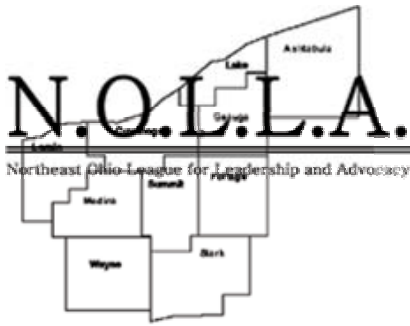


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NOLLA/NOACA JOINT ADVOCACY DRAFT STRATEGY SUMMARY

KEY ISSUE AREAS:

TRANSPORTATION

1. Restore long-term solvency of Highway Trust Fund (Federal)
2. Additional funding for public transit (State)

ENVIRONMENT

1. Create National Water Quality Trust Fund (Federal)
2. Additional funding for air and water quality (State)

ECONOMY

1. Restore CDBG cuts (Federal)
2. Support alternative energy initiative (State)
3. Eminent Domain for Economic Development (State)

OTHERS

1. Restore Local Government Funds to 2001 pre-freeze levels with 3% increase (State)
2. Child Protection and Services- Increase/reinstate current allocations and subsidies for adoption; foster parent and kinship care programs; state match of child support allocation; Navigator programs; fund respite, legal and other kinship care support and services; state child protection line item; and Bureau of Children with Medical Handicaps (State)
3. Estate tax (State)

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL TARGETS:

FEDERAL

Draft advocacy papers for three main issue areas (May)
Review State of the Union and President's proposed budget (June)
Adjust and amend for final draft (July)

STATE

Draft advocacy papers for three main issue areas (April)
Meet with new administration on main issue areas (April)
Review new administrations proposed budget (April)
Adjust and amend for final draft (May)

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REGIONAL PARTNERS

Share drafts with NE Ohio and local Mayors and Managers, First Suburbs, CCAO, OTA and Ohio Municipal League (April/May)

Find common themes (April/May)

Issue joint papers/statements on identified common themes (May)

LOCAL COOPERATION

Build local coalition within NOACA/NOLLA region (On-going)

Build NOLLA membership (On-going)

TACTICAL:

Federal

- Form delegation to deliver message to new members of Congress, especially new leadership of key committees
- Invite key members of Ohio delegation to joint event prior to new term
- Provide written and oral testimony to key committees during budget hearings

State

- Form delegation to deliver message to new members of Administration and State legislature, especially leadership of key committees
- Invite regional members of legislature to joint event prior to new term
- Provide written and oral testimony to key committees during budget hearings

NOT YET A MEMBER, JOIN NOLLA NOW!

There are no costs or fees associated with joining NOLLA. Currently administrated out of the Cuyahoga County Office of Government Services Coordination and co-chaired by Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones (Cuyahoga) and Commissioner Steve Hambley (Medina), NOLLA welcomes all public entities and governments to join efforts with their neighbors, for the good of the Northeast Ohio region.

Eligible entities:

Any public sector agency in the counties of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull and Wayne.

Current Members by Official Resolution:

Cuyahoga County

Lorain County

Medina County

GCRTA

City of Brunswick (Medina Co.)

City of Medina (Medina Co.)

City of Wickliffe (Lake Co.)

Village of East Sparta (Stark Co.)

Village of Jefferson (Ashtabula Co.)

Village of Walton Hills (Cuyahoga Co.)

More information is available at the NOLLA website:

<http://www.cuyahogacounty.us/bocc/GSC/NOLLA.htm>