

**The 93rd
Winter Meeting
of
The United States
Conference of
Mayors**



**January 17-19, 2025
Washington, DC
Marriott Marquis Hotel**

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93rd Winter Meeting**

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Key Information for Attendees

Participation

Unless otherwise noted, all plenary sessions, council meetings, best practice forums, and social events are open to all mayors and other officially registered attendees.

Registration

Registration will be open:

- Thursday, January 16: 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 17: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 18: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, January 19: 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Badges and Lanyards

The badge provided to you upon check-in is the official identification for admission to all events at the 93rd Winter Meeting. All delegates, participants, and guests must wear their registration badges to enter all sessions, meeting areas, and social events. The color-coded lanyard supplied must also be worn with the badge at all times. Failure to wear the badge and lanyard for viewing by security may cause inconvenience to participants. There will be a \$50 fee for the replacement of lost badges. A photo ID will be required upon check-in to pick up your badge.

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YELLOW	NON-MEMBER MAYOR
DARK GREEN	CITY OFFICIAL
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LIGHT BLUE	SPEAKER; GUEST
CORAL	REGISTRANT'S FAMILY, SPOUSE, PARTNER, OR CHILD
ORANGE	PRESS
SILVER	USCM STAFF

Media Coverage

Unless otherwise noted, all plenary sessions, committee meetings, council meetings, and best practice forums are open to credentialed press registrants. **All social/evening events are CLOSED to press registrants.**

All plenary sessions are streamed live on our [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) channels.

Press Opportunities with Strauss Media

We are pleased to once again welcome our radio booking partner, Strauss Media Strategies. This year, the Strauss team will be working for the duration of the Meeting out of **Salon 13 (Level M2)** from the hours of 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. ET. If you are interested in being booked on your local radio stations back home to convey the work you're doing as mayors and to promote all that you're learning at the Winter Meeting to make your cities stronger, please email them at uscm@straussmedia.com or feel free to stop by Salon 13 (Level M2) while they are there and let them know of your interest.

Mobile App

Download the official mobile app to view the agenda, attending mayors, and more. You can find it at usmayors.org/app. Available on the App Store and Google Play.

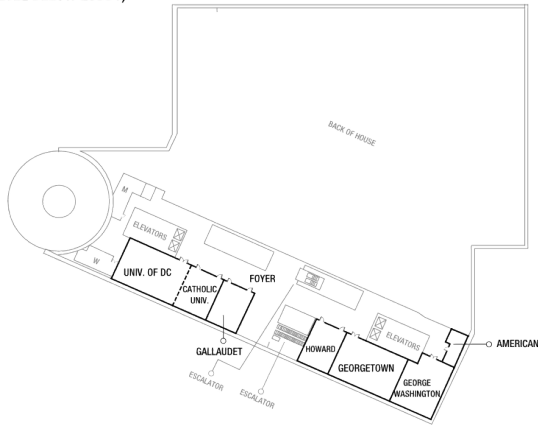
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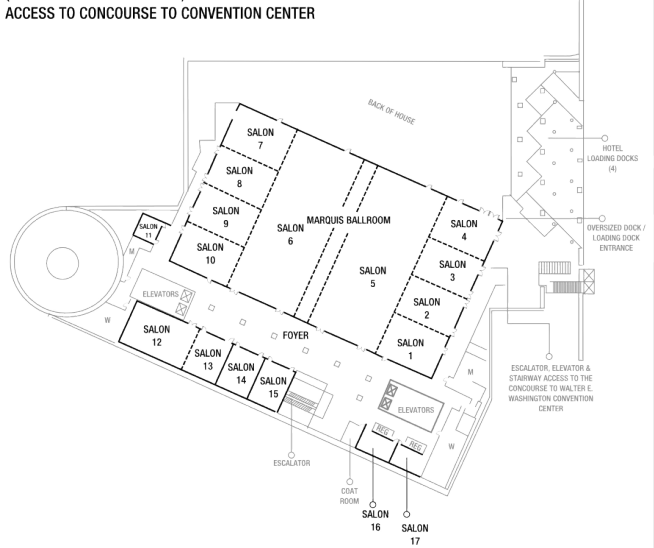


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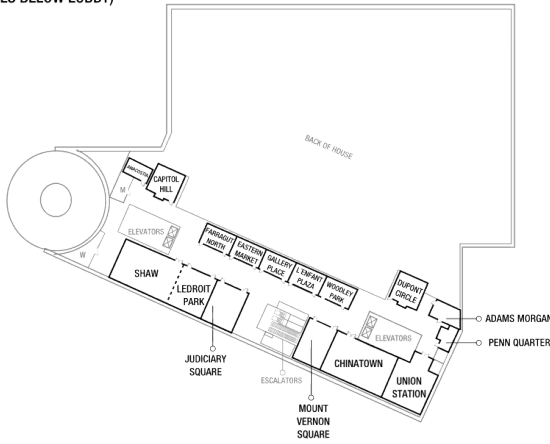
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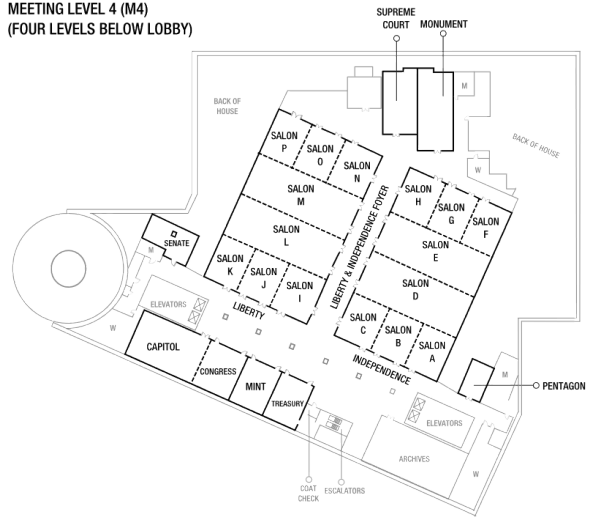
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MEETING LEVEL 3 (M3)
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MEETING LEVEL 4 (M4)
(FOUR LEVELS BELOW LOBBY)



THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Registration

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Level M1 Foyer

Axios Local: Zoom In—Navigating Local Change

4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Salon 12/13, Level M2

Join us for a special event with **Axios Local** featuring conversations with local leaders, including **USCM President Andrew Ginther, Columbia (SC) Mayor Daniel Rickenmann** and **Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan** among others. The exclusive event will look at how local governments are setting the agenda to move their communities forward in a shifting political landscape. All Winter Meeting attendees are invited. Register [here](#) for the event.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Registration

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Level M1 Foyer

BEST PRACTICE FORUMS

Building a More Resilient Community

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Liberty Salon J-K, Level M4

Climate change and extreme weather events are creating stress on communities, homes, and local economies across the country. Improving a community’s ability to prepare for threats and hazards, adapt to changing conditions, and withstand and recover rapidly from adverse conditions and disruptions is an issue facing cities nationwide. This session will focus on the tools available to identify these threats and make your communities more resilient to withstand and recover from these events.

