Colleagues - Here is my report following my brief trip to NLC’s Congress of Cities.

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**Broomfield City Council Training and Travel Report**

Elected Official Name: **Mayor Pro-Tem Bette Erickson**

Date of Travel & Training: **Arrived Sunday, Mar 10 and returned Tues., Mar 12**

Description: **Annual NLC Congressional Cities Conference in Washington, DC**

Total Amount Expended: **$2,020**

(Includes airfare, hotel, registration, and all other reimbursements.)

**How this Travel & Training was of benefit to the participant and Broomfield citizens:**

The National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference (held each spring) serves as a forum for communication and networking among locally elected officials, city managers, staff and attorneys from across the nation.

America and its cities face great challenges. We gather annually to face these challenges together to learn firsthand from experiences of our peers. Members share their insight and expertise, addressing important topics relevant to municipalities, as well as best practices for the day-to-day work of governing.

I took Mon., Tues., and Wednesday off work, hiring a house-sitter for my dog, to attend this conference.

All day Sunday and Tues., pm were primarily spent traveling, while Monday and Tuesday morning were dedicated to meetings.

While in Washington, DC I participated in the NLC Institute for Youth, Education and Families meetings (an organization I am appointed to). The IYEF focus is to make education, safety and health of families and children in our community a priority. I was also invited to the NLC’s Mayors Education Task Force meeting where we discussed after school options for America’s students. I shared some examples from Colorado.

Other meetings included:
• One of the general sessions included a dialog with Kellyanne Conway who reminded attendees infrastructure, potholes, water and transportation are non-partisan issues.

• At the Monday evening Colorado Issues Briefing, reps and others from throughout Colorado met and socialized while CML’s Sam Mamet delivered his last Colorado Issues Briefing before retirement.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Bette Erickson