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Cc: Melissa A. Soline
Subject: Call for Resolutions - Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

Dear Members of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative:

It is time once again for our annual call for resolutions. The resolutions we pass as a membership are important statements on key Great Lakes and St. Lawrence issues that carry significant weight with other orders of government, other stakeholders, and the general public. They also serve as a guide during the course of the year as issues arise that we need to address as an organization.

In order to have the best possible resolutions, we would like you to consider and submit ones that you believe are important for local governments to develop so that our positions on the key issues are stated clearly and communicated effectively. If you would like to look at some of the resolutions from past years, please go to our web site at www.glslcities.org/resolution-statements/resolution.cfm. General guidelines for developing resolutions include:

1. Resolutions should be consistent with Cities Initiative existing policy statements on issues;
2. Resolutions should be consistent with previously approved resolutions;
3. Resolutions should be consistent with the overall mission and goals of the Cities Initiative;
4. Disputes between or among local governments are not considered appropriate for resolutions; and
5. Resolutions should be submitted in the attached template format (Word document).

As a reminder, we have a formal process to submit and review resolutions before they are considered by the membership at the Annual Meeting. The goal of the process is to provide transparency to members on the review of submitted resolutions as well as to ensure resolutions that go to the membership for consideration are consistent with the organization's policies and approved resolutions. Key elements of the process include:

- 1). Review of all submitted resolutions by an Operations Committee (comprised of members and directors) to ensure they are consistent with existing policy statements, approved resolutions, and the overall mission of the organization. As noted above, resolutions that address local disputes are not appropriate for consideration at the Annual Meeting.
- 2). If a member submits a resolution and it is not recommended for consideration at the Annual Meeting, the member can bring the resolution forward for consideration at the Annual Meeting if two thirds (2/3) of members present vote to consider the resolution.
- 3). Per the formal resolution review process, please use the attached template for your resolution submissions.

Please send your resolutions to Melissa Soline (Melissa.soline@glslcities.org) no later than **March 13, 2018** so that they can be reviewed and distributed in advance of the Cities Initiative Annual Members Meeting and Conference, which will be held June 13-15, 2018 in Ajax, Ontario (<https://glslcities.org/events/annual-meeting/ajax-2018/>). If you have any questions, please call Melissa Soline at 630-219-3293 / melissa.soline@glslcities.org.

Thank you,

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