Moderators BARBARA BUFFALOE
Mayor of Columbia (MO)
Chair, Environment Standing Committee

BUDDY DYER
Mayor of Orlando
Vice Chair for Emergency Management, Criminal and Social Justice Standing Committee

Update *Recovery from Major Weather Events*
ESTHER MANHEIMER
Mayor of Asheville

MARY LOU PAULY
Mayor of Issaquah
Vice Chair for Water, Environment Standing Committee

Report Release *Building Community Resilience: How Local Leaders Are Advancing Resilience Hubs and Bolstering Critical Infrastructure*
ANDRE DICKENS
Mayor of Atlanta



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

AMY BAILEY
Director of Climate Resilience and Sustainability
Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES)

Presentation AMANDA BROWN LIERMAN
Senior Director for Policy and Engagement
GoFundMe

Presentation NOAA Science-Based Solutions for a Resilient Nation
LOUISA KOCH
Director of Education
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Helping Small Businesses

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Independence Salon C, Level M4

Cities are discovering new ways to help small businesses and entrepreneurs. Discover new approaches to helping retain and build small businesses in your city.

Moderator ELIZABETH B. KAUTZ
Mayor of Burnsville
Past President, The United States Conference of Mayors
Chair, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Task Force

Remarks LOU MOSCA
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
American Management Services
USCM Platinum Partner

ELIZABETH BARTZ
CEO & President
State and Federal Communications, Inc.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Breakfast Available

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Marquis Ballroom , Level M2

Opening Plenary Session

8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Marquis Ballroom, Level M2

Program will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Presiding ANDREW J. GINTHER
Mayor of Columbus, OH
President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Video Introduction TOM COCHRAN
CEO and Executive Director
The United States Conference of Mayors

Video *The Ginther Presidency - Part 1*

Address ANDREW J. GINTHER
Mayor of Columbus, OH
President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Discussion *Targeted Growth: Building a Healthy Ecosystem for Small Businesses*

Strategic investments by mayors can be a catalyst for the growth of entrepreneurs, microbusinesses, and small businesses owned and operated by historically underrepresented groups. These targeted investments have the transformative power to create a rich environment that drives innovation, attracts and develops talent, stimulates economic growth, and enhances community resilience. Local governments can play a unique role in supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs and through them strengthen local economies.

Moderator ROBY SCHAPIRA
Consumer, Small & Business Banking Diverse Customer Segments Growth Leader
Senior Vice President
Wells Fargo
USCM Platinum Partner

Panelists MIKE DUGGAN
Mayor of Detroit

TISHAURA O. JONES
Mayor of St. Louis

ELIZABETH B. KAUTZ
Mayor of Burnsville
Past President, The United States Conference of Mayors
Chair, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Task Force

Remarks STEVE PATTERSON
Mayor of Athens, OH
President, National League of Cities



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Announcement 2025 USCM-Google AI Initiative
CRIS TURNER
Vice President, Government Affairs & Public Policy, Knowledge & Information Products
Google
USCM Platinum Partner

Update 93rd Annual Meeting, June 19-22, 2025
JANE CASTOR
Mayor of Tampa
Host, 93rd Annual Meeting

Announcement 2025 Mayors PLAY BALL
DOUGLAS H. PALMER
Former Mayor of Trenton and Past President, The United States Conference of Mayors
Major League Baseball
USCM Platinum Partner

Remarks VICE ADMIRAL VIVEK H. MURTHY, MD, MBA
United States Surgeon General

Remarks THE HONORABLE PETE BUTTIGIEG
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation

BEST PRACTICE FORUMS

Advancing Public Health

This special session will explore innovative strategies and solutions that cities and organizations use to advance public health practices across the country and expectations for the incoming Administration and Congress.

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Independence Salon D, Level M4

Moderator MATT TUERK
Mayor of Allentown
Chair, Children, Health, and Human Services Standing Committee

Panelists SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD
Mayor of Mount Vernon
Vice Chair for Equity, Children, Health, and Human Services Standing Committee

BETH OSBORNE
Director, Transportation for America
Smart Growth America

ADRIANE CASALOTTI
Chief of Public and Government Affairs
National Association of County and City Health Officials



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Council on Metro Economies and the New American City

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Independence Salon E, Level M4

The Council will continue its series of US Metro Economy forecasts; address the next phase of Treasury’s State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund; and update members on key initiatives to promote economic mobility ranging from retirement programs for low-income workers to reducing transportation costs.

Moderator MIKE DUGGAN
Mayor of Detroit
Vice Chair, Council on Metro Economies and the New American City

Comments SATYA RHODES-CONWAY
Mayor of Madison
Vice Chair, Council on Metro Economies and the New American City

Remarks *Update on U.S. Metro Economies: 2025 Forecast*
JAMES DIFFLEY
Executive Director
S&P Global Market Intelligence

Update *State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund*
VERONICA SOTO
Director
State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
United States Department of Treasury

Discussion *Promoting Economic Mobility*
CATHERINE LYONS
Director of Policy and Coalitions
Economic Innovation Group

FABIOLA BRUMLEY
Vice Chairman, Business Banking
Bank of America

LARRY KLEIN
Mayor of Sunnyvale

DANIEL RAMOT
Chief Executive Officer
VIA

DARRELL BYERS
Chief Executive Officer
Interise

First-Time Attendee and New Mayors Session

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Liberty Salon L, Level M4

Is this your first United States Conference of Mayors meeting? Then this session is for you! Come hear from our leadership and other active mayors to get the most out of the organization.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

- Remarks* ANDREW J. GINTHER
Mayor of Columbus, OH
President, The United States Conference of Mayors
- Remarks* DAVID HOLT
Mayor of Oklahoma City
Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors
- Remarks* TODD GLORIA
Mayor of San Diego
Chair, Membership Task Force
Second Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors
- Remarks* TOM COCHRAN
CEO & Executive Director
The United States Conference of Mayors
- Remarks* DAVID W. BURNS
Assistant Executive Director
The United States Conference of Mayors

Implementing AI: How Universities Can Assist Cities

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Liberty Salon I, Level M4

Artificial Intelligence holds massive potential for cities to unlock efficiencies, create innovative solutions, and more. However, its complexity can create hurdles, both in utilizing new tools and ensuring proper governance. This session will highlight resources and tools to help cities navigate and implement AI through university partnerships and R&D opportunities.

- Moderator* LEIRION GAYLOR BAIRD
Mayor of Lincoln
- Panelists* BRUCE HARRELL
Mayor of Seattle
Chair, Technology and Innovation Standing Committee
- KATE GARMAN BURNS
Executive Director
MetroLab Network
- MALIK EVANS
Mayor of Rochester, NY
- DR. WENDY NILSEN
Deputy Division Director for the Division of Information and Intelligence Systems
National Science Foundation
- ELIZABETH HAAS
Adjunct Instructor, School of Professional Studies
New York University



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Mayors Water Council

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Independence Salon A-B, Level M4

This session features a panel of experts in the water sector and mayors currently addressing costly federal regulatory mandates in their communities. The panel will provide information on critical next steps in compliance activities and legal challenges to the new lead service line rule and the PFAS suite of policy advances.

