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**Neisler, Harris and Middleton to Lead NC League**

*Selection of NCLM Officers, Board Announced Thursday at CityVision Conference*

(WILMINGTON, NC) – King’s Mountain Mayor Scott Neisler will lead the N.C. League of Municipalities as president over the next year.

Neisler was chosen by representatives from cities and towns across North Carolina via electronic vote held April 15-20, with his selection announced Thursday at NCLM’s annual conference, CityVision 2022, held in Wilmington, NC.

Joining Neisler as officers for the organization are Fuquay-Varina Town Commissioner Bill Harris and Durham Mayor Pro Tem Mark-Anthony Middleton, first and second vice presidents, respectively, and Salisbury Mayor Karen Alexander as immediate past president.

CityVision 2022 included in-depth sessions, presentations and discussions of key topics including community development, affordable housing, the federal American Rescue Plan, leadership, and climate resilience.

Neisler’s selection as president is the latest role in a long tenure of public service. Neisler served one term on the King’s Mountain city council beginning in 1989, and three terms as mayor beginning in 1991. He was then re-elected mayor in 2015. In addition to his elected positions, Neisler worked 37 years in his family’s textile business, Dicey Fabrics, and he is presently the general manager of radio station AM 1450 WGNC in Gastonia.

In his remarks at CityVision, Neisler lauded the accomplishments of his peers, and spoke of his vision for the future of the organization.

“The successes of our state and our cities and towns did not happen by accident. This next year will be no different as we tackle our biggest issues, move our state forward, and continue to serve our communities,” said Neisler.

League Executive Director Rose Vaughn Williams said Neisler, through his experience and commitment to public service, will bring strong leadership to the organization.

“It is due to local leaders like Mayor Neisler that our state is as strong as it is, and that our organization is as robust as it is. I could not be more proud to have Mayor Neisler, Commissioner Harris and Mayor Pro Tem Middleton, along with the entire Board of Directors, lead the NC League this coming year,” said Williams.

In addition to NCLM officers, newly elected members of the Board of Directors, chosen for either a first term or additional second term, are:

Mayor Elizabeth Morey, Southern Shores; Mayor Terry Mann, Whiteville; Councilmember TJ Walker, Rocky Mount; Alderwoman Sona Cooper, Spring Lake; Mayor Mike Horn, Lewisville; Mayor Pro Tem Phyllis Harris, Mount Holly; Councilmember Leonardo Williams, Durham; Mayor Pro Tem Yvonne Johnson, Greensboro; Councilmember Larken Egleston, Charlotte; Councilmember Owen Thomas, Lumberton; Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall, Albemarle; Councilmember John Ellen, Kure Beach; Tasha Logan Ford, Manager, High Point; Brenda Blanco, Clerk, New Bern; and Karen McDonald, Attorney, Fayetteville.

### *About the League*

The North Carolina League of Municipalities is a member-driven organization representing the interests of cities and towns in the state. Through their collective efforts, League member cities and towns better serve their residents and improve quality of life.

For more than 100 years, the League has been one voice for cities and towns working for a better North Carolina.