THE NATION’S MAYORS TO SIGN A CIVILITY ACCORD AT U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS ANNUAL WINTER MEETING

OVER 230 MAYORS TO ATTEND LEGISLATIVE SESSION AT CAPITOL HILTON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19TH TO FRIDAY, JANUARY 21ST

Washington, D.C. – Tucson, AZ Mayor Robert Walkup tomorrow, along with USCM President Burnsville Mayor Elizabeth Kautz, USCM Vice President Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, USCM Second Vice President Philadelphia, PA Michael Nutter, will introduce a CIVILITY ACCORD to the nation’s mayors at their annual legislative conference this week and encourage them to sign the document.

The Mayors’ ACCORD will be presented with a public signing at top of the of the mayors 79th Winter Meeting on Wednesday, January 19 at 10 a.m. following remarks from Mayor Walkup. More than 230 of the nation’s mayors, led by U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) President Burnsville, MN Mayor Elizabeth Kautz, will convene for the USCM meeting at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

During the three-day meeting, mayors will hear also from Cabinet officials culminating in a meeting with President Obama at the White House. Much of the discussion during the meeting, including a mayors and CEO panel on Thursday, will center on joblessness in U.S. cities and the need for job creation. Mayors are pushing the Administration and the new Congress to work together on strategies to help unemployed people in America’s cities, where 85% of the people in this country live.

Highlighting the meeting will be a presentation of the Distinguished Public Service Award to Chicago Mayor Richard Daley for his 22 years of service as mayor, as well as an event at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to honor the 50th Anniversary of the Inauguration of President Kennedy and his national call to service.


All press MUST register to attend the meeting. For online registration, a list of pre–registered Mayors, and a DRAFT agenda, please visit www.usmayors.org. On-site registration will also be available with the proper press credentials at the Capital Hilton in the Pan American Room. Please see media highlights below:
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

7:30am - 9:00am
(Congressional/Senate)
Mayors Workforce Development Council Session: It’s All About Jobs!
St. Louis, MO Mayor Francis Slay, Pembroke Pines, FL Mayor Frank Ortis,
Hallandale Beach, FL Mayor Joy Cooper, Hartford, CT Mayor Pedro Segarra
Tacoma, WA Mayor Marilyn Strickland

10:00am – 11:30pm
( Presidential Blrm)
OPENING PLENARY SESSION:
Tucson, AZ Mayor Robert Walkup – Introduction of mayors’ civility accord
Signing of USCM Civility Accord – PHOTO OP
Presentation of Distinguished Award for Public Service to Chicago Mayor Richard Daley

11:45pm – 12:15pm
(Presidential Blrm Foyer)
OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE:
Mayors Call on Congress to Work Together in a spirit of civility, Focus on Job Creation

2:00pm
(2168 Rayburn
Capitol Hill)
PRESS CONFERENCE: Supporting the CDBG Program
Newton, MA Mayor Setti Warren
Los Angeles, CA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa
Philadelphia, PA Mayor Michael Nutter
Akron, OH Mayor Don Plusquellic
Fresno, CA Mayor Ashely Swarengin
U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (MA), Ranking Member, Financial Services Committee
+ Several Members of Congress

4:30pm – 5:30pm
(Senate)
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:
U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack (Child Nutrition Law, Q&A)

4:30pm – 5:30pm
(Federal A)
ENERGY STANDING COMMITTEE:
U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu (Energy Block Grants for cities)
Congressman Chaka Fattah (PA)
Nancy Sutley, White House Council on Environmental Quality Chair

4:30pm – 5:30pm
(South American)
JOBS, EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE COMMITTEE:
U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan (Race to the Top, the crisis in state funding for education, Q&A)

4:30pm – 5:30pm
(Federal B)
TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:
Roy Kienitz, Under Secretary for Policy, U.S. Department of Transportation
Jim Tymon, Staff Director for Highways and Transit, U.S. House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (Campaign for High-Speed Intercity Rail in the Reauthorization of the Federal Surface Law)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

7:30am – 9:30am
(Congressional/Senate)
LEADERSHIP IN THE ARTS BREAKFAST:
New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, Chair, USCM Arts Committee
Former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, Award for State Arts Leadership
Carmel, IN Mayor James Brainard, Award for Local Arts Leadership
Philadelphia, PA, Mayor Michael Nutter, Award for Local Arts Leadership
Actress Anna Deveare Smith, Artist Award
Herbie Hancock, Musician, Artist Award
PLENARY SESSION: JFK 50th “Mayors Ask What Youth Can Do” project
Caroline Kennedy, Interim Chair, Institute of Politics, Sr. Adv. Comm, John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University
Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (CA)

12:00pm – 1:30pm
LUNCHEON:
Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, USCM Vice President
Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy (Greetings)
U.S. Senator Mark Begich (AK), (Outlook for city priorities in the Senate)

2:00am – 3:30am
SPECIAL SESSION – MAYORS AND CEOs PANEL ON JOB RETENTION, JOB CREATION IN AMERICA
Zia Eftekhar, CEO, Philips Lighting
Marilyn Carlson Nelson, Chair of the Board, Carlson Companies
Eric A. Spiegel, President and CEO, Siemens
Dallas, TX Mayor Tom Leppert
Mesa, AZ Mayor Scott Smith
Burnsville, MN Mayor Elizabeth Kautz

4:00pm – 5:00pm
International Affairs Standing Committee:
Mercedes Bresso, President, Committee of the Regions, EU
Fred P. Hotchberg, Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the U.S.

4:00pm – 5:00pm
Tourism, Arts, Parks, Sports and Entertainment Committee:
New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu

7:00pm – 10:00pm
JFK 50TH ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCE:
Tickets Available for Mayors Only

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21
9:00am – 11:00am
MAYORS MEET WITH PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA IN THE WHITE HOUSE (MAYORS ONLY)

12:15pm – 2:15pm
LUNCHEON: EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC/PRIVATE PTNSHP. AWARDS
Remarks from --
Ron Kirk, U.S. Trade Representative
U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan
John Fernandez, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development
Bernard Melekan, Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) at the Department of Justice
Bob Perciasepe, Environmental Protection Agency Deputy Administrator
Rosie Rios, Treasurer of the United States
Rebecca Blank, Acting Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce

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