Moderator DANENE SORACE
Mayor of Lancaster
Co-Chair, Mayors Water Council

Discussion Major Water Regulations - Update

Remarks Microbial Disinfectant Byproducts Rule
ADRIENNE NEMURA
Principal Water Resource Engineer
Geosyntec Consultants

Remarks Lead and Copper Rule Improvement
DANENE SORACE
Mayor of Lancaster
Co-Chair, Mayors Water Council

Remarks PFAS in Drinking Water and Public Works
DAN HARTNETT
Chief Policy Officer
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies

MARY LOU PAULY
Mayor of Issaquah

Remarks Best Practice - PFAS Life Cycle Management
FRED VAN HEEMS
CEO
Veolia

Remarks U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2025 Regulatory Program
JAMIE PIZIALI
Municipal Ombudsman
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

BEST PRACTICE FORUMS

CHIPS and Science Act Implementation in 2025

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Independence Salon C, Level M4

Featuring insights from the U.S. Department of Commerce and the National Science Foundation, the session will highlight how mayors can spearhead the creation of high-quality jobs, reshape local economies, and foster regional innovation through the once-in-a-generation investments from the CHIPS and Science Act.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

- Moderator* LAUREN McLEAN
Mayor of Boise
Chair, CHIPS Implementation Task Force
- Update* CHIPS Office and Major Priorities for 2025
LYNELLE McKAY
Incoming Director, CHIPS Program Office
United States Department of Commerce
- Update* CHIPS and Science at the National Science Foundation
ERWIN GIANCHANDANI
Assistant Director for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships
National Science Foundation
- Discussion* Ecosystem Conversations with Local Economic Development Agencies
KATE GALLEGO
Mayor of Phoenix
- LARRY KLEIN
Mayor of Sunnyvale

Environmental Regulatory and Legislative Forecast for 2025

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Independence Salon A-B, Level M4

When Administrations transition, rules and regulations can be revisited and changed. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) oversees many topics that impact local government budgets and environmental policy priorities. Additionally, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled last summer that Agencies such as the EPA will not automatically receive deference from courts regarding the interpretations of statutes, leaving it to judges to interpret the law.

Issues including Financial Capability Assessments, PFAS in Drinking Water and other city services, the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements, and Clean Air Act regulations all may face major changes in 2025. Please join us for an overview of what the status of these rules are, what may be expected in the coming year, and the steps local governments can take to prepare for any upcoming regulatory shifts.

- Moderator* BARBARA BUFFALOE
Mayor of Columbia, MO
Chair, Environment Committee
- Presentation* Environmental Policy – Predicting Which EPA Rules and Guidance Documents are in the Cross Hairs
SUSAN BODINE
Partner
Earth and Water Law, LLC
- Presentation* State of the State - PFAS Regulations
ADRIENNE NEMURA
Principal
Geosyntec Consultants
- Comments* DANENE SORACE
Mayor of Lancaster
Chair, Mayors Water Council



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Key Transportation Priorities in the New Congress

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Liberty Salon L, Level M4

This session examines several key transportation issues before the new Congress, most notably the renewal of the federal surface transportation law and extension of the broader Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework (IIJA law) where such legislation will define the level and scope of future federal investment in the nation’s highway, public transit, and intercity rail systems.

- Moderator* JAMES B. HOVLAND
Mayor of Edina

- Remarks* *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*
POLLY TROTTENBERG
Deputy Secretary
United States Department of Transportation

- Surface Transportation Renewal*
KIRK WATSON
Mayor of Austin

- Public Transportation*
TRAVIS STOVALL
Mayor of Gresham

- PAUL SKOUTELAS
President and Chief Executive Officer
American Public Transportation Association

- Intercity Passenger Rail*
CHRIS KOOS
Mayor of Normal
Member, Amtrak Board of Directors

- STEPHEN J. GARDNER
Chief Executive Officer
Amtrak

MICD: Enhancing City Leadership with Design

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Liberty Salon I, Level M4

How can city planning and development processes shape communities that are more resilient, equitable, and thriving? Join the Mayors’ Institute on City Design (MICD) for a discussion and workshop about leading with design. Hear from alumni mayors about lessons learned, get acquainted with MICD programs, and share questions or updates about planning and design projects in your city.

The Mayors' Institute on City Design is a leadership initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the United States Conference of Mayors.

- Introduction* TRINITY SIMONS WAGNER
Executive Director
Mayors' Institute on City Design

- Remarks* D.C. REEVES
Mayor of Pensacola



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Police Department Policies Relating to Immigrants and Homeless People (Closed to the Press)

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Independence Salon D, Level M4

The session will feature a discussion of legal issues and police department policies and practices relating to enforcement of federal immigration laws and cooperating with federal immigration authorities. Also discussed will be police department policies and practices relating to people experiencing homelessness in the wake of the Supreme Court's Grants Pass decision.

Moderators JERRY DYER
Mayor of Fresno
Co-Chair, Mayors and Police Chiefs Task Force

BRETT SMILEY
Mayor of Providence
Co-Chair, Mayors and Police Chiefs Task Force

Panelists CHARLES RAMSEY
Former Chief of Police, Washington, DC and Philadelphia
Advisor to the United States Conference of Mayors

MARY McCORD
Executive Director and Visiting Professor of Law
Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection
Georgetown University Law Center

MIKE JOHNSTON
Mayor of Denver
Chair, Immigration Reform Task Force

TISHAURA JONES
Mayor of St. Louis

Discussion

Small Cities Forum: Effective Message Delivery Across Multiple Platforms

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Liberty Salon J-K, Level M4

It is more important than ever to make sure the Mayor's message is delivered clearly and accurately. Following up on our Communications session in Kansas City, we will hear from Edison Mayor Sam Joshi on how he uses different ways to communicate with his constituents.

Moderators CHRIS BARNETT
Mayor of Orion Township, MI
Co-Chair, Small Cities Forum

TIMOTHY C. MCDONOUGH
Mayor of Hope Township, NJ
Co-Chair, Small Cities Forum

Remarks SAM JOSHI
Mayor of Edison Township, NJ



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Opening Press Conference

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Salon 12, Level M2

Remarks by USCM Officers

Friday Plenary Lunch

12:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Marquis Ballroom, Level M2

The program will begin at 12:45 p.m.

