

# 再次採訪 Matthew Zone 市議員



劃改良，他在他的職業生涯里一直為大眾創造機會，目的讓民眾生活更好。

當我問到他對未來克里夫蘭的經濟目標，克利夫蘭基礎，設施投資等的看法時，他表示：就克利夫蘭湖邊項目，一個1億美元的投資，連接克利夫蘭的西側社區到伊利湖畔，這意味着要與開發商合作，以確保克利夫蘭新發展。自從他上任以來，克利夫蘭建立了超過1000套永久性支持性住房，包括將受污染的Eveready電池廠廠房改造成克利夫蘭市最大的住宅開發項目。

另外自2007年以來，90個新業務開放有結果，其中最充滿活力的是藝術區，在接下來的12個月里，在他上任期間，他將選擇把經濟移動和機會當核心。目前美國正在組建一個經濟

移動工作隊，聚集來自全國各地的市長和議員，為這些令人難以置信的重要問題提供領導方向，幫助人們走上全國各城市的經濟階梯。

Matt最近代表克里夫蘭政府剛從中國上海交流回來，他在上海經濟開發區做主講，未來克里夫蘭以及全美一定會歡迎更多的企業家來美國投資，如同中國福耀玻璃廠在俄亥俄州Daton已經建成有規模的工廠，雙方都有利益。

Mett，他們的大家族在18世紀就來到了美國，Matt的父親Michael參加二戰，父母在1944年結婚，戰爭結束後，回到克里夫蘭就忙於建設社區文化，他們大家族創建銀行，球隊和辦了一份報紙，為社區做了許多貢獻，現在在克里夫蘭的民眾娛樂中心就用了他爸爸的名字命名。

Matt的父親Michael在1974年因心臟病突發，當時叫救護車等了一個小時，由於時間拖得太長，父親離開了人間。Matt的母親Mary看着先生由於救護車來得太晚，離開人間，她發誓自己要做點什麼來拯救其他人。Matt的母親站到了前面，他是克里夫蘭第一位意大利籍的女人做了市議員，當時克里夫蘭的市長是George

Voinovich。她要為大家做實事，她開創了emergency medical service。只要你打911電話，10分鐘之內就到您家。

Matt的父母都是市議員，都在為社區為民眾服務，Mett告訴我，她11歲開始跟媽媽到處跑，媽媽開大小會議都帶着他，從11歲到18歲之間，Mett總是參與了各項政治活動，他們一家出了三個市議員，他們也許讓我明白：兒女的成長過程，父母的言行是最好的榜樣，付出是家族最好的遺產！

11月28日，我在克利夫蘭市政府再次採訪了Matthew Zone，他是克里夫蘭第15區的市議員，他被選上2017 President National League of Cities。這是克利夫蘭的榮耀，克利夫蘭前市長George Voinovich曾經也任過主席，這個組織在美國有着舉足輕重的地位。

Matt表示：我將努力創建聯邦-地方合作夥伴關係，主要關注白宮和國會。在他任期過程中，他將積極幫助各地的居民實現夢想。同時他談到他在克利夫蘭的工作，這麼多年來他一直從事着鄰里之間的行政工作並且參與經濟策



Councilman Zone with ECJ Publisher Pu Ying at Cleveland City Hall

## Councilmember Matt Zone Elected President National League of Cities!

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National League of Cities President Launches Economic Mobility and Opportunity Task Force

A position usually held by city mayors, Councilman Zone now leads the largest and most representative membership and advocacy organization for city officials in the United States.

Councilman Zone was installed as president of the National League of Cities (NLC) on November 19, 2016 and now leads the organization for a one-year term, during which he will play a key role in shaping NLC's national and global priorities and directing the organization's advocacy, education, research and membership activities.

The first (and last) Clevelander to hold the position of President of the National League of Cities was former U.S. Senator George Voinovich, who served as its President in 1985 while Mayor of Cleveland. Councilman Matt Zone is the second Clevelander to be honored as the President of the National League of Cities.

