**UPDATED PRESS DETAILS**

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN TO ADDRESS THE NATION'S MAYORS | Thursday, Jan. 17 | Capitol Hilton**

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

The Fiscal Cliff Agreement, Sequestration, Gun Control, Job Creation, Hurricane Sandy Response, Immigration Top Agenda

Washington, D.C. – Vice President Biden will address the nation’s mayors at the Opening Plenary Luncheon of the U.S. Conference of Mayor Winter Meeting to be held in the Presidential Ballroom (2nd Floor) of the Capitol Hilton in Washington, D.C.

In the midst of the Presidential Inaugural, almost 300 of the nation’s mayors will convene from Thursday, January 17 to Saturday, January 19 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.

The nation’s mayors will also hold an OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE on Thursday, January 17 at 10:30 am in the Statler Room (2nd Floor).

Other confirmed speakers include:

**Thursday, Jan 17:** HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Energy Secretary Steven Chu, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, MA Congressman James McGovern, John Zogby of Zogby Analytics, Rapper “MC Hammer”


**Saturday, Jan 19:** EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, CT Gov. Dannel Malloy, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Export-Import Bank President and Chairman Fred Hochberg, Army Corps of Engineers Dir. Steven Stockton, National Urban League President and CEO Marc Morial, USICH Ex. Dir. Barbara Poppe, Soul singer John Legend

All sessions are OPEN to the press unless otherwise indicated (EVENING EVENTS ARE CLOSED). A DRAFT AGENDA and list of PRE-REGISTERED MAYORS are available at www.usmayors.org. All press MUST register to attend the meeting at http://usmayors.org/81stWinterMeeting/press_registration.asp.

UPDATED DETAILS FOR COVERAGE OF VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN’S REMARKS:

- Press check-in to access USCM credential -- Pan American Room, 2nd Floor: 7am – 11:30am
- Camera/equipment pre-set (if NOT participating in USCM Opening Press Conference) -- Presidential Ballroom, 2nd Floor: 9am
- Press Equipment Sweep (if PARTICIPATING in USCM Opening Press Conference) -- Senate Room, 2nd Floor: 11am – 11:30am
- Final access time for media without equipment into Presidential Ballroom, 2nf Floor: 1pm
- CNN will shoot the speech live for pool and will distribute it on a pool line in Washington (NO live satellite trucks please)

WHAT: Vice President Biden to Address The Nation’s Mayors
WHEN: Thursday, January 17th at 1:30 a.m. EST
WHERE: Presidential Ballroom, 2nd Floor | Capitol Hilton | 1001 16th St, NW | Washington, D.C. | 202-393-1000