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## **U.S. Conference of Mayors President Beverly O'Neill Addresses the 6<sup>th</sup> World Conference of Mayors for Peace and Participates in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony Commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Atomic Bombings**

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***President O'Neill and Conference Executive Director, Tom Cochran Place Wreath and  
Dedicate Bench at Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima***

**Hiroshima, Japan** – The United States Conference of Mayors President and Long Beach, California Mayor Beverly O'Neill joined Mayor Tadatashi Akiba of Hiroshima, Japan, President of Mayors for Peace, for the 6<sup>th</sup> World Conference of Mayors for Peace and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Mayor O'Neill addressed the Mayors for Peace Conference on Friday, August 5. On Saturday, August 6, Mayor O'Neill and the U.S. Conference of Mayors Executive Director Tom Cochran placed a wreath and dedicated a bench at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony at Peace Memorial Park.

The United States Conference of Mayors has strongly advocated for decades a decrease in, and ultimate elimination of, the threat of nuclear weapons. In 2004, the mayors of the United States passed a resolution that declared that "weapons of mass destruction have no place in a civilized world" and called for the commencement of negotiations on the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons. "The U.S. Conference of Mayors will remain engaged in this matter until cities are no longer under the threat of nuclear devastation," O'Neill said.

***The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are more than 1,100 such cities in the country today. Each city is represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the mayor.***

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