The National League of Cities (NLC) is the oldest and largest national organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States and is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. Working in partnership with 49 state municipal leagues, NLC serves as a resource and advocate, while providing programs and services that give local leaders the tools and knowledge they need to better serve over 218 million Americans in the more than 19,000 cities, villages and towns it represents.

Councilman Zone joined the NLC early in his career, and served on its Board of Directors from 2012-2013. He has served as Chairman of its Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Steering Committee and has represented the NLC before Congress and in White House briefings. Councilman Zone was the NLC's delegate in Denmark at the International Climate Conference in December of 2009, and, in 2012, he represented the NLC on the International Sustainability Exchange to Sweden and Germany.

Most recently, Councilman Zone travelled to Shanghai, China, upon the invitation of the China Society of Administrative Reform, to be a keynote speaker at their forum on "Urban Governance in the Context of New Trends in Urbanization: Challenges and Responses".

"I would like to congratulate Councilman Matt Zone on his new position as the President of the National League of Cities Board of Directors. Councilman Zone's leadership, dedication, and



Councilman Zone & community leaders cut the ribbon, opening Cleveland's west side neighborhoods to Lake Erie

commitment to his Ward here in Cleveland have demonstrated his ability to effectively lead this organization. Councilman Zone is a tireless public servant and national advocate for the City of Cleveland. I look forward to seeing more of his good work in the future."

- Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson, November 19, 2016

In his inaugural speech at the November 19, 2016 NLC Summit in Pittsburgh, Councilman Zone said, "I'm honored and humbled to be given the opportunity to lead our 92-year-old organization at such an important time for the nation... America's cities are facing some tough challenges. But, with one voice, we will work with our federal partners to find solutions to these challenges. I truly believe that cities are stronger, together."

Immediately upon taking office, NLC President Zone initiated the NLC Task Force on Economic Mobility and Opportunity. Comprised of 22 local leaders across the country, the Task Force will identify recommendations for cities to address economic barriers that are keeping many families from sharing in the nation's prosperity. "Now more than ever, the economic well-being of our families is at risk, and we, as local officials, can be the key instruments of change and economic mobility," explained Zone as he opened the first meeting of the task force.

NLC President Zone's hope is that the work of the task force will identify, support and raise the profile of local efforts that have the potential to increase economic mobility, expand economic opportunity and reduce income inequality in cities across the nation, and that the initiative will bring these local efforts into the national dialogue, with a focus on working with the White House and Congress in this regard. "We will build and support a new cadre of local government champions who, together, will be a strong, singular voice in national debates on economic mobility and opportunity."

In working with the task force, Zone plans to share the many recent developments in the City of Cleveland which exemplify the kinds of local initiatives, occurring across the country, that could

become shared strategies to foster economic mobility, support diversity and create opportunity in cities throughout the nation. One example is the Lakefront West Project, a \$100 million infrastructure investment that connects Cleveland's west side neighborhoods to the Lake Erie shores.

During his tenure as Councilman, Zone has worked with developers to make sure that new de-

velopments in his district include mixed income and affordable housing units. More than 1,000 units of permanent supportive housing across Cleveland have been built since he has been in office, including transforming the formerly contaminated Eveready Battery Factory site into the largest housing development in the City of Cleveland.

on Cleveland City Council. As councilman, he works tirelessly as an advocate for the arts, sustainability, public safety issues and economic development and has played a major role in the redevelopment of Cleveland neighborhoods. He continues to focus on initiatives to make the city a dynamic and vibrant place.

As President of the National League of Cities, and through the NLC Task Force on Economic Mobility and Opportunity, Councilman Zone is dedicated to building a stronger nation by making diversity and inclusion a priority at the local level, and through the exchange of ideas among our nation's communities that will build a better future for all our cities.



New NLC President & CLE City Councilman Matt Zone gives NLC Inaugural Address

For three additional terms.

For Matt, the call to service is a way of life, and he credits his parents' commitment to building a better future for their community as his motivation to answer the call to serve by way of their former seat



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