Presiding ANDREW J. GINTHER
Mayor of Columbus, OH
President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Greetings MURIEL BOWSER
Mayor of the District of Columbia

Remarks DR. CHRIS HERBERT
Managing Director
Joint Center for Housing Studies
Harvard University

Discussion *A Seat at the Table: Innovative Strategies to End Hunger and Improve Access to Food in Local Communities*

This panel will focus on innovative strategies and partnerships designed to expand food access and improve nutrition security in underserved communities. The panel will feature two leading anti-hunger advocates, Mayor Dickens of Atlanta, and Mayor Cagnetti of Scranton, and their approach to alleviating food and nutrition insecurity in their cities and communities.

Moderator CASEY ADEN-WANSBURY
Vice President of Policy & Government Affairs
Instacart
Title Sponsor

Panelists PAIGE G. COGNETTI
Mayor of Scranton

ANDRE DICKENS
Mayor of Atlanta

Discussion *From Investment to Impact: The Role of Mayors in Supporting Women-Owned Businesses*

Strategic investments by mayors in small businesses are a catalyst for the growth of entrepreneurs, microbusinesses, and women-owned small businesses. These targeted investments have the transformative power to create a ripple effect that drives innovation, stimulates economic growth, and enhances community resilience. Local governments are uniquely positioned to support small businesses and entrepreneurs, fostering stronger local economies and empowering women in business.

Moderator KATHY SHEEHAN
Mayor of Albany
Chair, Women Mayors Leadership Alliance



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

- Discussant* ACQUANETTA WARREN
Mayor of Fontana
Vice Chair, Women Mayors Leadership Alliance
- Remarks* JEFF FRANCIS
Associate Vice President, East Region Retirement Solutions Sales and Retention
Nationwide Retirement Solutions
USCM Platinum Partner
- Presentation* *The United States Conference of Mayors Distinguished Public Service Award*
- Address* THE HONORABLE JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.
President of the United States of America

BEST PRACTICE FORUMS

AI, Broadband, and Emerging Technology in 2025

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Independence Salon A-B, Level M4

This session will explore the anticipated federal landscape around technology and innovation policy with a focus on telecommunications, artificial intelligence, and crypto.

- Moderator* BRUCE HARRELL
Mayor of Seattle
Chair, Technology and Innovation Standing Committee
- Remarks* *Artificial Intelligence and Technology Policy*
ALEXANDRA REEVE GIVENS
President & CEO
Center for Democracy & Technology
- Remarks* *The State of Broadband in 2025*
GIGI SOHN
Senior Fellow and Public Advocate
Benton Institute for Broadband & Society

Analyzing the State of the Housing Crisis

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Independence Salon D, Level M4

Decades of insufficient investment coupled with spikes in housing costs during the pandemic and rising expenses have made housing unaffordable for most Americans. This session will provide research and data on the current state of the housing crisis, discuss trends, and identify interventions to support housing in cities.

- Moderator* WADE KAPSZUKIEWICZ
Mayor of Toledo
Chair, Community Development and Housing Task Force
- Remarks* DR. CHRIS HERBERT
Managing Director
Joint Center for Housing Studies
Harvard University



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

ANDREW J. GINTHER
Mayor of Columbus, OH
President, The United States Conference of Mayors

KATE GALLEGO
Mayor of Phoenix

Childcare Insights & Strategies: Mayoral Best Practices and Federal Outlook

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Independence Salon C, Level M4

The session will focus on local strategies to implement a comprehensive approach that ensures all families have access to affordable, high-quality childcare, highlighting its importance for economic stability and growth.

Moderator KIRK WATSON
Mayor of Austin
Chair, Task Force on Childcare

Remarks *Childcare as Economic Development*
MATT TUERK
Mayor of Allentown
Chair, Children, Health and Human Services Standing Committee

Sharing the Future: A Model for Childcare
TISHAURA O. JONES
Mayor of St. Louis

SHAWYN PATTERSON-HOWARD
Mayor of Mount Vernon
Vice Chair for Equity, Children, Health and Human Services Standing Committee

A Strategic Approach to Community Childcare Needs
CHRISTINA MURYN
Mayor of Findlay

Building A Stronger Future: Tackling Childcare Challenges Through Zoning and Collaborations
QUENTIN HART
Mayor of Waterloo

AMY K. MATSUI
Senior Director of Income Security
National Women’s Law Center

Clean Energy Tax Credits for Communities

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Liberty Salon J-K, Level M4

The United States Department of the Treasury has finalized rules governing access to the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) clean energy investment and production tax credits. These rules lay out a city’s path to federal resources through the direct pay provisions of the IRA. Expert municipal advisors will discuss the final rules and what lays ahead for 2025 when the technology-neutral Investment and Production Tax Incentives take effect. Several challenges to the clean energy buildout will be discussed, including energy project permit reform and grid reliability issues. A Best Practice briefing on energy storage solutions is presented.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

- Moderator* DANIEL RICKENMANN
Mayor of Columbia, SC
- Remarks* *The Future of Energy Investment and Production Tax Credits*
DAVID YAROS
US Tax Sustainability Co-Leader
Deloitte
- Remarks* JON MITCHELL
Mayor of New Bedford
- Remarks* *Energy Projects and Permitting Reform - Legislative Update*
CHARLES “BEN” JACKSON
Senior Director of Government Affairs
Edison Electric Institute
- Remarks* *Electric Transmission Challenges*
- Remarks* *Best Practice: Sustainable Energy Storage Solutions*
PETER BRAUN, CEO
Phenogy

LGBTQ+ Alliance Meeting

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Liberty Salon I, Level M4

Representatives of the Human Rights Campaign will discuss and provide a toolkit for mayors on building inclusive cities that they have developed in partnership with the Alliance.

- Moderator* TODD GLORIA
Mayor of San Diego
Co-Chair, LGBTQ+ Alliance
Second Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors
- SATYA RHODES-CONWAY
Mayor of Madison
Co-Chair, LGBTQ+ Alliance
- Remarks* BRITTNY PHAM
Manager, State & Municipal Programs
Human Rights Campaign
- CHAUNCEY GRAHAM
Legislative Counsel
Human Rights Campaign

The 2025 Tax Bill: Key Opportunities for Cities

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Independence Salon E, Level M4

- Moderator* PAIGE G. COGNETTI
Mayor of Scranton
Chair, Metro Economies Standing Committee



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Remarks *Housing Incentives*
 BRIAN C. WAHLER
 Mayor of Piscataway
 Chair, Legislative Action Standing Committee

GREG WARREN
 Legislative Director
 Office of Rep. Darin LaHood (IL)
 Member, Ways and Means Committee
 US House of Representatives

SARAH BRUNDAGE
 President and CEO
 National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders

Remarks *Protecting Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds*
 EMILY BROCK
 Director, Federal Liaison Center
 Government Finance Officers Association

Remarks *Opportunity Zones*
 SHARETTA SMITH
 Mayor of Lima

JOHN LETTIERI
 Co-Founder, President & CEO
 Economic Innovation Group

Mayors-Only Session: Looking Ahead: What Does the New Congress and Administration Mean for Cities (Closed)

4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Liberty Salon M-N-O-P, Level M4

This mayors-only discussion will explore how mayors can work together to build on the progress cities have made in recent years, discuss our expectations and concerns for the new Congress and Administration, and strategize on the best ways to work in partnership with them.

