VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN TO DELIVER REMARKS TO THE NATION’S MAYORS

NEARLY 300 MAYORS TO BE IN D.C. FOR THE 83rd WINTER MEETING OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

MAYORS TO RESPOND TO STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS
OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE | Wednesday, Jan. 21 | 12 Noon ET

Washington, D.C. – On the heels of President Obama’s State of the Union Address (SOTU) and under the leadership of USCM Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson, nearly 300 of the nation’s mayors will convene in Washington, D.C. at the Capital Hilton Hotel to engage with Administration officials, Congressional leaders business leaders to ensure the health and economic recovery of America’s cities. This meeting comes at a critical time as the 114th Congress begins, with many new leaders and members in both the House and Senate.

Vice President Joe Biden will deliver remarks at the top of Thursday’s plenary luncheon at the Capitol Hilton at 1pm.

Mayors are available for response to the President’s SOTU address and will hold an OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE on Wednesday, January 21 at 12:00 Noon in the Statler Room on the 2nd Floor of the Capital Hilton, where they will release the results of a national poll surveying public perceptions of local government.

Community Policing, The Economy, Innovation & Transportation top the agenda with More Than 80 New Mayors. Highlights of the three-day session include:

Wednesday, Jan 21: “State of The Cities Address” by USCM President Johnson, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser; Labor Secretary Tom Perez; Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Housing Secretary Julián Castro; Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz; U.S. Trade Ambassador Michael Froman; U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (RI); Co-Chairs of President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing Laurie Robinson and Charles Ramsey; Best Practice Forum on Summer Jobs and Young Employment; Women Mayors Session on STEM Careers for Young Women, New Mayors/First Time Attendees Session*

Thursday, Jan 22: Vice President Joe Biden’s Remarks to Mayors; Strengthening Community Policing Session w/ Co-Chairs of President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing Charles Ramsey and Laurie Robinson and COPS Office Dir. Ron Davis and White House Intergovernmental Affairs Dir. Jerry Abramson; House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi; Homeland Security Jeh Johnson; Export-Import Bank Chairman and President Fred Hochberg; House Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Shuster w/ Transp. Sec. Anthony Foxx; U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (IL), U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA), Dr. Benjamin Barber: If Mayors Ruled the World remarks; Uber Sr. VP for Policy and Strategy David Plouffe; Childhood Obesity Prevention Awards; Leadership in the Awards

Friday, January 23: Panel Discussion w/ Former Mayors in the Administration: Housing Sec. Castro, Agricultural Sec. Vilsack, Transportation Sec. Foxx, White House Intergovernmental Affairs Dir. Jerry Abramson; Export-Import Bank Chairman and Pres. Fred Hochberg; My Brother’s Keeper Task Force Mtg.

Press Guidance for Vice President Joe Biden’s Remarks on Thursday, January 22: 
Press MUST register to attend the meeting at http://usmayors.org/83rdWinterMeeting/press_registration.asp On site-registration will also be available with the proper press credentials at the Capitol Hilton – 2nd Floor in the Pan American Room, but reporters wishing to cover Vice President’s remarks must RSVP to etemple@usmayors.org. Additional logistical details are forthcoming.
All business sessions are OPEN to the press unless otherwise indicated (ALL EVENING EVENTS ARE CLOSED). A draft AGENDA and list of PRE-REGISTERED MAYORS are available at www.usmayors.org.

WHAT: OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE 83rd Winter Meeting of The U.S. Conference of Mayors:
Sacramento, CA Mayor Kevin Johnson, USCM President (D)
Baltimore, MD Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake, USCM Vice President (D)
Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, USCM Second Vice President (R)
Tom Cochran, USCM CEO and Executive Director
+ U.S. Mayors from across the country

WHEN: Wednesday, January 21st at 12:00 NOON ET

WHERE: 2nd Floor Foyer outside Presidential Ballroom | Capital Hilton | 1001 16th St, NW | Wash, D.C. | 202-393-1000

*Newly-Elected Mayors Attending USCM Winter Mtg (partial listing only):
Beverly Hills, CA Mayor Lili Bosse
Charlotte, NC Mayor Daniel Clodfelter
Cincinnati, OH Mayor John Cranley
Detroit, MI Mayor Mike Duggan
Downey, CA Mayor Luis Marquez
Glendale, CA Mayor Sareh Sinanyan
Greensboro, NC Mayor Nancy Vaughn
El Paso, TX Mayor Oscar Leeser
Fargo, ND Mayor Timothy Mahoney
Independence, MO Mayor Eileen Weir
Jackson, MS Mayor Tony Yarber
Long Beach, CA Mayor Robert Garcia
Mesa, AZ Mayor John Giles
Newark, NJ Mayor Ras Baraka
Oakland, CA Mayor Libby Schaaf
Providence, RI Mayor Jorge Elorza
Reno, NC Mayor Hillary Schieve
San Antonio, TX Mayor Ivy Taylor
San Buenaventura, CA Mayor Cheryl Heitman
San Diego, CA Mayor Kevin Faulconer
Tallahassee, FL Mayor Andrew Gillum
Torrance, CA Mayor Patrick Furey
Trenton, NJ Mayor Eric Jackson
Washington, DC Muriel Bowser

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