

**Submitted by Councilman Larry Clark, Board of Directors Member to the League of California Cities:**

**League of California Cities  
Highlights of the League Board Meeting  
February 9-10, 2007  
Oakland**

**Strategic Goal No. 1: Expand Infrastructure Investment.** The League's top priority this year will be to work for fair and effective implementation of the 2006 infrastructure bonds, consistent with the needs of California cities. The League's infrastructure task force, with input from the five League policy committees that considered bond implementation issues, developed guidelines for the League to use in addressing legislative and regulatory proposals for implementation of the November 2006 bond package.

The board thoroughly discussed the guidelines and approved them with some minor changes. The task force and the board of directors will continue to work toward desirable outcomes for Californians and for cities of all sizes.

**Strategic Goal No. 2: Eminent Domain Reform.** The League's second goal for 2007 is to secure enactment of statutory and constitutional reforms to the laws governing the use of eminent domain for private economic development purposes. The board reviewed efforts underway to build support for eminent domain reform and discussed the provisions that should be advocated. More information will be provided on this issue when the proposed language becomes available.

**Board Names 2007 Nominating Committee.** The board appointed a nominating committee to nominate League officers and at-large directors. The nominating committee will also make recommendations to the board concerning support for the candidacy of California city officials seeking election to the NLC board of directors.

The committee consists of eleven members, including representatives of eight designated regional divisions, one League department and two at-large directors. The committee will report its recommendations at the annual conference in September. Any city official who wishes to communicate with the nominating committee or to be considered for the position of second vice-president, at-large director, or NLC director may contact the committee through Mimi Sharpe at [msharpe@cacities.org](mailto:msharpe@cacities.org) or 916-568-8232.

**The Grassroots Network—How Is it Working?** In 2001, the League membership voted overwhelmingly to create the League's Grassroots Network, including adding sixteen regional representatives to the staff and increasing League dues to finance the program. These actions also stipulated that before

the end of 2007, the membership would vote again on whether the Grassroots Network should be continued. This vote will occur during the League annual conference in Sacramento, Sept. 5-8, 2007.

Board members expressed enthusiastic support for the Grassroots Network and voted to sponsor the annual conference resolution calling for its continuation. Board members noted our grassroots activity has propelled the League to success in:

- Securing constitutional revenue protection (Proposition 1A, 2004);
- Preserving local authority over land use decisions (through the defeat of Proposition 90 in 2006);
- Fundraising for vital political action; and
- Focusing effective grassroots action on key state legislative issues.

A confidential survey of randomly selected mayors, council members and city managers will inform the membership about members' attitudes towards the League's advocacy programs, and the Grassroots Network in particular.

**Childhood Obesity Prevention Community Action Guide.** The board was briefed on and accepted a recent community action guide on preventing childhood obesity by the CCS Partnership which is available on the Partnership's website at <http://www.ccspartnership.org>