

Nomination for NCLM Board of Directors – District 8 Representative

Franco McGee, Councilmember – City of Monroe, North Carolina

It is with a deep sense of purpose and commitment to advancing municipalities across North Carolina that I submit my nomination for the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) Board of Directors as the District 8 Representative.

My leadership journey has been shaped by resilience, growth, and an unwavering dedication to public service. After first serving the residents of Monroe, I experienced both the challenge and clarity that came with an electoral defeat in 2021. That moment refined my perspective, strengthened my resolve, and deepened my connection to the community I serve. In 2023, I was re-elected with a renewed mandate—grounded not only in experience, but in a more evolved, forward-thinking vision for municipal leadership.

Now in my second term, I lead with a transformational and visionary mindset—one that prioritizes strategic growth, inclusive engagement, and measurable outcomes. My approach to governance is rooted in collaboration, innovation, and the belief that municipalities serve as the foundational engines of opportunity, economic mobility, and quality of life for our residents.

Leadership Philosophy & Vision

I believe that municipal leadership must evolve to meet the complexity of today's challenges. My leadership is guided by a commitment to transformational governance, visionary economic development, collaborative regionalism, and thought leadership in public service.

Qualifications & Experience

As a Councilmember for the City of Monroe, I have been actively engaged in initiatives that reflect both local impact and regional significance. These include supporting strategic economic development investments, championing transparency and accountability, advancing workforce development conversations, and strengthening partnerships between municipal government, industry, and community organizations.

Commitment to Leadership Excellence

I am deeply committed to continuous growth as a leader. I have completed advanced leadership development through the UNC Chapel Hill School of Government Advanced Leadership Corps and the NC Rural Leadership Program. These experiences have strengthened my ability to lead with clarity, adapt to complex challenges, and collaborate effectively across diverse constituencies.

Why NCLM & Why Now

The mission of NCLM—Working As One. Advancing All.—aligns directly with my leadership philosophy. As District 8 Representative, I will bring a proven ability to connect local priorities with statewide strategy, a forward-thinking lens on economic development and workforce alignment, and a commitment to equity, transparency, and collaborative leadership.

This nomination is not simply about representation—it is about responsibility. Responsibility to lead with integrity, to think boldly, and to work collaboratively to advance all communities across North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,
Franco McGee
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