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**APPOINTED TO LEAD THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES' REAL COUNCIL
MAYOR ROCIO TREMINIO-LOPEZ, COUNCIL MEMBER MARCUS MONROE
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JAMES D. GASTON, III**

BRENTWOOD, MD—[Mayor Rocio Treminio Lopez](#), [Council Member Marcus Monroe](#) along with [Town Administrator James D. Gaston, III](#), have been appointed to the [National League of Cities](#) (NLC) [2024 Race, Equity And Leadership \(REAL\)](#) Council. Mayor Rocio Treminio Lopez, Council Member (CM) Marcus Monroe, and Town Administrator (TA) James D. Gaston, III, have been elected to a one (1) year term to develop and guide programs among local elected officials from similar communities. The appointment was announced by NLC President Mayor-Elect David Sander of [Rancho Cordova, CA](#).

Mayor Lopez stated: *My service on the NLC REAL Committee is to continue fighting the inequality that paralyzes the growth of our communities of color. I would like to expand the message so that together we can tear down the walls of racial discrimination.*

CM Monroe stated: *that serving on the committee will be a key step toward reinforcing our Town's commitment to racial equity. It will be beneficial to our progress to be able to tap into a national network of colleagues who are dedicated to eliminating racial disparities in our communities.*

As a member of the *REAL Council*, Mayor Lopez, CM Monroe, and TA Gaston 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.

Our member council plays an integral role in NLC's work, bringing local leaders together to share ideas and inform NLC policy about the issues and challenges facing every kind of community in America, said **NLC President Mayor David Sander of Rancho Cordova, CA**. *I'm excited to have Mayor Lopez, CM Monroe, & TA Gaston continue their service on NLC's REAL Council. The council will ensure that all our cities, owners, and villages have access to ideas and resources they can use to thrive.*

This year's NLC REAL Council leadership will consist of [Chair Christopher Jones, Council Member, Harrisonburg, Virginia](#); [Chair Ty Stober, Mayor Pro Tem, Vancouver, Washington](#); [Vice Chair Karlene Maxwell Williams, Commissioner, Lauderdale Lakes, Florida](#); and [Vice Chair DeDreana Freeman, Council Member, Durham, North Carolina](#). For more information on NLC's member councils, visit: <https://www.nlc.org/current-initiatives/member-councils-2/>

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