

## Task Force Member Biographies



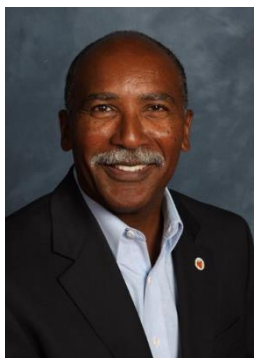
### **Judge Gary Moore, Boone County, Kentucky | *Task Force Co-Chair***

Gary W. Moore was first elected Judge/Executive – the highest elected county office in the state of Kentucky – for Boone County in 1998. His county is the fourth largest and one of the fastest growing counties in the state. In his current position, Judge Moore has placed a strong focus on promoting public safety through the formation of local partnerships, most notably overseeing a merger between the county’s sheriff and police departments and the creation of a public safety campus that includes a jail, law enforcement offices and a fire training center.



### **Mayor Mark Stodola, Little Rock, Arkansas | *Task Force Co-Chair***

Mark Stodola began his term as Mayor in Little Rock in January 2007 and he was re-elected to a 2nd term beginning in 2011. He is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the NLC. Mayor Stodola was formerly a city attorney and a prosecuting attorney focusing on gang violence. He was recognized nationally by the Department of Justice for creating an innovative juvenile diversion program and drafting legislation, including the Arkansas Safe Schools Act, the Arkansas Gang Organization and Enterprise Act and the Arkansas Drug Abatement Act



### **Mayor and Councilmember Walter Allen, III, Corvina, California**

Walter Allen, III has served on the Corvina City Council since 1997 and is the current Mayor. He was appointed by former Governor Schwarzenegger to serve as the as the Director of the California Youth Authority and the chief of the law enforcement branch of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). He is the Past President and Executive Board Member of the California Narcotic Officers’ Association, a member of the National WeTip Executive Board, and a member of the Citrus Valley Health Partners Board of Directors.

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### **Executive Director Geoff Beckwith, Massachusetts Municipal Association**

Geoff Beckwith has served as Executive Director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) for over 24 years. In this post, Beckwith is the MMA's CEO as well as the President/CEO of the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA), the MMA's municipal insurance program. Prior to this position Beckwith served as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives for 6 years. Beckwith is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities.



### **Commissioner Matthew Bell, Weber County, Utah**

Matthew G. Bell was sworn into office as a Weber County Commissioner in 2013 and currently serves as vice-chair of NACo's Justice and Public Safety Policy Committee. Commissioner Bell has served Weber County for over 30 years, beginning with a role as a member of the county's Sheriffs' Jeep Patrol and including years of experience as a Lieutenant with the Weber County Sheriffs' Office. Commissioner Bell also has years of experience in the private sector as a former business owner.



### **Commissioner Doug Corcoran, Ross County, Ohio**

Doug Corcoran has served on the Ross County Board of Commissioners since 2005 and currently also serves as the president of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio. He was born and raised in Ross County. Growing up on a family farm as one of 16 siblings, Commissioner Corcoran worked on the farm and in other private sector positions through 2004, when he began his public service career as Economic Development Director for the City of Chillicothe.

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### **County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper, Erie County, Pennsylvania**

Kathy Dahlkemper took office as the Erie County Executive on January 7th, 2014. Previously, she served from 2009-2011 in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing the 3rd Congressional District of Pennsylvania; she was the first woman elected to hold this position. During her tenure in Congress, she served on the Agriculture Committee, Science & Technology Committee and the Small Business Committee, and authored legislation that allows young adults to remain on their parents' health insurance up until the age of 26 under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).



### **City Manager Lee Feldman, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida**

Lee R. Feldman has served as City Manager for the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida since 2011. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Feldman served as City Manager for the City of Palm Bay, Florida and for the City of North Miami Beach. His numerous professional affiliations include serving as President-Elect of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), as a member of the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency National Advisory Council, and as a member of the National League of Cities Public Safety and Crime Prevention Federal Advocacy Committee.



### **Commissioner Vidya Kora, LaPorte County, Indiana**

Dr. Vidya Kora has served as LaPorte County Commissioner since 2013 and also practices internal medicine in Michigan City, Indiana. Previously, he served as the Chairman of the Department of Medicine at the Memorial Hospital of Michigan City. Dr. Kora currently serves on the Northern Indiana Regional Board of the Franciscan Alliance, the Board of Unity Foundation of LaPorte County and as a Delegate from Indiana to the American Medical Association.

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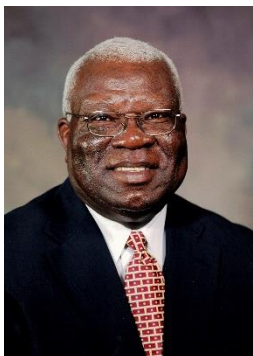
### **Councilmember Leta Mach, Greenbelt, Maryland**

Leta Mach was elected to the Greenbelt City Council in 2003. She has served on numerous local and national committees including the National League of Cities Human Development Steering Committee and Maryland Municipal League Convention Planning Committee. At the Washington Council of Governments and its affiliates, she is chair of the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee. She also serves as the secretary of the Prince George's Elected Municipal Women.



