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**Samuel Gaskins Appointed to Serve on National League of Cities'
Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee**

WASHINGTON — January 22, 2018 — Samuel Gaskins, City Councilman, Sanford, NC, has been appointed to the [National League of Cities](#) (NLC) 2018 [Energy, Environment and Natural Resources](#) (EENR) federal advocacy committee. This committee has the lead responsibility for developing NLC's federal policy positions on issues involving air quality, water quality, energy policy, national wetlands policy, noise control and solid and hazardous waste management. The appointment was announced by NLC President Mark Stodola, mayor of Little Rock, Arkansas.

With his industrial and chemical background, Mr. Gaskins will be able to be a strong contributor to the areas of energy and environmental concern for the people of the Sanford and Lee County area especially with the local concerns regarding hydraulic fracturing (fracking) and coal ash disposal.

As a committee member, Mr. Gaskins will play a key role in shaping NLC's policy positions and advocate on behalf of America's cities and towns before Congress, with the administration and at home.

"Serving on an NLC committee is one of the most effective ways for a local official to advocate for their community in Washington," said **NLC President Stodola**. "I am thrilled to have Sam Gaskins join a team of local leaders from around the country working to craft our policy platform and to solve the most pressing challenges facing our communities."

The leadership of this year's committee will consist of Chair Cynthia Pratt, deputy mayor, Lacey, Washington; and Vice Chairs Hattie Portis Jones, mayor pro tem, Fairburn, Georgia; and Gerry Horak, mayor pro tem, Fort Collins, Colorado.

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