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## Councilman Dany Fleming Appointed to Lead National League of Cities' University Communities Council

HARRISONBURG, Va. – Harrisonburg City Councilman Dany Fleming has been appointed as Vice Chair of the National League of Cities (NLC) University Communities Council (UCC).

As a member of the UCC, Fleming will lead a diverse group of local leaders, helping guide programs and collaboration toward the development of resources and programs beneficial to more than 750 university communities across the nation. The appointment was announced by NLC President Mayor David Sander of Rancho Cordova, CA.

"We are committed in Harrisonburg to working closely with our universities to make our community a better place for all," Fleming said. "We've made creating a thriving educational epicenter a key goal of our City vision plan and part of making this a flourishing community is ensuring that Harrisonburg is a hub of innovation, technology and workforce development. Working with the NLC's UCC will help our City accomplish that goal."

Fleming has also been appointed to NLC's Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) Committee. As a member of the



(Above) Councilman Dany Fleming

FAIR Committee, Fleming will provide strategic direction and guidance for NLC's federal advocacy agenda and policy priorities on taxes that affect cities, towns and villages; voting and voter protections; advancing housing finance legislation; and more.

"Our NLC FAIR Committee work provides Harrisonburg an avenue to directly connect to federal departments and officials and allows us to inform and shape the federal policies and programs that are important for our community," Fleming said. "I look forward to advocating for our community around the challenges and opportunities we face in Harrisonburg and for the federal resources and partnerships that can help support our goals and vision."

"NLC's member councils and federal advocacy committees play an integral role in NLC's work, bringing local leaders together to share ideas and inform NLC policy about the issues and challenges facing every kind of community in America," Sander, the NLC president, said. "I'm excited to have Councilman Fleming lead NLC's University Communities Council. Under his leadership, the council will ensure that all of our cities, towns and villages have access to ideas and resources they can use to thrive. I'm also thrilled to have Councilman Fleming serve on NLC's Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations Federal Advocacy Committee this year, and look forward to working with him to strengthen the federal-local partnership."

The UCC Chair this year will be Jonathan M. McCollar, Mayor, Statesboro, GA., and the FAIR Committee Chair will be Blaine Griffin, Council President, City of Cleveland, OH.

For more information on NLC's member councils, visit https://www.nlc.org/current-initiatives/member-councils-2/ and for more information on NLC's federal advocacy committees visit: https://www.nlc.org/advocacy/federal-advocacy-committees/.

**The City of Harrisonburg** is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 55,990 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at <a href="https://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov">www.HarrisonburgVA.gov</a>.

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