



City of Las Cruces⁸³

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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 4 Ordinance/Resolution# 10-168 Council District:

For Meeting of January 4, 2010
(Adoption Date)

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES TO RENEW ITS MEMBERSHIP TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,952.00 FROM MARCH 1, 2010 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2011.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION: Authorization to renew membership and payment of annual membership dues.

Name of Drafter: Terrence Moore		Department: City Manager		Phone: 541-2076	
Department	Signature	Phone	Department	Signature	Phone
Originating Department		541-2076	Budget	<i>[Signature]</i>	2300
			Assistant City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	2271
Legal	<i>[Signature]</i>	2128	City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	2076

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The National League of Cities was established in 1924 and is the oldest, largest and most represented organization serving local governments. NLC serves as an advocate for its members in Washington in the legislation, administrative, and judicial processes which affect them; develops and pursues a national municipal policy that meets present and future needs of the nation's cities and the people who live in them; provides training, technical assistance and information to municipal officials to help them improve the quality of local government; and undertakes research and analysis on issues of importance to the nation's cities and town.

The City of Las Cruces has participated in the National League of Cities (NLC) for several years and desires to continue its membership. The membership provides the opportunity to tap the experience and ability of municipal leaders nationwide to get the information and answers necessary to make sound decisions and to become active in shaping policies that will determine the success of our community in the future. NLC sponsors various conferences which are attended by members of council who bring back valuable information.

(Continue on additional sheets as required)

Membership dues are scaled according to population. Las Cruces' dues are set at \$5,952.00 based on population data received of 74,267. The 2000 Census data found Las Cruces to be in the 70,0001 to 80,000 range.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Fund Name / Account Number	Amount of Expenditure	Budget Amount
General Fund – Council Dues 10100030-724400	\$5,952.00	\$10,370.00

1. Resolution.
2. National League of Cities Invoice Number 49128 - Exhibit "A".
3. Letter from National League of Cities dated December 1, 2009 - Attachment "A".

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes" and approve the Resolution to continue the City's participation in the National League of Cities.
2. Vote "No" to discontinue the City's participation in the National League of Cities.
3. Table the Resolution to a date specific to provide time to gather more information.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-168

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The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces desires to continue membership in the National League of Cities (NLC); and

WHEREAS, the NLC provides elected officials the opportunity to tap the experience and ability of municipal leaders nationwide, to get the information and answers necessary to make sound decisions for the success of our communities in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces has participated in this organization for several years; attending various conferences sponsored by NLC and bringing back valuable information; and

WHEREAS, the dues are set according to population.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the City of Las Cruces shall continue its membership to the National League of Cities.

(II)

THAT the City of Las Cruces shall submit membership dues in the amount

of \$5,952.00 and continue its membership from March 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011.

(III)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 200____.

(SEAL)

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____
Councillor Silva: _____
Councillor Connor: _____
Councillor Pedroza: _____
Councillor Small: _____
Councillor Sorg: _____
Councillor Thomas: _____



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 Strengthening & promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance

First Invoice

Membership Invoice

Printed: 12/1/2009

{Renewal Information}

Bill To:

City Customer #: 3180

Invoice: 49128

Terrence R. Moore - City Manager
 City of Las Cruces
 PO Box 20000
 Las Cruces, NM 88004-9002

Note: A municipality must be a current member of its State League to be a member of NLC.

Membership Type	Population	Begin Date	End Date
DMC / NLC/State League-Dues	74,267	03/01/2010	02/28/2011

Total: \$5,952.00
 Adjustments: \$0.00
 Payment: \$0.00
Amount Due: \$5,952.00

Voluntary Contributions

Legal Defense Fund contribution: suggested (5% of annual dues)	OR Other LDF contribution: _____
	\$297.60
Total with suggested contribution:	Total Payment: _____
	\$6,249.60

Joined: 05/01/1974

Is your Municipality taking advantage of their NLC Membership ?

NLC LEGAL DEFENSE FUND: In December 2002, the NLC board of directors authorized the creation of an NLC Legal Defense Fund. This fund will be supported in part by voluntary contributions from NLC members. The fund will cover fees for carefully selected litigation on behalf of municipalities where a court decision or regulatory ruling—either favorable or unfavorable—could have a significant impact.

The NLC board suggests that member cities make an annual contribution to of an amount equal to five (5) percent of their annual dues which is included in your invoice--voluntary contributions of any size are welcome. Funds collected will accumulate in an interest-bearing account. A committee of local government legal experts will oversee the fund's operations and select the cases on which NLC will intervene. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Spain at spain@nlc.org. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important initiative.

PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT TO:
 (include this stub with payment)

MEMBERSHIP LOCKBOX 4047
 National League of Cities
 PO Box 17425
 Baltimore, MD 21298-8220

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Customer #: 3180 Invoice: 49128
 Amount Due: \$5,952.00
 Payment: Check # _____
 Visa MasterCard
 Card # _____ Exp: _____

Print Name as it appears on Card

Authorized Signature

The Amount shown above is the amount of your city's annual dues for membership in the National League of Cities. It includes the cost of an annual subscription to Nation's Cities Weekly newspaper for eligible elected officials from your city. Questions or Corrections? Please contact the NLC Member Relations office at (202) 626-3100.

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cities as centers
of opportunity,
leadership, and
governance.

December 01, 2009

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Dear City Manager Moore:

Thank you for the support your community, a valued member of the National League of Cities, has given our organization.

NLC recognizes the very challenging environment confronted by local governments across the country and the fiscal constraints under which many cities and towns are currently operating. Because of these circumstances, membership dues for 2010 will not be increased, and the enclosed invoice for the period March 1, 2010 - February 28, 2011 reflects that decision. (NLC dues are scaled to population.)

NLC is the oldest, largest and most representative national organization serving local governments. As your collective voice in the Nation's Capital, NLC depends on your support to ensure the passage of national legislation and the adoption of federal policies favorable to local governments of all sizes, on the issues that concern you most. Membership in NLC also gives your community's elected and top appointed officials and staff the opportunity to tap the experience and ability of municipal leaders nationwide and to access the resources and information necessary for making sound decisions.

If you have any questions about renewing your community's NLC membership or about how to become more involved in NLC, I invite you to contact our Member Service Center at (202) 626-3100 or memberservices@nlc.org. Don't forget to visit our website, www.nlc.org.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Borut
Executive Director

Enclosure: First Invoice

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