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TJ CAWLEY ADVOCATES FOR TOWN PRIORITIES IN DC *Morrisville Mayoral Candidate Travels to Washington*

Morrisville, NC – September 12, 2017 – Morrisville Town Councilman and candidate for Mayor TJ Cawley spent most of last week in Washington, DC as the sole North Carolina representative of the National League of Cities (NLC) Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Mr. Cawley met with members of Congress and the Trump Administration, advocating on behalf of municipalities such as Morrisville.

The National League of Cities represents more than 19,000 cities and towns in the United States. They brought federal advocacy committees to Washington last week to share with decision makers that cities are the engines that drive the U.S. economy. Together, metropolitan areas are home to 86% of the U.S. population; produce 91% of the nation's GDP; and own and operate the infrastructure that businesses rely on.

Over the course of three days, Councilman Cawley met with:

- Secretary of Labor Alex Acosta
- Special Assistant to the President for Infrastructure Policy DJ Gribbin
- Delaware Senator and Former Governor Thomas Carper
- Indiana Congressman Peter Visclosky
- Senior leadership of various departments of the Environmental Protection Agency and
- North Carolina Congressman David Price and other legislators' staffs

Councilman Cawley was part of the team of NLC members who educated Congress on the importance of protecting the state and local tax deductions in upcoming tax reform discussions. Discussing budgetary matters, Councilman Cawley also shared examples of how Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and other federal programs are essential for providing critical services to citizens in communities of all sizes, sharing with legislators how CDGB has been an essential component of our town center walking loop here in Morrisville.

Councilman Cawley stressed the importance of tax-exempt municipal bonds and the challenges that smaller towns like Morrisville are facing with infrastructure.

“The combination of Morrisville’s AAA bond rating, coupled with the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, has made it possible for Morrisville to undergo road and facility projects using bond financing that would have been prohibitively expensive otherwise,” Councilman Cawley shared in his meetings with various members of Congress.

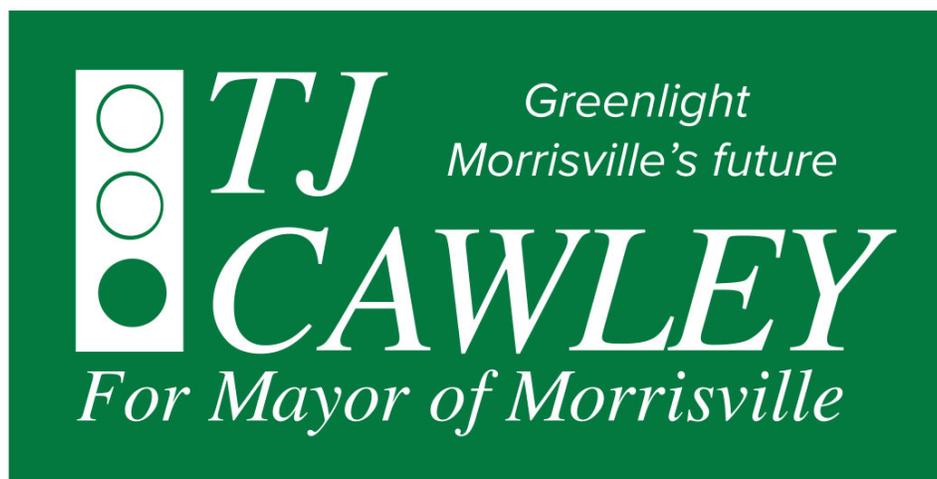
“TJ brings great energy and perseverance to his advocacy on behalf of Morrisville and I look forward to working with him to improve Morrisville for all citizens.”-Congressman David Price.

“I am proud to be part of the team of strong local leaders tackling the tough issues that our nation faces every day, and meeting with federal decision makers to make the case that cities are ready to partner with Congress to continue strengthening America’s cities. North Carolina now has a seat at the table and the National League of Cities is a well respected advocate for towns like Morrisville,” Mr. Cawley said. “I will continue to partner with other city leaders from across the nation on behalf of the citizens of Morrisville and the entire state of North Carolina.”

Originally from New York, TJ has lived in Morrisville for 10 years and has served as a Town Council member since 2013. TJ is married to Kathy and has 3 children.

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