### **Council President Ceasar Mitchell, Atlanta, Georgia**

Ceasar C. Mitchell has served as 7th President of the Atlanta City Council since 2010. President Mitchell's past leadership roles include chair of the influential Public Safety Committee, the Community Development/Human Resources Committee, and the City Utilities Committee. Mitchell has held board directorships on behalf of civic, legal and community affairs organizations including Chairman of the Board of Directors for Hands On Atlanta.



### **Council Member Waymon Mumford, Florence County, South Carolina**

Dr. Waymon Mumford was elected to the Florence County Council in 1994 after years of service as Chief of Police for the City of Florence. Reverend Mumford is also an ordained minister and serves as the Pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Florence. He is Vice Moderator for the Pee Dee Baptist Association, Vice Moderator for the Florence and Affiliated Counties Baptist Educational and Missionary Union and member of the Trustee Board for Morris College.

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### **Councilmember Joel Navarro, Tempe, Arizona**

Joel Navarro has served on the Tempe City Council since 2012. He previously served as a captain/paramedic with the Phoenix Fire Department, where he gained experience working with other public safety agencies across Maricopa County. Joel is currently the first vice president of the Hispanic Elected Local Officials (HELO) and sits on the board of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) as well as the Public Safety & Crime Prevention Federal Advocacy Committee for the National League of Cities.



### **Supervisor Leticia Perez, Kern County, California**

Leticia Perez has served the people of Kern County since 2006, when she began her public service as an attorney in the county public defender's office. She has also served as the chair of the Kern County Planning Commission, in addition to her current position on the county's Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Perez also has extensive private sector experience, working as a community banker at Wells Fargo and as a representative of the Wells Fargo Foundation.



### **County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Erie County, New York**

Mark Poloncarz was sworn in as Erie County Executive in 2012. In this role, he opened the Erie County Health Mall, a collaboration of various health partners to provide essential medical, dental, behavioral health and education services to under-served county residents. Executive Poloncarz has also released "Initiatives for a Stronger Community," his health and human services plan for Erie County, and "Initiatives for a Smart Economy," which represents his administration's approach to a comprehensive, innovative approach to economic development.



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### **Commissioner Greg Puckett, Mercer County, West Virginia**

Greg Puckett has served as Mercer County Commissioner since 2014. He is also the Executive Director of Community Connections Inc., a West Virginia-based private, non-profit corporation dedicated to improving the lives of children and families on a local, regional and statewide level. In this capacity, he serves on several state committees, including the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction and the West Virginia Endangered Children Task Force. Commissioner Puckett has also served as the Director for the Mercer County Drug Free Community Support Program.



### **County Executive Steve Schuh, Anne Arundel County, Maryland**

Steve Schuh has served as Anne Arundel County Executive since 2014. Previously, he served two terms in the Maryland General Assembly, representing Maryland's District 31. During this time he served on the Economic Matters Committee and was chosen by his colleagues to serve as Chairman of the Anne Arundel County Delegation to the House of Delegates. County Executive Schuh has served on the boards of United Way of Central Maryland and the American Red Cross of the Chesapeake Region.



### **Commissioner Judy Shiprack, Multnomah County, Oregon**

Judy Shiprack has served as Multnomah County Commissioner since 2008. Previously, she served as a prosecutor in the county attorney's office. In 1986, she was elected to the state legislature, where she chaired the House Housing and Urban Development Committee and the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil Law and Judicial Administration. Commissioner Shiprack has also served as a legislative trustee for Citizens for a Drug Free Oregon and currently chairs the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee of NACo's Justice and Public Safety Policy Committee.

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### **Mayor Nan Whaley, Dayton, Ohio**

Nan Whaley has served as Mayor of Dayton since November of 2013. Nan has previously served on the Montgomery County Board of Elections and as a deputy to Montgomery County Auditor Karl Keith. She currently serves on Greater Ohio Community Revitalization Committee, the Learn to Earn Executive Committee for Education, the Montgomery County Planning Commission, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees, and the Dayton Development Coalition Board of Trustees.



### **Police Chief Nick Willard, Manchester, New Hampshire**

Nick Willard took office as Manchester's Police Chief in 2015. Willard began his career in public service in the United States Air Force, and has previously served in the Sanbornton, New Hampshire Police Department. Rising through the ranks in Manchester, Willard has served as the Investigative Division Commander, a Detective Captain, and Assistant Chief of Police before being confirmed to the post of Chief.



### **Council Member Lavonta Williams, Wichita, Kansas**

Lavonta Williams has served as City Council Member since 2007 and in 2009 became the first woman elected from her district and the first African American woman to serve in the Vice Mayor position. Lavonta previously worked for Wichita Public Schools as a classroom educator for 28 years and the director of after-school programs for 7 years – a total of 35 years of service with youth. Council Member Williams is a member of the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities and the Secretary for the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO).

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### **Mayor Steve Williams, Huntington, West Virginia**

Steve Williams was elected as Huntington's 47th mayor on Nov. 6, 2012. He began serving as the city's director of economic development in 1984 and, later that same year, he was named the youngest city manager in Huntington's history. Under Williams' leadership, Huntington has become a statewide leader and has gained national recognition for a number of initiatives, most notably the establishment of the Mayor's Office of Drug Control Policy.