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SHREVEPORT CITY COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL AFFAIRS DR. RJ JOHNSON RE-APPOINTED TO 3RD TERM SERVING ON NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES HUMAN DEVELOPMENT FEDERAL ADVOCACY COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL ON YOUTH, EDUCATION, AND FAMILIES

SHREVEPORT, LA— Dr. RJ Johnson, City of Shreveport's Director of Council Affairs of Shreveport, Louisiana has been re-appointed to both the [National League of Cities](#) (NLC) 2026 Human Development Federal Advocacy Committee and Council on Youth, Education, and Families. Director Johnson was re-appointed to his 3rd one-year term and will provide strategic direction and guidance for NLC's federal advocacy agenda and policy priorities on workforce development, education, early childhood, public health care, mental health parity, immigration reform and more. The appointment was announced by NLC President Kevin Kramer, Councilmember of Louisville, Kentucky.

"It has been an honor to serve on these bodies for the last 3 years and to continue to represent our city with these appointments, recognizing the profound impact it can hold for the City of Shreveport. Having a seat at these tables has allowed me to learn and collaborate with my colleagues across the nation as we aim to foster growth, empower individuals, and build better communities that thrive on the principles of human development and better support our youth, education, and families. I have been able to share and bring back ideas and policies that will help improve our community," said Dr. RJ Johnson.

As a member of NLC's Human Development Committee, Dr. Johnson will play a key role in shaping NLC's policy positions and advocate on behalf of America's cities, towns and villages before Congress, with the administration and at home. In his capacity on NLC's Council on Youth, Education, and Families, Dr. Johnson will play a key role among a diverse group of local leaders to encourage collaboration, networking and the development of resources and programs beneficial to communities that share demographics, size or location that can be replicated across the country.

"NLC's federal advocacy committees are vital for uplifting the voices and needs of America's 19,000 cities, towns, and villages to decision-makers in Washington," said National League of Cities President Kevin Kramer "I am excited to work with Director Johnson and look forward to supporting their vision and leadership as they serve on the Human Development Federal Advocacy Committee and Youth, Education, and Families Council this year and help grow the partnership between local and federal leaders."

The leadership of this year's Human Development Committee will consist of Chair Danielle Trumble, Mayor of Morgantown, West Virginia; Vice Chair Michael O'Connor, Mayor of Frederick, Maryland; and Vice Chair Berdetta Hodge, Councilmember of Tempe, Arizona.

The Youth, Education, and Families Council leadership this year will include Chair Mayor Sonja Brown, Glenn Heights, Texas; Vice-Chair Councilmember Denise Mitchell, College Park, Maryland; and Vice-Chair Mayor Scott Brook, Coral Springs, Florida.

For more information on NLC's federal advocacy committees, visit: <https://www.nlc.org/advocacy/federal-advocacy-committees/>.
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