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Cambridge Commissioner Spatty Cephas Appointed to Serve on National League of Cities' Council on Youth, Education, and Families

Cambridge, Maryland (February 23, 2023). Spatty Cephas, Ward 4 Commissioner and Chair *Pro Tem* of the Commissioners of Cambridge, has been appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2023 Council on Youth, Education, and Families. Commissioner Cephas was elected to a one-year NLC term to develop and guide programs among local elected officials from similar communities. The appointment was announced by NLC President Mayor Victoria Woodards of Tacoma, Washington.

As a member of NLC's Council on Youth, Education, and Families, Commissioner Cephas will play a key role among a diverse group of local leaders to encourage collaboration, networking, and the development of programs beneficial to communities that share demographics and size to the City of Cambridge.

Commissioner Cephas believes where there are no young people there is no growth, and where there's no seasoned individuals there is a lack of wisdom. A collective mindset is the key to bridging the gap and cultivating the next generation as well as the generations to come. Youth, education and family are the key components for a vibrant community in today's climate.

"Our member councils give voice to what's happening on the ground in our communities," said NLC President Mayor Victoria Woodards of Tacoma, Washington. "I am proud to have Commissioner Cephas join NLC's Council on Youth, Education, and Families. Together with a team of local leaders from around the country, we will work to address the toughest challenges facing our communities and ensure that America's cities, towns and villages have the resources they need to thrive."

The leadership of this year's council will consist of Co-Chairs Van Johnson, Mayor, Savannah, GA and Gloria Solorio, Councilmember, Avondale, AZ; Vice Chairs Vanessa Fuentes, Councilmember of Austin, TX and Becky Hayes, Councilmember, Forest Hills, TX. For more information on NLC's member councils, visit: <https://www.nlc.org/current-initiatives/member-councils-2/>.

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