



# Civic Action: A Monthly Update

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## Working Across Dividing Lines

### Greetings!

The new year brings with it the opportunity to address the divisions exposed by last year's presidential politics and racial conflicts. National Civic League is challenging communities to hold All-America Conversations. It's time to stand up for the values that make cities and towns strong: civility, compassion, innovation and inclusiveness. Please join us in this important work, described below.

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### Gladstone Residents Shape their Community's Future



by Sarah Lipscomb

Earlier this month, residents of Gladstone, Missouri presented to city council - [Gladstone: Shaping Our Future](#). With facilitation and support from NCL, this resident-led effort is more than just another visioning exercise - it's a strategic plan with specific, feasible actions and a clear framework for how residents will partner with the city to strengthen the community. To read the plan or learn about NCL's approach to strategic planning and engagement [click here](#).

### All-America Conversations Toolkit Launches Jan. 30th



by Aaron Leavy

[All-America Conversations](#) are designed to help cities and other groups understand residents' aspirations for the community, the divisions facing the community and, how we can get started working across dividing lines. On January 30th, NCL will release the All-America Conversations toolkit to support local community efforts to engage residents.

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### Take Action on the Day of Racial Healing



by Carla Kimbrough

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation and its 130 partners hope that social media will be busy with contributions observing the [National Day of Racial Healing](#) on Jan. 17. The grassroots initiative is aimed at overcoming racial biases and unifying the people of this country to create an environment where all children can thrive. Follow what people are doing at #TRHT, #thedaytoheal, & #dayofracialhealing.

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### Other Resources and Events

[National League of Cities Congressional City Conference March 11-15th](#)

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