

RESOLUTION NO. 20230831-089

WHEREAS, Austin is a member of the National League of Cities (NLC), whose mission is to relentlessly advocate for, and protect the interests of, cities, towns, and villages by influencing federal policy, strengthening local leadership, and driving innovative solutions; and

WHEREAS, NLC's seven Federal Advocacy Committees, with NLC's leadership and the Federal Advocacy team, are comprised of local officials from NLC member cities, and play a central role in developing the organization's policy positions that lead effective federal advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Leslie Pool currently serves as the Vice Chair of NLC's Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee that is responsible for developing policy and leading NLC's advocacy on infrastructure and sustainability-related issues and is focused on issues pertaining to water infrastructure, such as financing mechanisms and addressing community and residential affordability, and climate change mitigation, adaptation, and community resilience; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Vanessa Fuentes currently serves as the Vice Chair of NLC's Transportation and Infrastructure Services (TIS) Committee that is responsible for leading NLC's policy development and advocacy on transportation and is focused on the intergovernmental partnership needed to utilize direct competitive federal transportation programs, improve safety on our roads and sidewalks, and enhance the connectivity of regions with shared rail, transit, and aviation options; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Mackenzie Kelly currently serves as a member of NLC's Public Safety & Crime Prevention (PSCP) Committee that is

responsible for developing policy positions on issues involving crime prevention, corrections, substance abuse, municipal fire policy, juvenile justice, disaster preparedness and relief, homeland security, domestic terrorism, court systems and gun control; and


WHEREAS, securing or continuing to hold a leadership position on the NLC Committee for 2024 is based on a successful nomination from the Texas Municipal League, and requires the endorsement of the local governing body;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

City Council supports the nomination of Council Members Vanessa Fuentes, Mackenzie Kelly, and Leslie Pool to leadership positions for their respective NLC committees for 2024 and directs the City Manager to submit this resolution to the Texas Municipal League.

ADOPTED: : August 31, 2023

ATTEST:


Myrna Rios
City Clerk