

**The U.S. Conference of Mayors  
Workforce Development Council (WDC)  
Board and Annual Winter Meeting**

**January 16-17, 2009**

**Capital Hilton  
16<sup>th</sup> & K Streets NW  
Washington, D.C.**

**Draft Agenda  
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**Friday, January 16**

*(Room TBD)*

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Welcome and President's Report**

ROBERT SAINZ  
Assistant General Manager  
City of Los Angeles Community Development Department  
WDC President

**WDC Business**

- Membership Report
- Budget
- Calendar

**Resource Committee Update**

JOAN CRIGGER  
Senior Consultant  
The U.S. Conference of Mayors

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	<p><b>Legislative Update</b></p> <p>KATHY AMOROSO  Assistant Executive Director  The U.S. Conference of Mayors</p>
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	<p><b>Obama/Biden Transition and Workforce Development</b></p> <p>JOHN COLBERT (Confirmed)  Partner  Moss, McGee, Bradley and Colbert</p>
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<p><b>Break</b></p>
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	<p><b>Second Economic Stimulus/FY '09 Appropriations Outlook</b></p> <p>MARK LAISCH (Invited)  Majority Professional Staff  Subcommittee on Labor-HHS, Education  Committee on Appropriations  U.S. Senate</p> <p>TERI BERGMAN (Invited)  Majority Professional Staff  Subcommittee on Labor-HHS, Education  Committee on Appropriations  U.S. House of Representatives</p>
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	<p><b>Working Lunch: Positioning the Local Workforce System as the Delivery Structure for the Economic Stimulus – Strategic Discussion</b></p>
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.	<p><b>Workforce Outlook for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress</b></p> <p><b>Panel:</b></p> <p>GERRI FIALA (Invited)  Majority Staff Director  Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety  Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  U.S. Senate</p> <p>BETH BUEHLMANN (Invited)  Minority Education Policy Director  Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions  U.S. Senate</p>

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

**Workforce Outlook for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress (cont'd)**

**Panel:**

MICHELE VARNHAGEN (Invited)  
Senior Labor and Benefits Counsel  
Committee on Education and Labor  
U.S. House of Representatives

KIRSTEN DUNCAN (Confirmed)  
Professional Staff  
Committee on Education and Labor  
U.S. House of Representatives

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**WDC Strategic Communications Plan Update**

6:30 p.m.

**WDC Board Dinner**  
ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED  
(Spezie, 1736 L Street NW)

**Saturday, January 17**

*(Room TBD)*

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Welcome**  
ROBERT SAINZ  
Assistant General Manager  
City of Los Angeles Community Development Department  
WDC President

**Election of Officers and Board of Trustees**

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Legislative Strategy Discussion: Maximizing the WDC Strategic Communications Plan**

MICHAEL GRITTON  
Executive Director  
KentuckianaWorks  
WDC Vice President

RALPH SINISTRO  
One Stop Manager  
Summit County Department of Jobs and Family Services  
Co-Chair, Advocacy Committee

11:00 a.m.

**Break**

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Mayors Jobs, Education and the Workforce Standing  
Committee Meeting**

**Open:** FRANCIS G. SLAY  
Mayor of St. Louis, Chair

**Putting People Back to Work: Chicago LEADS**

**Remarks:** RICHARD M. DALEY (Invited)  
Mayor of Chicago

EMILY BARTON (Confirmed)  
Executive Director  
Teach for America - D.C. Region

MICHELE MCLAUGHLIN (Confirmed)  
Vice President  
Federal and State Policy  
Teach for America

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch**

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

**Keynote Address**

THE HONORABLE JOHN YARMUTH (Invited)  
Education and Labor Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Aligning Workforce and Adult Education**

MICHAEL HOLMES (Invited)  
Executive Director  
St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment

JAMES F. MCKENNEY (Invited)  
Vice President of Economic Development and  
International Programs  
American Association of Community Colleges

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**GreenPrint Providence**

*Providence’s first-ever, strategic plan for creating a more sustainable city government and accelerating the green economy with Greenprint Providence. The wide-ranging plan contains a number of initiatives designed to help position Providence at the leading edge of a green economy poised for explosive growth.*

ROBERT RICCI, ESQ. (Invited)  
Administrator  
Workforce Solutions of Providence/Cranston

THE HONORABLE DAVID CICILLINE (Invited)  
Mayor of Providence

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Mayors’ Opening Reception/Dinner  
(All Registered Meeting Participants)**