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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 1985

SUBMISSION OF
POLICY PROPOSALS
OR AMENDMENTS FOR
NATIONAL CONGRESS
OF CITIES

City Clerk Reinche announced that information had been received from the National League of Cities on the procedure for submitting policy proposals or amendments for the National Congress of Cities Annual Conference. City Manager Peirson spoke briefly on the matter and responded to questions were posed by the Council.

Tom - we are "direct
members" of NLC paying
dues of about \$1000 per
year.

In a phone conversation
with NLC today, they
confirmed that we can
propose amendments
to policy resolutions
even though our population
is less than 50,000.

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September 6, 1985

To: Mayors and Managers of Direct Member Cities
Executive Directors of State Municipal Leagues

From: Alan Beals, Executive Director *Alan Beals*

Subject: Proposed Amendments to National Municipal Policy and
Separate Resolutions, Annual Congress of Cities, Seattle,
Washington, December 7-11, 1985

DUE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1985

The Policy Committees of the National League of Cities will meet from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Sunday, December 8, in the Seattle Center. NLC's Resolutions Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m., Monday, December 9, also in the Seattle Center. Member cities and state municipal leagues are invited to submit policy proposals for consideration by these committees.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

All advance proposals to amend the NLC National Municipal Policy and advance separate resolutions must be submitted to:

Chairman, Resolutions Committee
National League of Cities
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

To assure sponsors full rights to the NLC policy process, and to allow for distribution of advance proposals to NLC's membership, proposals must be received in NLC's office by the end of business on Tuesday, October 15, 1985.

Past Presidents: Tom Bradley, Mayor, Los Angeles, California - Ferd L. Harrison, Mayor, Scotland Neck, North Carolina - William H. Hudnut, III, Mayor, Indianapolis, Indiana - Henry W. Meier, Mayor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin - Jessale M. Rattley, Councilwoman, Newport News, Virginia - John P. Rousakis, Mayor, Savannah, Georgia - Charles Royer, Mayor, Seattle, Washington - Directors: Art Ashley, Mayor, Nitro, West Virginia - Rosa Bosserman, Council Member, Vancouver, Washington - Robert R. Cantine, Executive Director, Wyoming Association of Municipalities - Henry Cook, Council Member, Jacksonville, Florida - Joe W. Davis, Mayor, Huntsville, Alabama - James E. Ferguson, Mayor, Provo, Utah - Donald Fraser, Mayor, Minneapolis, Minnesota - Terry Goddard, Mayor, Phoenix, Arizona - Ron Gonzales, Council Member, Sunnyvale, California - George D. Goodman, Executive Director, Michigan Municipal League - Daniel E. Grist, Mayor, Santa Ana, California - Richard Guthman, Jr., Council Member, Atlanta, Georgia - Robert W. Harpeter, Executive Director, League of Iowa Municipalities - DeLora Hudson, Council Member, Warrensburg, Missouri - Brendan J. Kennedy, Alderman, New Britain, Connecticut - Dud Lastrapes, Mayor, Lafayette, Louisiana - Paul A. Lantz, Mayor, Alton, Illinois - Gerald McCann, Mayor, Jersey City, New Jersey - Brian J. O'Neill, Council Member, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Pamela P. Plumb, Councilor, Portland, Maine - Ruth H. Scott, Council Member, Rochester, New York - James W. Segal, Executive Director, Massachusetts Municipal Association - Lottie Shachtelrod, City Director, Little Rock, Arkansas - Raymond C. Sittig, Executive Director, Florida League of Cities - Donald A. Sister, Executive Director, League of Minnesota Cities - Consuelo S. Thompson, Mayor, Espanola, New Mexico - Minette C. Trosch, Mayor Pro Tem, Charlotte, North Carolina - Donald Tucker, Council Member, Newark, New Jersey - Thomas X. White, Council Member, Greenbelt, Maryland - Louie Zapata, Council Member, Fort Worth, Texas

FORM OF SUBMISSION

National Municipal Policy for 1985, copies of which have been previously furnished to all member cities and state leagues, is the comprehensive policy statement of the National League of Cities. It is subject to amendment at each annual business meeting of NLC. Proposed changes to the 1985 National Municipal Policy should be submitted in the form specified on the attached insert.

Separate resolutions are short term expressions of the membership of the National League of Cities, typically endorsing or opposing specific Congressional bills or current Presidential positions. They do not become part of the continuing National Municipal Policy document but are transmitted to appropriate federal officials immediately following the annual meeting. Such resolutions automatically die at the end of the calendar year following the Congress of Cities at which they were passed. The format to be followed for each resolution submitted is specified on the reverse side of the attached insert.

Questions on the form or germaneness of policy proposals or separate resolutions will be referred to a subcommittee of NLC's Advisory Council, appointed for that purpose by the NLC President, for recommendation to NLC's Resolutions Committee. The criteria used by the subcommittee in making their recommendations appear below under the subtitle "Guidelines for Preparation of Policy Proposals."

PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION OF ADVANCE SUBMISSIONS

All proposals received in NLC's offices before the end of business on Tuesday, October 15, 1985 will be assigned to a policy committee for consideration when the committees meet on Sunday, December 8, in Seattle. Members submitting proposals will be notified of the committee to which their proposal is referred and the time and place of the committee meeting. Sponsors of proposals or their representatives will be expected to appear before the full committee to present and discuss their proposal.

If the policy committee accepts the proposal, it will be submitted to the Resolutions Committee by the policy committee chairperson as part of his or her committee report.

Energy, Environment & Natural Resources



2.04 SOLID WASTE AND HAZARDOUS WASTE

B. Hazardous Wastes and Materials Management

3. Policies

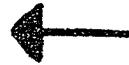
m. Smaller Generator Exemption

~~(EPA should attempt to determine what quantity of hazardous waste is currently exempted from RCRA regulation and whether currently exempted generators are properly disposing of their wastes.)~~



words to be deleted:
strike thru text and
enclose in parenthesis

Congress should enact legislation which would substantially reduce the existing exemption for small generators of hazardous waste from the current level of 1000 kilograms of waste per month. EPA should develop and promulgate regulations governing the hazardous waste management practices of small generators as soon after enactment as possible.



words to be added:
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EPA should provide technical assistance to states and local governments considering regulating federally exempted hazardous waste generators.



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(Sample Resolution)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

OCEAN DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR WASTES

WHEREAS, the United States Navy has a proposal to dispose of up to 100 defueled decommissioned nuclear submarines during the next three decades; and

WHEREAS, one of the options is for ocean disposal of these submarines; and

WHEREAS, the oceans are a food source for much of the world's population, and contamination of the food chain could have far reaching implications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the National League of Cities should support the 1972 ban on all ocean dumping of nuclear wastes until it can be demonstrated that the safety and efficiency of ocean disposal offers less harm to human health and the environment than other practical alternative methods of disposal.

Typing Instructions

- Margins should be one inch on all sides.
- Courier 12 typing element.
- Under the words "Proposed Resolution", type title.
- Make sure to type in the resolution's sponsor (individual, city or state municipal league).

Submitted by: Colorado Municipal League

Date Received: (LEAVE BLANK)

Referred to: (LEAVE BLANK)

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If the policy committee rejects the proposal, the fact that the proposal was received by Tuesday, October 15 and was distributed to members in advance permits the sponsor to appeal the policy committee action to the Resolutions Committee during their meeting on Monday, December 9.

PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS NOT SUBMITTED BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

A member of a policy committee may offer amendments to National Municipal Policy within his committee's jurisdiction or related separate resolutions during the policy committee meeting on Sunday, December 8.

Policy Committees are composed of from three to seven members from each state nominated by the state municipal league. Member cities and state leagues are urged to work with their state committee delegation if they are unable to submit their proposal prior to the Tuesday, October 15 deadline.

The Resolutions Committee will consider only policy committee reports, proposals from member cities and state municipal leagues received in NLC's offices by Tuesday, October 15, and recommendations of individual Resolutions Committee members.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Any certified voting delegate of a member city or state league may offer a National Municipal Policy amendment or a separate resolution for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 1985. However, any proposals not submitted to the voting delegates by the Resolutions Committee or the Board of Directors must be by petition presented to the presiding officer of the Annual Business Meeting **no later than 1/2 hour prior to the meeting's Call to Order.** To be accepted for floor consideration at the Annual Business Meeting, such a petition must receive a majority vote of all certified voting delegates present and voting.

All proposals to amend National Municipal Policy and all separate resolutions, however submitted, require a 2/3 vote of delegates present and voting for passage.

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GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF POLICY PROPOSALS

NLC's Board of Directors has adopted the following guidelines for policy proposals to be considered for adoption at the Congress of Cities:

1. Whether acted upon as amendments to National Municipal Policy or separate resolutions, policy proposals
 - a. shall--in their subject matter--concern shared policy and program needs, issues or problems of the nation's municipal governments;
 - b. shall be concerned with federal government policy, and therefore, be addressed to federal government policy-makers;
 - c. shall neither contradict nor duplicate existing NLC policy statements, except where they are intended to amend or repeal such policy;
 - d. shall not compromise the independence or integrity of individual member cities to pursue any course of action adopted by appropriate municipal policy-making bodies; and
 - e. shall not compromise the budget-making, program determining or priority setting role of the NLC Board.
2. As basic, continuing organizational policy positions, proposed amendments to National Municipal Policy should specify city positions on federal roles and responsibilities, policy goals, purposes, principles and/or program characteristics within the broad subject areas covered by existing policy or authorized by Board action. They should not refer to proposed Congressional legislation by title, sponsor's name or bill number.
3. Non-continuing separate resolutions should be restricted to those action-specific items of short term utility addressed to the Congress or the President. In separate resolutions, specific reference to proposed legislation by title, sponsor's name or bill number is appropriate.
4. Separate resolutions shall be considered only when they do not conflict with or contradict existing National Municipal Policy.

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Further information regarding the NLC policy process may be secured prior to the Congress of Cities from:

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Office of Policy Analysis and
Development
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Washington, D.C. 20004
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