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August 17, 2001

MEMORANDUM

To:

City Clerks of Direct Member Cities

From:

Donald J. Borut, Executive Directon

Subject:

Voting and Alternate Voting Delegates, Annual Congress of Cities,

December 4-8, 2001, Atlanta, Georgia

DUE: OCTOBER 5, 2001

The National League of Cities' Annual Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2001, at the Congress of Cities in Atlanta, Georgia. Under the Bylaws of the National League of Cities, each direct member city is entitled to cast from one to 20 votes, depending upon the city's population, through its designated voting delegate at the Annual Business Meeting. The table on the reverse side of this memorandum shows the breakdown of votes by population categories. This is the last year NLC will be using the 1990 population figures both for the dues your city paid this year and to determine the votes for your city.

Please inform your Mayor and your city elected officials of this request for voter designation, so they can make these decisions according to your city's established procedures.

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

In mid November, NLC will send a special edition of the *Policy Informer* summarizing proposed *National Municipal Policy* amendments and proposed resolutions. This information should be shared with your voting delegation.

To establish your city's credentials and facilitate preparation of your voting delegate(s) for the Congress of Cities, we ask that you return the completed form to NLC on or before October 5, 2001. Please follow the instructions for filling out the form. A pre-addressed return envelope is attached. Please make a copy of the form for your own files. If you have any questions, please contact Keith Kirk at (202) 626-3176.

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Number of Votes - Direct Member Cities

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

CITY POPULATION (*per 1990 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

Notes: Member cities are required by the Bylaws to cast unanimous votes.

This is the last year NLC will be using 1990 populations both as the basis of dues your city paid for 2001 and for the city's voting entitlement. The 2000 census figures will be utilized for both purposes beginning in 2002.