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PRESS RELEASE

Title: Mayor Nancy Chaney Appointed to National League of Cities' Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Steering Committee

January 31, 2011 – Washington, DC – National League of Cities President James Mitchell, Jr., has announced the appointment of Nancy Chaney, Mayor for the City of Moscow, Idaho to the National League of Cities' (NLC) 2011 Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR) Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee. This Committee has the lead responsibility for developing NLC federal policy positions in the areas of energy, clean air, solid and hazardous waste, water quality and supply, national wetlands, and endangered species.

Mayor Chaney holds a master's degree in Environmental Science from the University of Idaho. "My involvement with EENR is a natural extension of my involvement with programs and policies that link the environment, the economy, and education, and relationships among human, animal, and ecological health," she said. **Chaney cited the One Health Initiative as an example. "The concept integrates human medicine, veterinary medicine, and environmental science through an international coalition of experts," she explained.** "We have all of the pieces for that model here, with the Center for Global Animal Health at Washington State University, the WWAMI medical education programs at UI and WSU, Moscow's Sustainable Environment Commission, and our strong regional focus on environmental sustainability. By bringing those elements together, the Palouse is an important resource to improve health, environmental, and economic circumstances here and around the world."

As a member of the EENR Steering Committee and Chair of the NLC University Communities Council, Mayor Chaney will play a key role in shaping NLC's policy positions, while advocating on behalf of America's cities and towns on Capitol Hill, with the Administration, and at home.

The chair of this year's Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee is Matt Zone, council member, Cleveland, Ohio. Serving as this year's vice chairs are Matt Appelbaum, council member, Boulder, Colorado, Christopher Jones, deputy mayor pro tem, San Marcos, Texas, and Michael Sesma, council member, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

For more information on NLC's other committees and councils, visit http://www.nlc.org/inside_nlc/committeescouncils.aspx.

The National League of Cities is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns, and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.

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