in Washington D.C. from March 16-18 representing the City of Watsonville. In addition to attending and gathering information from conference workshops such as "Public Safety and Tech for Local Leaders" We also participated in policy roundtables with strategic partners from California and other states. Supported by our federal lobbyists we also advocated in meetings on Capitol Hill with Senator Padilla and Schiff in a California cities Roundtable and had individual meetings with Congressman Jimmy Panetta and our Congresswoman, Zoe Lofgren regarding the advancement of Public Safety and Quality of Life in Watsonville through funding of the following: Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, Developing more Open Space in Cow, Modernizing Emergency Communication Systems for Public Safety, Pavement Management Streets & Transportation, infrastructure needs of

improving Watsonville and addressing critical our city.

*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