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## Village of Maywood Partners with National League Cities and Department of Labor to Create New Jobs

The Village of Maywood is proud to join a new peer-learning cohort led by the National League of Cities (NLC) and the *Department of Labor* (DOL) to accelerate city efforts to design, develop, and launch a workforce initiative to build pathways into good jobs. The Good Jobs, Great Cities Learning Network will work with municipalities to spur innovative and scalable city-supported solutions that upskill and reskill workers into quality, high-demand jobs in infrastructure, clean energy, and advanced manufacturing jobs made possible by investments from the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* (BIL), the *CHIPS and Science Act*, and the *Inflation Reduction Act* (IRA).

*Good Jobs, Great Cities* Academy will benefit from the unique opportunity to engage with NLC, USDOL, other federal agencies, national thought leaders and their peer cities to:

- ✓ Identify and convene employers and other stakeholders within a targeted subsector relating to infrastructure, clean energy, or advanced manufacturing evolving long term economic vitality
- ✓ Identify and address gaps and/or shortcomings in their education and workforce ecosystem, allowing them to develop new, or scale existing successful initiatives
- ✓ Be better positioned to address the multi-faceted structural issues many groups of workers face (including opportunity youth, women, workers of color, Indigenous workers, workers in rural communities, justice impacted individuals, veterans, parenting workers, etc.) in accessing good jobs, and connect such workers to equitable and meaningful postsecondary and workforce opportunities;
- ✓ Learn how to effectively leverage and allocate funds and other resources to support their goals for addressing their workforce needs
- ✓ Strengthen policy and practice by intentionally building connections to supportive services for workers, and connecting to the care economy (including childcare, healthcare and mental health as key supports for workers)

"As we look forward to Moving Maywood Forward Together, I could not be happier about the partnership and collaboration with NLC and the federal government. We are excited to continue shifting the culture here in the Village of Eternal Light, says *Mayor Nathaniel George Booker*."



## VILLAGE PRESIDENT, Mayor Nathaniel George Booker

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