Moderator BRENDAN BUCK
 Partner
 Seven Letter

Remarks ANDREW J. GINTHER
 Mayor of Columbus, OH
 President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Panelists TIM KELLER
 Mayor of Albuquerque

MARY McCORD
 Executive Director and Visiting Professor of Law
 Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection
 Georgetown University Law Center

CHARLES RAMSEY
 Former Chief of Police, Washington, DC and Philadelphia
 Advisor to the United States Conference of Mayors



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

OPENING RECEPTION: Marriott Marquis Washington, DC

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Second Level Foyer

All 93rd Winter Meeting participants are invited.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Registration

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Level M1 Foyer

BEST PRACTICE FORUMS

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast Available

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Marquis Ballroom, Level M2

Mayors and Business Leaders Plenary Session

8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Marquis Ballroom, Level M2

The program will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Presiding ANDREW J. GINTHER
Mayor of Columbus, OH
Chair, Mayors Business Council
President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Greetings QUINTING LACEWELL
Senior Government Relations
Wells Fargo
USCM Platinum Partner
Co-Chair, Mayors Business Council Steering Committee

Discussion *Unlocking Opportunity: Career Pathways to Social and Economic Mobility*

In today's rapidly evolving economy, career pathways are essential for fostering social and economic mobility. This session will explore how cities are integrating career pathways, equipping students with the skills and experiences needed for success in high-demand industries. From innovative partnerships with local businesses to skills training and workforce development programs, we'll discuss how education systems are bridging opportunity gaps and preparing young people for thriving careers.

Moderator JENNIE NILES
President and CEO
CityWorks DC

Panelists MONROE NICHOLS IV
Mayor of Tulsa

MIKE JOHNSTON
Mayor of Denver

Remarks *Update from Ukrainian Mayors: Unbroken Cities Network*
ANDRIY SADOVYI
Mayor of Lviv

OLEKSANDR SENKEVICH
Mayor of Mykolaiv

ANDRIY BESEDIN
Mayor of Kupyansk



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Remarks ISAAC REYES
Senior Vice President, Risk & Government Affairs
Target
USCM Platinum Partner

Discussion *Where Coffee Fuels Economic Development and Community: Boosting Community and Economic Growth in Cities*

Mayors play a pivotal role in shaping the future of cities, and they recognize that community vitality depends on businesses and public/private partnerships. Restaurant and retail businesses in cities boost economic development, stabilize communities, increase tax revenues, create jobs, and enhance the quality of life for residents. This armchair plenary will discuss the vital role Starbucks, and all businesses play in fostering economic development and bolstering communities.

Moderator ANDREW J. GINTHER
Mayor of Columbus, OH
Chair, Mayors Business Council
President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Panelists ARANTHAN “AJ” JONES II
Executive Vice President and Chief Corporate Affairs Officer
Public Affairs
Starbucks Coffee Company

KEITH JAMES
Mayor of West Palm Beach

AFTAB PUREVAL
Mayor of Cincinnati

Remarks ALEX HOROWITZ
Project Director,
Housing Policy Initiative, The Pew Charitable Trusts

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Building America’s Workforce: Tapping Underutilized Talent (SEED)

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Independence Salon G-H, Level M4

Building a robust workforce requires intentional and thoughtful strategies for recruiting and retaining workers from previously untapped or underutilized communities. Panelists will share ‘nuts and bolts’ tools for advancing recruitment, hiring, and training for women, veterans, and people with disabilities, including approaches for supporting mental health and gender equity. Participants will also learn about a broad range of technical assistance resources available to assist cities with policy development and implementation, including the State Exchange on Employment & Disability (SEED).

Moderator D.C. REEVES
Mayor of Pensacola
Chair, Jobs, Education, and the Workforce Standing Committee

Panelists KATHY SHEEHAN
Mayor of Albany
Chair, Women Mayors Leadership Alliance



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COREY WOODS
Mayor of Tempe

KATIA ALBANESE
Executive Vice President
Concepts Communications

The Threat PFAS Poses to Firefighters and City Budgets

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Liberty Salon L, Level M4

According to scientific data gathered by the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), firefighters face alarming rates of occupational cancer, primarily due to exposure to PFAS, carcinogenic "forever chemicals" embedded in their protective gear. As municipalities may soon need to replace this gear with PFAS-free alternatives, the financial impact could be substantial. Representing 352,000 firefighters and emergency medical workers, IAFF is working with the Conference of Mayors to find economically viable solutions to protect firefighter health and city budgets.

Moderator BRYAN K. BARNETT
Mayor of Rochester Hills, MI
Past President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Panelists EDWARD KELLY
General President
International Association of Fire Fighters

DEREK URWIN, PhD
Chief Science Advisor
International Association of Fire Fighters

JAYNE CONROY
Partner
Simmons Hanly Conroy LLP

MARK FREEMAN
Mayor of Mesa

USCM & AIA Housing Survey Review - What's Working and What's Needed

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Independence Salon E, Level M4

In this session speakers will share key findings from the USCM & AIA Housing Survey and discuss the role of architects in creating safe, resilient, and affordable housing for all. The joint report examines mayors' perceptions about which local housing policies are most effective, whether federal housing programs need to be protected, and how direct flexible funding to cities stimulates innovative housing solutions. Learn about reducing costly project delays, stimulating private investment, and helping large and small architecture firms thrive.

Moderator EVELYN LEE
2025 President
The American Institute of Architects

Panelists ALEX HOROWITZ
Project Director, Housing Policy Initiative
The Pew Charitable Trusts



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TODD GLORIA
Mayor of San Diego
Second Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors

KIRK WATSON
Mayor of Austin

Using AI to Build Public Trust & Connection

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Independence Salon D, Level M4

Learn how to modernize government services and improve operational efficiency with proactive agents and advanced automation. These solutions streamline processes, reduce manual workloads, and enhance service delivery by anticipating citizen needs and providing personalized support. By eliminating repetitive tasks, agencies can focus on strategic priorities, enabling smarter, more responsive public services that meet the evolving expectations of a digital-first world. Please join us for a lively discussion with leaders on the cutting edge of the industry, as we explore how these innovations are transforming government operations.

Moderator PAUL TATUM
Executive Vice President, Solution Engineering
Salesforce

Panelist FRANCIS X. SUAREZ
Mayor of Miami
Past President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Discussion

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Federal Immigration Policy in 2025: What to Expect

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Independence Salon A-B, Level M4

Bringing together the Latino Alliance, Immigration Reform Task Force and Border Policy Subcommittee, the session will highlight likely changes in federal immigration policy relating to the border, deportation, DACA and other areas.

