**81st WINTER MEETING OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS**

Thursday, January 17 - Saturday, January 19 | Capitol Hilton Hotel | Washington, D.C.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN TO ADDRESS THE NATION’S MAYORS**

Thursday, January 17th

Mayors to Meet on The Fiscal Cliff Agreement, Sequestration, Gun Control, Job Creation, Hurricane Sandy Response

Washington, D.C. – Vice President Biden will address the nation’s mayors on Thursday, January 17 at the Opening Plenary Luncheon of the 81st Winter Meeting of The U.S. Conference of Mayors at the Capitol Hilton Hotel.

More than 270 of the nation’s mayors will convene in Washington, D.C. in the midst the Presidential Inaugural to meet with Congressional leaders and Administration officials to push for a balanced approach to deficit reduction and sequestration cuts, as well as measures to spur jobs and economic growth in America’s cities and metropolitan areas that are still plagued with high unemployment. Other issues topping the agenda are gun control and school safety, Hurricane Sandy response, immigration, and the threat to tax exempt municipal bonds.

Other confirmed speakers include:

- **Thursday, Jan 17:** HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Energy Secretary Steven Chu, MA Congressman James McGovern, John Zogby of Zogby Analytics, Singer “MC Hammer”
- **Friday, Jan 18:** Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski, Acting Commerce Secretary Rebecca Blank, AK Senator Mark Begich, CDF Founder and Pres. Marian Wright Edelman, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Americans for the Arts President and CEO Robert Lynch, Architect of the Capitol Stephen Ayers, Singer “Mario,” Music Group “The Roots”
- **Saturday, Jan 19:** CT Gov. Dannel Malloy, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Export-Import Bank President and Chairman Fred Hochberg, Army Corps of Engineers Dir. Steven Stockton, USICH Ex. Dir. Barbara Poppe, Singer John Legend

All sessions are OPEN to the press unless otherwise indicated (EVENING EVENTS ARE CLOSED). All press MUST register to attend the meeting at [http://usmayors.org/81stWinterMeeting/press_registration.asp](http://usmayors.org/81stWinterMeeting/press_registration.asp). A DRAFT AGENDA and list of PRE-REGISTERED MAYORS are available at www.usmayors.org. On-site registration will also be available with the proper press credentials at the Capital Hilton - 2nd Floor in the Pan American Room during the meeting. Further media logistics about the Vice President’s address are forthcoming.

**WHO:**

- Vice President Joe Biden to Address The USCM Leadership:
- Philadelphia, PA Mayor Michael Nutter, USCM President (D)
- Mesa, AZ Mayor Scott Smith, USCM Vice President (R)
- Sacramento, CA Mayor Kevin Johnson, USCM Second Vice President (D)
- Tom Cochran, USCM CEO and Executive Director
- + More than 270 U.S. Mayors

**WHAT:**

- Opening Plenary Luncheon of 81st Winter Meeting of The U.S. Conference of Mayors

**WHEN:**

- Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

**WHERE:**

- Capitol Hilton Hotel | Presidential Ballroom – 2nd Floor | 1001 16th St, NW | Washington, D.C. | 202-393-1000

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