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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Direct Member Cities  
**FROM:** Donald J. Borut, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Congress of Cities Voting Delegates

The National League of Cities Annual Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2008, at the conclusion of the Congress of Cities and Exposition in Orlando. As a direct member city, your city is entitled to vote at this meeting. Based on population as of the 2000 Census, each member city casts between one and twenty votes. The number of votes for each population range can be found on the table on the reverse of this memorandum.

To be eligible to cast a city's vote, a voting delegate and alternate must be officially designated by the city using the enclosed credentials form. This form will be forwarded to NLC's Credentials Committee. NLC bylaws expressly prohibit voting by proxy. City elected officials should be made aware of this request so that decisions can be made as to who will be the voting delegate and alternate(s).

At the Congress of Cities, the voting delegate must pick up the city's voting card at the Credentials Booth before the Annual Business Meeting and must be present at the Annual Business Meeting to cast the city's vote. Alternates should also visit the credentials booth before the meeting to pick up their stickers which identify them as alternate voting delegates. The Credentials Booth will be open throughout the Congress of Cities.

**Please return the completed form to NLC by fax at 202-626-3043 on or before October 31, 2008, and keep the original for your own files. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Ken Rosenfeld, NLC policy manager, at rosenfeld@nlc.org or 202-626-3027.**

Thank you.

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2008 CONGRESS OF CITIES  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

## Number of Votes – Annual Business Meeting

### Direct Member Cities

Article IV, Section 2 of the National League of Cities bylaws specifies the number of votes that each NLC direct member city is entitled to cast at the Annual Business Meeting at the Congress of Cities. Member cities are required by the bylaws to cast unanimous votes.

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