Moderators REGINA ROMERO
Mayor of Tucson
Chair, Latino Alliance

MIKE JOHNSTON
Mayor of Denver
Chair, Immigration Reform Task Force

JOHN COWEN, Jr.
Mayor of Brownsville
Vice Chair for Border Policy, Criminal and Social Justice Standing Committee

Remarks TODD SCHULTE
President
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THE HONORABLE ESTEBAN MOCTEZUMA BARRAGÁN
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mexico to the United States of America

DAISHI MIGUEL-TANAKA
Director of Immigration Policy & Research
FWD.us

Discussion

Keeping Climate Work Going: A Strategy Session for Mayors

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Liberty Salon J-K, Level M4

Mayors continue to lead the way on utilizing the Inflation Reduction Act to create jobs and build a local clean energy economy within cities across the country. This session will focus on identifying and protecting key programs within the IRA, discuss strategies to integrate climate action with other critical issues such as housing and economic development, and how to continue implementing climate work in a bipartisan fashion. We are pleased that this strategy session will be jointly hosted by The U.S. Conference of Mayors, Climate Mayors, and C40.

Moderators BARBARA BUFFALOE
Mayor of Columbia
Chair USCM Environment Committee
Steering Committee Member, Climate Mayors

KATE GALLEGO
Mayor of Phoenix
Chair, Climate Mayors
Vice Chair, C40 Cities

Presentation *Building Support for Local Clean Energy and Infrastructure*

PETE GOULD
Senior Vice President
Boundary Stone Partners

JENN GARSON
Senior Vice President
Boundary Stone Partners

Mayoral Discussion and Strategy Session

FIFA Club World Cup 2025 and World Cup 2026 Coming to Your City

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Liberty Salon I, Level M4

FIFA officials will brief mayors of host 2025 and 2026 cities and potential training base camp cities on the latest updates regarding 2025 Club World Cup and the 2026 World Cup, including planning progress, top issues for the incoming Congress and new Administration, and Federal funding support for host cities. Following the session, FIFA representatives will be available for individual meetings with mayors to discuss specific tournament needs.

Moderator BUDDY DYER
Mayor of Orlando
Chair, Mayors Professional Sports Alliance

QUINTON LUCAS
Mayor of Kansas City, MO



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BRUCE HARRELL
Mayor of Seattle

Panelists AMY HOPFINGER
Chief Strategy & Planning Office
FIFA World Cup 2026

ALEXANDRA SOPKO
Director of Government Relations and Public Engagement
FIFA World Cup 2026

DEREK THRONEBURG
Head of Club Business
National Women's Soccer League (NWSL)

How to Talk About the Future

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Supreme Court, Level M4

There are always future pathways beyond our immediate concerns, but current expectations and worries often grip us so tightly that we may struggle to imagine them. So how can we access, prepare for, and take advantage of such alternative possibilities? This interactive session, led by experts from the Civic Foresight Project, is designed to help: join us to develop ways of having more rigorous, imaginative, and actionable conversations about the future -- with your constituents, your staff, and even yourself.

Facilitators ILANA LIPSETT
Principal, Ilana Lipsett Consulting
Co-Founder, Civic Foresight Project

STUART CANDY
Distinguished Visiting Professor, Tec de Monterrey
Director, Situation Lab
Co-Founder, Civic Foresight Project

JAKE DUNAGAN
Director, Government Futures Lab
Institute for the Future
Co-Founder, Civic Foresight Project

Childhood Obesity Prevention/Environmental Health & Sustainability Plenary Lunch

12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Marquis Ballroom, Level M2
Sponsored by the American Beverage Association

The program will begin at 12:45 p.m.

Presiding ANDREW J. GINTHER
Mayor of Columbus, OH
President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Presentation 2025 Childhood Obesity Prevention/Environmental Health and Sustainability Awards
RYAN GUTHRIE
Executive Vice President, Government and Public Affairs
American Beverage Association, American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America
USCM Platinum Partner



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Discussion *Investing in Digital Skills to Accelerate Economic Growth*

Remarks BRET PERKINS
Senior Vice President of External and Government Affairs
Comcast Corporation
USCM Platinum Partner

Moderator DALILA WILSON-SCOTT
Executive Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer
Comcast Corporation
USCM Platinum Partner

Discussant *Rec-N-Tec*
JUSTIN BIBB
Mayor of Cleveland

Remarks ELLIE CASSON
Head of City Policy and Government Affairs
Waymo

Remarks *Creating Communities of Character*
DR. FRANK I. LUNTZ
Pollster, Analyst, & Commentator

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Advancing AAPI Opportunities & Representation

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Independence Salon C, Level M4

Connect with leaders who represent, serve, and advocate for AAPI interests at all levels of government. AAPI Alliance members are committed to promoting safety, growth, inclusion, and increased access to resources and public services within communities. During this session, attendees will hear from special guest Todd Schulte of FWD.us, who will provide valuable insights to key policy issues threatening the quality of life for AAPI residents across the nation. Open discussion of local issues, strategies, and preparedness needs will conclude the session.

Moderator AFTAB PUREVAL
Mayor of Cincinnati
Chair, Asian American Pacific Islander Alliance

Remarks TODD SCHULTE
President
FWD.us

Continuing and Strengthening City Efforts to Reduce Gun Violence

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Liberty Salon L, Level M4

The session will include a discussion of the progress cities have made in reducing gun violence and other violent crimes and what mayors can do to continue that progress and help their residents understand that progress and feel safer in their communities.

Moderator QUINTON LUCAS
Mayor of Kansas City, MO
Chair, Criminal and Social Justice Standing Committee



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- Panelists*
- KRISTIE BRACKENS
Associate Deputy Director
Bureau of Justice Assistance
United States Department of Justice

 - RACHEL APFELBAUM
Senior Research Associate
Police Executive Research Forum

 - INSHA RAHMAN
Vice President, Advocacy & Partnerships
Director, Vera Action
Vera Institute of Justice & Vera Action

 - KRISTEN DART
Deputy Director, Local Government Affairs
Everytown for Gun Safety

Discussion

Hiring America’s Heroes – Harnessing the Power of the Veteran Workforce

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Independence Salon G-H, Level M4

Hiring veterans, military spouses, and transitioning service members is not just the right thing to do; it's a smart investment in your city's workforce. This session will focus on ways to harness the skills, discipline, and dedication of America's veterans to facilitate their pathways to employment and civilian life.

- Moderators*
- D.C. REEVES
Mayor of Pensacola
Chair, Jobs, Education, and the Workforce Standing Committee

 - JIM ROSS
Mayor of Arlington
Chair, USCM Veterans Task Force

- Remarks*
- TODD GLORIA
Mayor of San Diego
Second Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Adult Education and Veterans

SHARETTA SMITH
Mayor of Lima

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Mayor of Lima

CAPTAIN TIM KINSELLA, Jr., USN (Ret)
City Administrator, Office of the Mayor
City of Pensacola

BRYNT PARMETER
Chief Talent Management Officer
United States Department of Defense



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Local Infrastructure Hub: How the BIL is Transforming Communities

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Independence Salon E, Level M4

The Local Infrastructure Hub is a national program launched in July 2022 to ensure that all cities and towns can access federal infrastructure funding to drive local recovery, improve communities, and deliver results for residents. It is a Partnership between the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and Results for America. This session will discuss the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and its economic and workforce development impact. Mayors will present and discuss BIL projects that are transformative to their communities.

