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**Vice Mayor Karlene Maxwell-Williams Appointed to Serve on National League of Cities’
Race Equity And Leadership (REAL) Council**

Lauderdale Lakes, FL — Karlene Maxwell-Williams, Vice Mayor, City of Lauderdale Lakes, Florida, has been appointed to the [National League of Cities](#) (NLC) 2023 REAL Council. Vice Mayor Maxwell-Williams was elected to a one-year term to develop and guide programs among local elected officials from similar communities. The appointment was announced by NLC President Mayor Victoria Woodards of Tacoma, Washington.

“To be a member of the REAL Council is an honor for me, and I look forward to creating racial harmony, equal opportunity for the disenfranchised, and to recognize and inspire multi-cultural diversity in our communities,” said Vice Mayor Maxwell-Williams.

As a member of NLC’s REAL Council, Vice Mayor Maxwell-Williams will play a key role among a diverse group of local leaders to encourage collaboration, networking, and the development of resources and programs beneficial to communities that share demographics, size or location, that can be replicated across the country.



“Our member councils give voice to what’s happening on the ground in our communities,” said **NLC President Mayor Victoria Woodards of Tacoma, Washington**. *“I am proud to have Vice Mayor Maxwell-Williams join NLC's REAL Council. Together with a team of local leaders from around the country, we will work to address the toughest challenges facing our communities and ensure that America’s cities, towns and villages have the resources they need to thrive.”*

The leadership of this year’s council will consist of Co-Chairs Councilmember Andrea Barefield, Waco, TX and Mayor Steve Patterson, Athens, OH; Co-Vice Chairs Councilmember D’Andre Jones, Fayetteville, AR and Mayor Pro-Tem Ty Stober, Vancouver, WA.

For more information on NLC’s member councils, visit: <https://www.nlc.org/current-initiatives/member-councils-2/>.

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