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During his 13 years as mayor of Shelbyville, Neil Hackworth witnessed first-hand all of the contributions KLC makes to Kentucky's cities. So how could he say no when the opportunity to serve as Deputy Executive Director was presented to him in 1995?

In his current capacity as deputy executive director, Neil oversees the performance of a staff of 80 highly motivated individuals that serve hometowns and cities throughout Kentucky. He works closely with the Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services (KLCIS) and the NewCities Institute Board of Directors, as well as serving on the National League of Cities Mutual Insurance Company (NCL-MIC) Board of Directors. As a registered Kentucky lobbyist, he provides a voice for Kentucky cities by ensuring that legislation supports the needs of communities across the Commonwealth. For over 20 years, Neil has played an instrumental role in bringing Kentucky cities to the forefront as a model for communities nationwide.

One of his most important accomplishments as mayor of Shelbyville was creating and implementing the Shelbyville 2000 Plan. This plan involved citizens working together to create a vision for their future. Seeing the successes that came from the partnership of people working with government was one of the main reasons Neil was so excited about coming to the Kentucky League of Cities.

Neil knows that it's in cities where the best things happen—new ideas are generated and new things are tried. He has a commitment to promoting innovation in cities throughout the Commonwealth through his work at KLC.

Hackworth is a graduate of Kenyon College with a B.A. in political science as well as the University of Kentucky College of Law. Neil and his wife, Sharon, have two grown children and reside in Shelbyville, Kentucky.