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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Councilmember James E. McDonald has been appointed to National League of Cities Transportation Infrastructure and Services Steering Committee

Pinecrest, Fla. – Village of Pinecrest Councilmember James E. McDonald has been appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2014 Transportation Infrastructure and Services Steering Committee.

Councilmember McDonald also sits on transportation committees on the state and county levels. He chairs the Miami-Dade County League of Cities Transportation Committee and sits on the Florida League of Cities Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Councilmember McDonald is an attorney and adjunct law professor at St. Thomas University. He is a former prosecutor and FBI agent, and was a staff attorney for the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Transportation Infrastructure and Services Steering Committee has the lead responsibility for developing NLC federal policy positions on issues involving transportation, including planning, funding, safety and security of public transit, streets and highways, aviation, railroads and ports. The appointment was announced by NLC President Chris Coleman, mayor, St. Paul, Minn.

“I’m pleased to have the opportunity to participate at the national level in the formulation of a national transportation agenda. Cities across the nation have a vital interest in a transportation policy that includes the recognition of declining funding from the gas tax and acknowledges new thinking is required on how to pay for needed transportation infrastructure including roads, bridges and mass transit,” said McDonald.

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As a member of the committee, Councilmember McDonald will play a key role in shaping NLC's policy positions and advocate on behalf of America's cities and towns before Congress, with the Administration and at home.

The chair of this year's Transportation Infrastructure & Services Steering Committee is Patsy Kinsey, councilmember, Charlotte, N.C. Serving as this year's vice chairs are Robert Bauman, alderman, Milwaukee, Wisc. and Mary McComber, councilmember, Oak Park Heights, Minn.

For more information on NLC's other committees and councils, visit <http://www.nlc.org/influence-federal-policy/policy-committees>.

The National League of Cities (NLC) is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.

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