- Moderator* STEVEN REED
Mayor of Montgomery
- Remarks* *Communities Taking Charge: How Cities and Towns are Electrifying Mobility and Maximizing the Benefits of EVs on the Grid*
GABE KLEIN
Executive Director
The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation
- Panelists*
- ANDY SCHOR
Mayor of Lansing
- LAUREN McLEAN
Mayor of Boise
- ABDULLAH HAMMOUD
Mayor of Dearborn
- BEN WALSH
Mayor of Syracuse
- LUKE MCGOWAN
Government Innovation
Bloomberg Philanthropies

Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) Task Force

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Independence Salon D, Level M4

The Public-Private Partnerships (P3) Task Force was created in 2022 to raise awareness of P3 opportunities and challenges when investing in local infrastructure, particularly in light of significant federal funding recently made available by Congress. Task Force Chair Mayor Andre Dickens will lead a discussion on legislative and advocacy priorities of the Conference of Mayors P3 policies. This session is intended to prepare mayors by introducing them to who the new players will be in the administration and how cities can work with them.

- Chair* ANDRE DICKENS
Mayor of Atlanta
- Remarks* *Legislative & Advocacy Priorities for 2025*
BRIGHAM McCOWN
Founder & Chair
Alliance for Innovation and Infrastructure
Former Senior Federal Official and
Current Member of the Trump Transition Team for DOT and DoD



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LUCIAN NIEMEYER
CEO
Building Cybersecurity
Former Assistant Secretary for Energy, Installations, and Environmental Programs
United States Department of Defense
Former White House Office of Management and Budget Official
Trump Administration

JIM RAY
HNTB Corporate President
HNTB Corporation

Remarks *Federal Funding Updates & Opportunities*
DR. MORTEZA FARAJIAN
Executive Director, Build America Bureau
The United States Department of Transportation

Roundtable *Introducing New Vice Chairs and Expanding P3 Advocacy*
PHILLIP JONES
Mayor of Newport News
Vice Chair for Military Community Redevelopment, Public-Private Partnerships Task Force

PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of Riverside
Vice Chair for Innovative City Development, Public-Private Partnerships Task Force

Strengthening U.S.-Mexico Trade Relations: Charting a Path Forward

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Independence Salon A-B, Level M4

This session will focus on enhancing and deepening the trade relationship between the United States and Mexico. Meeting participants will not just review current trade conditions but also explore opportunities for future growth, address challenges, and lay out strategies to improve and expand bilateral economic ties.

Moderators MURIEL BOWSER
Mayor of Washington, D.C.
Chair, International Affairs Standing Committee

DAVID HOLT
Mayor of Oklahoma City
Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors
Vice Chair, International Affairs Standing Committee

YEMI MOBOLADE
Mayor of Colorado Springs
Vice Chair, International Affairs Standing Committee

Remarks AMBASSADOR NINA HACHIGIAN
Special Representative for City and State Diplomacy
United States Department of State

Remarks HER EXCELLENCY ÁNGELES MORENO BAU
The Ambassador of Spain to the United States



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- Remarks* HIS EXCELLENCY ESTEBAN MOCTEZUMA BARRAGÁN
Ambassador of Mexico to the United States
- Discussion* U.S. Mexico-Trade Panel
- Moderator* JASON MARCZAK
Vice President and Senior Director
Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center, Atlantic Council

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Advancing Women's Health: Leadership Strategies for Community Impact

3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Independence Salon C, Level M4

This joint session, hosted by USCM's Women Mayors Leadership Alliance and the Women's Health and Reproductive Rights Task Force, will focus on women's health and its connection to economic mobility. The conversation will outline key challenges and opportunities ahead, fostering bipartisan engagement to address these important issues.

- Moderators* KATHY SHEEHAN
Mayor of Albany
Chair, Women Mayors Leadership Alliance
- ACQUANETTA WARREN
Mayor of Fontana
Vice Chair, Women Mayors Leadership Alliance
- ELIZABETH B. KAUTZ
Mayor of Burnsville
Past President, The United States Conference of Mayors
Co-Chair, Women's Health and Reproductive Rights Task Force
- Panelists* RHONDA VONSHAY SHARPE
Founder and President
Woman's Institute for Science, Equity and Race (WISER)
- C. NICOLE MASON, PH.D.
President/CEO
Future Forward Women
- DOROTHY FINK, M.D.
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Women's Health
Director, Office of Women's Health
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health
United States Department of Health and Human Services

America250 Cities and Legacy Project Opportunities

3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Liberty Salon J-K, Level M4

This session will include an overview of the Semiquincentennial Commission, and how America 250 cities can lead 2026 mayoral project opportunities for celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Learn how you can start your planning for the 250th Anniversary.



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Moderator CHERELLE PARKER
Mayor of Philadelphia
Chair, America250 Task Force

Panelists ROSIE RIOS
Chair
United States Semiquincentennial Commission

DAN LAMBE
Chief Executive
Arbor Day Foundation

AMY HOPFINGER
Chief Strategy & Planning Officer
FIFA World Cup

DEREK THRONEBURG
Head of Club Business
National Women's Soccer League (NWSL)

DOUGLAS H. PALMER
Former Mayor of Trenton and Past President, The United States Conference of Mayors
Major League Baseball
USCM Platinum Partner

Building Successful P3s

3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Independence Salon D, Level M4

This session will focus on success factors for P3s, including education and best practices, nationally and globally. The Task Force has worked with our partners to educate municipal officials in communities across the country to better understand how alternative project delivery models can yield public benefits and the conditions necessary for success. This session will feature a presentation exploring the transformative potential of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in driving environmental sustainability. With examples from Veolia's work in the United States and Canada, this presentation will showcase how collaboration between public entities and private companies can lead to innovative solutions in waste management, resource efficiency, and sustainable infrastructure. Gain a deeper understanding of how these partnerships can accelerate the transition to a more sustainable future, balancing economic growth with environmental stewardship.

Finally, mayors will hear about the unique opportunities to deliver innovative solutions and community investment, and participate in an open discussion.

Moderator ANDRE DICKENS
Mayor of Atlanta
Chair, Public-Private Partnerships Task Force

Remarks DAVID GILFORD
Head of Policy
Sidewalk Infrastructure Partners

Remarks *Case Study – Downtown Annapolis Parking & Flood Control*
GAVIN BUCKLEY
Mayor of Annapolis

RODNEY MOSS
Hunt Companies



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Remarks *Powering Sustainability: Innovative Public-Private Partnerships in Environmental Services*
FRED VAN HEEMS
CEO
Veolia

Remarks LISA BUGLIONE
Executive Director
Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure

LISA MITCHELL
President and CEO
Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships

Open Forum: Mayors in attendance can ask private sector panelists project-specific questions.

