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More than 250 Mayors Will Gather In The Nation's Capital to Discuss Climate Protection & Green Jobs, The Foreclosure Crisis, and The Economy

76th Winter Meeting of The United States Conference of Mayors January 23 - 25, 2008 – Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. – In the midst of the presidential primaries, **more than 250 of the nation's mayors**, led by U.S. Conference of Mayors President Trenton, NJ Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, along with USCM Vice President Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, and USCM Advisory Board Chair Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels, will convene for the 76th Winter Meeting of The U.S. Conference of Mayors on **January 23-25, at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.**

Highlighting the three-day conference will be the release of a **Zogby National poll which will report on what issues are priorities for Americans** as the election season unfolds. Other key issues include **the Mortgage Foreclosure Crisis, The Creation of Green Jobs, Infrastructure, Crime and Travel & Tourism.**

With over 85% of people in the United States living in our nation's cities and metro areas who are increasingly concerned with the state of America's economy, mayors clearly understand that urban priorities are the bread-and-butter issues of this country. The Mayors' 10 Point Plan, *Strong Cities, Strong Families, for a Strong America*, is the Conference's legislative agenda that highlights priorities for cities and urban areas (www.usmayors.org to see plan).

All press MUST register to attend the meeting. For online registration, please go to <http://usmayors.org/76thWinterMeeting> where the FULL AGENDA and media notices are posted. On-site registration will also be available at the Capital Hilton Hotel in the Pan American Room on the 2nd Floor.

Please see media [highlights](#) below:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

9:30am -10:30am
(Federal A)

CRIMINAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE:

Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy (NY) – New Gun Background Check Law
Paul Helmke, President, Brady Campaign – Federal Gun Safety Legislation
Daniel Goldberg, Counsel to Senator Tom Harkin (IA) - Anti-Crime Funding
Chuck Wexler, Executive Director, Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)
Rochester, NY Mayor Robert Duffy – USCM/FBI Crime Data Reporting
St. Louis, MO Mayor Francis Slay
Robert Casey, FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division

10:30am – 12:00pm
(Presidential Blrm)

OPENING PLENARY SESSION:

Former Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin, Director and Chairman of the Executive Committee Citigroup re. The U.S. Economy
John Zogby, President and CEO, Zogby International - National Opinion Poll on '08 Key American Priorities in Metro Areas

12:00pm
(Presidential Blrm Foyer)

OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE -- NATIONAL ZOGBY POLL ON AMERICAN PRIORITIES IN METRO AREAS: John Zogby, Trenton, NJ Mayor Douglas Palmer, Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels + other mayors

12:30pm – 2:00pm
(Congressional/Senate)

LUNCHEON -- CLIMATE PROTECTION AND GREEN JOBS:
Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels – Report on Mayors Climate Protection Summit and Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement
James Diffley, Managing Director of U.S. Regional Services, Global Insight – **Green Jobs and The American Economy**
Senator Robert Menendez (NJ), (Invited)
Congressman Albert R. Wynn (MD)
Senator Bernie Sanders (VT)

2:30pm – 3:30pm
(Presidential Blrm)

SPECIAL SESSION – \$10B USCM ENERGY BLOCK GRANT TO EXPAND CLIMATE LOCAL PROTECTION EFFORTS IN THE NATION'S CITIES: Open to All Mayors

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

7:30am – 9:00am
(Congressional/Senate)

MAYORS AND BUSINESS LEADERS BREAKFAST:
Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman, Chair, USCM Mayors and Business Community Task Force – Will Present Public/Private Partnership Awards
Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, Vice Chair, USCM Mayors and Business Community Task Force
U.S. DOJ Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey re. Violent Crime

9:30am – 12:00pm
(Presidential Blrm)

PLENARY SESSION:
Congressman Chaka Fattah (PA), Chair, Congressional Urban Caucus
Video: Miami Mayor Diaz to Host 76th Annual Conf. of Mayors in Miami, June 20-24th
A New National Infrastructure Agenda --
Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, Chair, USCM Transportation and Communications Committee
Burnsville, MN Mayor Elizabeth Kautz, USCM Trustee
Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez, Co-Chair, USCM Mayors Water Council
Fayetteville, AR Dan Coody, Co-Chair, USCM Water Council
Promoting Travel and Tourism --
John W. "Bill" Marriott, Jr., Chairman and CEO, Marriott International, Inc.
Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, 2016 USA Olympic Bid
Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hanneman, Chair, USCM Tourism, Arts, Parks, Entertainment & Sports Committee
Jonathan M. Tisch, Chairman and CEO, Loews Hotels/Chairman, Travel and Business Roundtable
Senator Daniel K. Inouye (HI), Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee Chair

12:00pm
(Presidential Blrm Foyer)

MEDIA AVAILABILITY-- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE CRISIS:
Trenton, NJ Mayor Douglas Palmer, Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels + other mayors

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

10:00am – 11:30am
(Presidential Blrm)

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION -- PANEL ON INVESTING IN AMERICA'S CHILDREN: Dismantling the Cradle to Prison Pipeline
Marian Wright Edelman, President and Founder, Children's Defense Fund
Kati Haycock, Executive Director, Education Trust (Invited)
WV Former Governor Robert Wise, President, Alliance for Excellent Education
Tulsa, OK Kathryn Taylor

SESSIONS ON THE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE CRISIS:

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9:30am – 10:30 am

(Congressional)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE:

Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums

Bob Young, HUD Deputy Secretary + 10 All HUD Regional Directors

Congressman John Conyers (MI), House of Reps. Judiciary Committee

Ali Solis, Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. Neighborhood Stabilization Approaches

Representative from One California Foundation re. Oakland's Response to Foreclosure Crisis

3:30pm – 4:30pm

(Statler)

COUNCIL FOR THE NEW AMERICAN CITY:

Brian Montgomery, FHA Commissioner/HUD Assistant Secretary

Ken Wade, CEO Neighbor Works America

Kiernan P. Quinn, Chairman Mortgage Bankers Association

John Taylor, President, National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC)

Iona Harrison, National Association of Realtors

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LUNCHEON -- FORECLOSURE CRISIS BEST PRACTICES IN CITIES:

Trenton Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, USCM President

Faith Schwartz, Executive Director, Federal HOPE NOW ALLIANCE

Rev. DeForest Soaries, Jr., First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, NJ

Bruce Marks, CEO, Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America (NACA)

Detroit Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick

Southfield, MI Mayor Brenda L. Lawrence

Louisville, KY Mayor Jerry E. Abramson, USCM Past President

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00am – 9:30am

(New York)

VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES TASK FORCE:

York, PA Mayor John Brenner

Bryant Applegate, Director, America's Affordable Communities Initiative re Barriers to Affordable Housing

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,139 such cities in the country today, each represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the Mayor.

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