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Mayor Deb Whitfield Appointed to the National League of Cities' Small City Council

LAWRENCE, IN – Mayor Deb Whitfield of Lawrence, Indiana, has been appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2025 Small Cities Council. She will serve a one-year term, working alongside local elected officials from similar communities to develop policies, share best practices, and guide programs that support small cities. The appointment was announced by NLC President Steve Patterson, Mayor of Athens, Ohio.

“It is crucial that we bring together local leaders who represent communities of all sizes to share solutions and challenges from their hometowns. These discussions help shape NLC policies and programs,” said NLC President Steve Patterson, Mayor of Athens, Ohio. “Bringing the experience and leadership of Mayor Whitfield to the Small Cities Council ensures that every city, town, and village has the resources needed to strengthen their communities and improve the lives of their residents.”

“It is an honor to represent the City of Lawrence on the National League of Cities' Small Cities Council,” said Mayor Deb Whitfield. “I look forward to bringing insights from Lawrence to the national conversation and learning from fellow leaders across the country. By working together, we can exchange ideas, advocate for policies that strengthen our communities, and ensure that every city—no matter its size—has the tools and resources needed to thrive.”

As a member of NLC's Small Cities Council, Mayor Whitfield will play a key role in fostering collaboration, networking, and the development of resources that benefit communities with similar demographics, size, and location—helping to implement strategies that can be replicated across the country.

This year's council leadership includes:

Chair: Mary Sarver, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Grandview, TX
Vice Chair: Rashad Roberts, Councilmember, Town of Chadbourn, NC
Vice Chair: Gloria Solorio, Council Member, City of Avondale, AZ

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About the City of Lawrence, Indiana:

Located northeast of Indianapolis, the City of Lawrence is Indiana's 20th largest city and home to approximately 50,000 residents. While its military base was decommissioned in 1996, Lawrence has grown into a vibrant community that blends rich history with modern amenities. Under the leadership of Mayor Deb Whitfield, the city continues to thrive as a welcoming place to live, work, and play. Learn more at cityoflawrence.org.