Combating Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Other Forms of Hate and Extremism

3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Independence Salon A-B, Level M4

The session will explore the current state of hate and extremism in the United States and what mayors can do to prevent and respond to Antisemitic, Islamophobic, and other acts of hate and extremism.

Moderators DAVID HOLT
Mayor of Oklahoma City
Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors

RON NIRENBERG
Mayor of San Antonio
Chair, Mayors and Business Leaders Center for Compassionate and Equitable Cities

Panelists *The Current Threat Landscape*
MARY McCORD
Executive Director and Visiting Professor of Law
Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection
Georgetown University Law Center

Update on Antisemitism
MEREDITH R. WEISEL
Regional Director
ADL Washington, D.C.

The U.S. National Strategy to Counter Islamophobia and Anti-Arab Hate
ARSALAN SULEMAN
Board Chair and Co-Founder
America Indivisible

The Current Situation on College Campuses
MELANIE MARON PELL
Chief Field Operations Officer
American Jewish Committee



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Compassion in America's Cities
DEVONE HOLT
President and CEO
The Muhammad Ali Center

Discussion

Cybersecurity Challenges for Cities

3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Liberty Salon L, Level M4

Moderator CAROLINE SIMMONS
Mayor of Stamford
Vice Chair for Cybersecurity, Technology and Innovation Standing Committee

Remarks *Reflecting on Recent Cyber Attacks on Cities*
ANDREW J. GINTHER
Mayor of Columbus, OH
President, The United States Conference of Mayors

JUSTIN BIBB
Mayor of Cleveland

Remarks *Current Threat Landscape for Local Governments*

Remarks *Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) and Resources for Cities*
BRIAN de VALLANCE
Senior Advisor
Center for Internet Security

**Community Leaders of America (CLA) , Forum for Community Leaders (FCL)
Republican Mayor Forum Reception (Closed to Press)**

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Chinatown, Level M3

Chair JOSEPH C. BORELLI
Councilmember
New York City

Democratic Mayors Association Meeting (Closed to Press)

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Liberty Salon M-N-O-P, Level M4

President KATE GALLEGO
Mayor of Phoenix



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Welcome to Washington, DC Reception: Residence of the Spanish Ambassador to the United States

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Private Residence of Spanish Ambassador Ángeles Moreno Bau
2350 Foxhall Road NW
Washington, D.C. 20007

Hosted by:

Her Excellency Ángeles Moreno Bau, Spanish Ambassador to the United States

The Honorable Muriel Bowser, Mayor of the District of Columbia

The Honorable Andrew J. Ginther, Mayor of Columbus, OH, President, The United States Conference of Mayors

7:45 p.m. - Official Welcoming Remarks

Buses will depart from the Marriott Marquis beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will be available for return at the conclusion of the event.

All 93rd Winter Meeting participants are invited. ***Attending guests are required to wear their USCM registration badge and present a government-issued photo ID. For security reasons, there will be no expectations without a USCM badge nor an official ID.***



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Registration

7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Level M1 Foyer

Breakfast Available

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Marquis Ballroom, Level M2

Honoring Leadership in the Arts Plenary Session

8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Marquis Ballroom, Level M2
Hosted by The United States Conference of Mayors and Americans for the Arts

Program will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Performance

Moderator JUSTIN BIBB
Mayor of Cleveland
Chair, Tourism, Arts, Parks, Entertainment, and Sports Standing Committee

Panelists NINA OZLU TUNCELI
Chief Counsel of Government & Public Affairs
Americans for the Arts

2025 National Award for Local Arts Leadership
ESTHER MANHEIMER
Mayor of Asheville

RON NIRENBERG
Mayor of San Antonio

2025 National Award for State Arts Leadership
JOHN CARNEY
Governor of Delaware (2017- 2025)
Mayor of Wilmington (2025 - Present)

Remarks BRANDON JOHNSON
Mayor of Chicago

Discussion *Transforming Cities Through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*

Moderator DAVID HOLT
Mayor of Oklahoma City
Vice President

Panelist LEIRION GAYLOR BAIRD
Mayor of Lincoln

LUKE MCGOWAN
Government Innovation
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Announcement 2025 DollarWise Economic Mobility Award Announcements
BRIAN PUTLER
Senior Vice President, State and Local Government Relations
Bank of America

The United States Conference of Mayors Executive Committee (Closed)

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Shaw, Level M3

Closing Plenary Lunch

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Marquis Ballroom, Level M2

The program will begin at 12:15 p.m.

Presiding ANDREW J. GINTHER
Mayor of Columbus, OH
President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Discussion 2025 Legislative Priorities and Strategy Discussion for the New Congress and the New Administration





WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (WDC)

The Workforce Development Council is an affiliate organization of The United States Conference of Mayors.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Workforce Development Council Board/Winter Meeting

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Astor Ballroom
St. Regis Hotel

Presiding JAIME CRUZ
Executive Director
Workforce Connections
WDC President

WDC Peer-to-Peer Best Practice: Austin Infrastructure Academy Update
9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Remarks KIRK WATSON
Mayor of Austin

LAURA HUFFMAN
President and CEO
Austin Chamber of Commerce

TAMARA ATKINSON
CEO
Workforce Solutions Capital Area

WDC Peer-to-Peer Best Practice: Supporting Newcomers to Prepare for Work
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Remarks TONY ANDERSON
Chief Workforce Development Officer
Denver Economic Development and Opportunity
City of Denver

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Workforce Development Council Winter Meeting

8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Astor Ballroom
St. Regis Hotel

Presiding JAIME CRUZ
Executive Director
Workforce Connections
WDC President



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ANDREW J. GINTHER, Columbus, OH (2024-Present) (82nd)
HILLARY SCHIEVE, Reno, 2023-2024 (81st)
FRANCIS X. SUAREZ, Miami, FL 2022-2023 (80th)
NAN WHALEY, Dayton, OH 2021 (79th)
GREG FISCHER, Louisville, KY 2020-2021 (78th)
BRYAN K. BARNETT, Rochester Hills, MI 2019-2020 (77th)
STEPHEN K. BENJAMIN, Columbia, SC 2018-2019 (76th)
MITCHELL J. LANDRIEU, New Orleans 2017-2018 (75th)
MICK CORNETT, Oklahoma City 2016-2017 (74th)
STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE, Baltimore 2015-2016 (73rd)
KEVIN JOHNSON, Sacramento 2014-2015 (72nd)
SCOTT SMITH, Mesa 2013-2014 (71st)
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MANUEL A. DIAZ, Miami 2008-2009 (66th)
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BEVERLY O'NEILL, Long Beach 2005-2006 (63rd)
DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC, Akron 2004-2005 (62nd)
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WELLINGTON E. WEBB, Denver 1999-2000 (57th)
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NEAL S. BLAISDELL, Honolulu 1965-1966 (23rd)
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