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### U. City enters National Partnership to Foster Diversity and Inclusion

University City today joined a growing number of cities across the nation in a partnership to build inclusive communities. The initiative aims to increase citizen participation and engagement, while promoting equal opportunity and fairness.

The *Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities* is led by the National League of Cities (NLC). It unites city leaders who support racial justice and inclusionary zoning as well as those who celebrate the diversity of race, religions and cultures.

“By joining this partnership University City is not only reaffirming its dedication to its citizens locally, but its commitment to building a nation of inclusion,” said NLC President, James C. Hunt, councilmember from Clarksburg, West Virginia. “Through this partnership we hope to bring together the collective will of cities in order to build strong, viable communities across the nation.”

As part of its commitment, University City has passed a resolution reaffirming its pledge to promote inclusion. The city will also display a sign that serves an indicator and daily reminder to its citizens that the city is working to build inclusive communities.

“Although our motto reads: University City, a community of culture, education and diversity, it bears repeating,” said City Manager, Julie Feier. “Our only job is to serve the U. City community. And every day presents opportunities to exemplify inclusion of those who live, work and play here. We are pleased to join this national effort.”

Members of the Partnership will:

- Raise awareness of the importance and value of inclusive communities;
- Motivate other cities and towns to make this commitment;
- Support local officials’ efforts towards affordable housing, race and ethnic relations, and equal citizen participation in community decision-making;
- Share insights, experiences, and lessons learned; and
- Recognize, publicize, and celebrate the collective work of the Partnership.

Hunt added, “When we join together to solve this problem, we bring together the collective will of the greatest country that has ever existed. We bring together the rich and the poor, the young and the old, the educated and the uneducated.”

To learn more about the Partnership, visit: [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org).

The NLC is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 18,000 U.S. cities, towns and villages, which collectively serve 225 million people.

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