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AWC Strong Cities Advisory Committee (OSCAC)
Statement of Purpose
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The AWC Board of Directors seeks information, data, and insight from its members to inform the board of directors as it convenes a visioning process during its August 2015 retreat. The focus of the retreat is to continue and expand the focus of *Operation: Strong Cities*, and set the course for future AWC advocacy activities.

The AWC Board of Directors recognizes the value of exploring new strategies to better respond to the needs of cities with various attributes and community composition. To achieve this, the board has decided to create an Operation: Strong Cities Advisory Committee. This committee will serve as a forum to discuss and share ideas about issues unique to cities with significant interaction and influence among certain population clusters.

- The Operation: Strong Cities Advisory Committee consists of twenty (20) city officials. Positions are filled by mayors, city councilmembers, and/or city managers/administrators, appointed by the AWC President for two-year terms beginning in April 2015.
- The Committee will meet at least twice per year, with the first meeting held in May 2015, followed by two annual meetings; the first at the AWC annual conference in June, and the second annual meeting held annually during City Action Days conference in January/February.
- Intergovernmental Relations representatives (IGR's) employed directly or by contract are invited to attend meetings of the committee. IGR's are not members of the committee, have no voting authority, nor may they act in place of the appointed city member.
- The Operation: Strong Cities Advisory Committee is initially tasked with providing insight, information, and data to assist the AWC Board of Directors visioning process in August 2015.
- The Operation: Strong Cities Advisory Committee's ongoing purpose includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - Discuss, review and formulate strategies regarding issues of interest to cities with significant interaction with population clusters such as military personnel, tribal governments, higher education, technology, agriculture, and cities bordering another state.
 - Provide input to AWC Board of Directors.
 - Provide input on how AWC can expand its community engagement efforts through Operation: Strong Cities.