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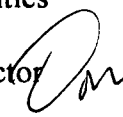
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MEMORANDUM

To: City Clerks of Direct Member Cities
From: Donald J. Borut, Executive Director 
Subject: Congress of Cities Voting and Alternate Voting Delegates

The National League of Cities' Annual Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2002, at the Congress of Cities in Salt Lake City, Utah. Under the Bylaws of the National League of Cities, depending upon the city's population, each direct member city is entitled to cast from one to 20 votes through its designated voting delegate at the Annual Business Meeting. NLC is now using the 2000 census figures to determine the number of votes your city has this year. Please consult the table on the reverse side of this memorandum which shows the breakdown of votes by population categories.

Your mayor and city elected officials should be informed of this request so that decisions can be made on who will be the voting delegate and alternate according to your city's established procedures.

To be eligible to cast a city's vote(s), each voting delegate and alternate must be designated by the city using the attached credentials form. This form will be forwarded to NLC's Credentials Committee. **NLC Bylaws expressly prohibit voting by proxy.** The voting delegate must pick up his/her voting credentials **BEFORE** the Annual Business Meeting and must be present at the Annual Business Meeting to cast the city's vote(s).

In November, NLC will send out a special edition of the *Policy Informer* summarizing the proposed National Municipal Policy amendments and proposed resolutions that are to be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting. This information should be shared with your voting delegate(s).

To establish your city's voting credentials for the Congress of Cities, we ask that you return the completed form to NLC not later than **October 11, 2002**. Please follow the instructions on the card and keep a copy for your files. A pre-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Keith Kirk at kirk@nlc.org or (202) 626-3176.

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Number of Votes – Annual Business Meeting Direct Member Cities

Article IV, Section 2 of NLC's Bylaws specifies the number of votes that each direct member city of the National League of Cities is entitled to cast at the Annual Congress of Cities:

CITY POPULATION (per 2000 Census)	NUMBER OF VOTES
Under 50,000	1 vote
50,000 – 99,999	2 votes
100,000 – 199,999	4 votes
200,000 – 299,999	6 votes
300,000 – 399,999	8 votes
400,000 – 499,999	10 votes
500,000 – 599,999	12 votes
600,000 – 699,999	14 votes
700,000 – 799,999	16 votes
800,000 – 899,999	18 votes
900,000 and above	20 votes

Please note that all member cities are required by the Bylaws to cast unanimous votes.

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