

Broomfield City Council Training and Travel Report

Elected Official Name: Bob Gaiser

Date of Travel or Training: January 5-6, 2012

Description of Travel or Training: NLC Leaders Planning Meeting-with Officers, Board of Directors, Committee, Council, Panel Chairs and Constituency Group Leaders

Total Amount Expended: Airfare: \$ 317.40

Hotel \$ 399.00 Per Diem: \$ 120.00 Misc \$ 30.00 Total: \$ 866.00

Total Paid by Broomfield: \$ 317.40 Total Paid by NLC \$ 429.00 Total Paid by Bob Gaiser: \$ 120.00

How this Travel or Training Benefited the Citizens of Broomfield:

Broomfield is a member of the National League of Cities, the national organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States. Its mission is to strengthen and promote cities as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance. www.NLC.org

Working in partnership with the 49 state municipal leagues, the National League of Cities serves as a resource to and an advocate for the more than 19,000 cities, villages, and towns it represents. More than 1,600 municipalities of all sizes pay dues to NLC and actively participate as leaders and voting members in the organization.

I was elected President of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Local Officials at the NLC Conference in December. As a result I am now in a leadership role in the planning of the National League of Cities. This gives me a place at the Leadership position where I can represent both Broomfield and the State of Colorado in direction of the NLC. The information below in italics was the result of our discussion.

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, and Review of Meeting Objectives
- "State of the Organization": A View from the Officers
 - o Membership Engagement
 - o Talent Development and Recruitment
 - Fiscal Outlook and Realities
- Shaping the 2012 Advocacy Agenda: "What Washington Can Do For Cities"
 - 1. Current NLC Program Priorities and Initiatives
 - 2. The Politics of an Election Year: What's Driving the Debate and the Decision-Making?

technology-how we get information
expectation for faster response
balance between work\personal
Pervasive distrust of political figures
fiscal costs
impact on environment
locked into old structures of government
change in financing mechanisms
Contentious nature of Congress
global marketplace

3. Roundtable Discussions: Identify the Top Three-Four Key Actions Congress and the Administration Can Take Next Year to Support Cities over the Next 12-18 Months?

Proposed 2012 Advocacy Agenda

support federal investments in local infrastructure
protect federal funding that is direct and flexible-CDBG
Promote policies that allow local governments to create new funding streams
support neighborhood stabilization
support immigration reform
protect local interests in education and workforce training programs

Advancing the Agenda: Where City Leaders and NLC Can Influence the Debate

- NLC Congressional City Conference (March 10-14, 2012, Washington, DC)
- NLC Election 2012 Web-based Toolkit
- Congress and the White House
- Republican and Democratic National Political Conventions
- Hometown Opportunities
- NLC Committee, Council, Panel Meetings and Other Convenings