

THE WHITE HOUSE

Assistant to the President and
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

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Ben Nelson told
me at the NBAA
Meeting that he
hoped the President
would come to
Nebraska after
the election.

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Lincoln



Nebraska's Capital City

March 6, 2000

Mickey Ibarra
Assistant to the President
& Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Ibarra:

I would like to take this opportunity to follow up on a letter sent to President Clinton on February 15 inviting him to visit Lincoln, Nebraska. As you will recall, Nebraska is the only remaining state the President has not made a visit to during his term.

We, of course, would welcome the President any time he may be able to come to our great city and state. However, I would like to specifically invite him to attend the City of Lincoln's Human Rights Symposium to be held Friday, July 21, 2000, in Lincoln. We would like the President to present the first ever annual award to a citizen of Lincoln for their work in the civil rights field.

I have been impressed by the work and progress President Clinton has made in the civil and human rights field during his term. Recently I was again impressed that he led the civil rights march in Alabama to pay homage to "Bloody Sunday." I, too, have been committed to these and other social issues, not only as Mayor of Lincoln but also during the 20 years of serving the Nebraska Legislature as a State Senator and as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee for 14 of those years. A copy of my bio is attached for your information.

I would welcome the opportunity to host President Clinton for any part of the Lincoln Human Rights Symposium he may be able to attend or at any other time he may be able to visit our great city and wonderful state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Wesely
Mayor

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February 15, 2000

Honorable William J. Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It was an honor to meet you last week at the White House breakfast with the U.S. Conference of Mayors. When we met, I invited you to visit Lincoln, Nebraska sometime this year. I understand that you have visited every state but Nebraska during your term of office.

Nebraska is a great state and Lincoln is a wonderful city. We are very proud of our community. It would be an honor to have you visit us. I hope you will accept this invitation and allow us to host you in Lincoln.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Wesely". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Don Wesely
Mayor of Lincoln

cc: Mickey Ibarra

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BIOGRAPHY

Don Wesely was elected the City of Lincoln's 49th Mayor on May 4, 1999, and was sworn into office May 17. In a record voter turnout for the non-partisan election, Wesely received 56 percent of the vote. The Mayor serves a four-year term.

Wesely was born March 30, 1954 in David City, Nebraska. He attended Lincoln public schools, graduating from Lincoln Northeast High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1977. He also attended graduate school at UNL. Mayor Wesely has three children -- Sarah, Amanda and Andrew.



Wesely was elected to the Nebraska Legislature in 1978 with 59 percent of the vote, becoming the third youngest person ever to serve in the Unicameral Legislature. He served the 26th Legislative District of Northeast Lincoln for 20 years, being re-elected in 1982 (68%), 1986 (83%), 1990 (unopposed) and in 1994 (70%). Only seven Senators in the history of Nebraska have served longer than 20 years.

More than 300 legislative initiatives sponsored or co-sponsored by Wesely have been successfully enacted. His committee work included 14 years as Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee.