



## *Broomfield City Council Training and Travel Report*

Elected Official Name: Bob Gaiser

Date of Travel or Training: March 9-13, 2013

Description of Travel or Training: NLC Congressional Cities Conference

Total Amount Expended: Conference	\$ 400.00
Airfare:	\$ 195.80
Hotel:	\$ 1,410.64
Per Diem:	\$ 396.00
Misc:	\$ 150.00
Total:	\$2,552.44

Total Paid by Broomfield: \$2,402.44

Total Paid by Bob Gaiser: \$ 150.00

How this Travel or Training Benefitted the Citizens of Broomfield:

Broomfield is a member of the National League of Cities, the national organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States. Its mission is to strengthen and promote cities as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance. [www.NLC.org](http://www.NLC.org)

Working in partnership with the 49 state municipal leagues, the National League of Cities serves as a resource to and an advocate for the more than 18,000 cities, villages, and towns it represents. More than 1,600 municipalities of all sizes pay dues to NLC and actively participate as leaders and voting members in the organization.

I was nominated to the Human Development Policy Steering Committee by the President of the National League of Cities. The Human Development (HD) Committee is responsible for the development of policies on

employment and job training, early childhood development, TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families), unemployment insurances, income support programs, immigration and refugee policy, health and education, equal opportunity, and social services.

Since I was elected President of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Local Officials, I continue to be part of the National Group Leadership organization of the National League of Cities. Since I proposed a resolution in Boston last year and the First Vice President of the National League of Cities wanted me to pull that resolution, he offered that I could put together a Panel on the resolution to present to the FAIR committee. I was a Speaker on the Panel that was presented to the Fair committee on the resolution (attached below). I spoke on the ways that my relationship with my partner were not equal to the relationships that married couples faced. The FAIR committee ending up passing the resolution later that day and presented it to the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities to adopt in a fast track way as policy before June 1<sup>st</sup>. It is now before the board in the next few weeks for them to pass as policy of the NLC. This is a significant step by the NLC to support the Freedom to Marry of Gay and Lesbians including those who live in Broomfield.

I continue to be a Diamond member of the NLC Leadership Training Institute, the highest award available.

Broomfield with met with the staff of Congressman Jared Polis, Senator Michael Bennet, and Senator Mark Udall to talk about Broomfield issues. We talked about our Applied Science and Research Park and funding that was passed for that. We talked about the transportation needs of Broomfield and how we can get the funding that Broomfield needs.

#### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE  
FAIR Steering Committee and Speaker for their panel  
OPENING GENERAL SESSION  
GLBTLO Business Meeting  
Western Municipal Association  
NLC Conference with Wells Fargo

Joint Constituency Group Reception and Speaker

GENERAL SESSION

Reducing Gun Violence in American's Cities

NLC Group Leader's Meeting

COLORADO ISSUES BRIEFING (COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE)

GENERAL SESSION

Comprehensive Immigration Reform

EPA discussion on Waste Water Treatment

Meetings with the staff of Jared Polis, Michael Bennet, and Mark Udall to talk about Broomfield issues.

Here is the resolution that I authored with some editing from the FAIR committee:

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE FREEDOM TO MARRY AND FEDERAL NON-DISCRIMINATION FOR GAY AND LESBIAN COUPLES**

1. **WHEREAS**, the National League of Cities adopted a resolution in 1992 encouraging the military to end discrimination against gays, lesbians and bisexuals; and
2. **WHEREAS**, the National League of Cities adopted a resolution in 1998 in support of hate-crimes legislation; and
3. **WHEREAS**, the National League of Cities adopted a resolution in 2004 affirming local authority over marriage; and
4. **WHEREAS**, in 2012 over 180 mayors from across the nation, many of them members of the National League of Cities, pledged to support ending the exclusion of same-sex couples from marriage and repealing federal marriage discrimination under the Defense of Marriage Act; and
5. **WHEREAS**, as officials of great American cities, we personally know many gay and lesbian people living in our cities who are in committed, long-term relationships, who are active participants in the civic life of our communities, and who deserve to be able to marry the person with whom they share their life; and
6. **WHEREAS**, our cities derive great strength from their diversity, and gay and lesbian families are a crucial part of that diversity; and
7. **WHEREAS**, allowing same-sex couples the freedom to marry enhances the

economic competitiveness of our communities, and improves the lives of families that call our cities home; therefore

**8. BE IT RESOLVED** that the National League of Cities supports the full inclusion of all families in the life of our nation, with equal respect, responsibility, and protection under the law, including the freedom to marry. We support the overturning of the federal Defense of Marriage Act, and oppose discriminatory constitutional amendments and other attempts to deny the freedom to marry.