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HUNDREDS OF MAYORS TO HEAR FROM SENATOR BARACK OBAMA AT ANNUAL MAYORS' GATHERING IN MIAMI, FL ~ JUNE 20-23

***Gas Prices, Global Warming & Climate Protection, the Foreclosure Crisis & Violent Crime
Top Agenda with Key Resolutions on Energy, Bottled Water, Immigration, Iran & Prisoner Re-Entry***

Washington, D.C. – On the cusp of the general Presidential Campaign Season, the nation's mayors will hear from Senator Barack Obama during The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) Annual Meeting from June 20-23rd at the Miami InterContinental Hotel. Led by Conference President and Trenton, NJ Mayor Douglas H. Palmer and host Miami Mayor Manuel A. Diaz, hundreds of mayors will gather to weigh in on a number of domestic policy issues that impact America's metropolitan areas.

This will be the first time that Senator Obama will address the mayors' group, which will also debate and vote on specific policy recommendations to forward to Congress and the new Presidential Administration. With over 85% of people in the United States living in our nation's cities and metropolitan areas, mayors understand how urban issues impact everyday Americans and believe the high gas prices, the foreclosure crisis, vacant and abandoned properties, global warming and climate protection, illegal guns and violent crime, the high school dropout rate and public education have been overlooked in the presidential campaign.

Confirmed speakers include: Former President Bill Clinton, Senator Barack Obama (IL), Senator Bill Nelson (FL), Congressional Urban Caucus Chair Congressman Chaka Fattah (PA), Congressman Danny Davis (IL), FL Governor Charlie Crist, PA Governor Edward Rendell, Toronto, Canada Mayor David Miller, FHA Commissioner Brian Montgomery, Mortgage Bankers Association Chairman Kieran Quinn, National Association of Realtors President Elect Charles McMillan, NeighborWorks America Director Marietta Rodriguez, White House Interagency Council on Homelessness Philip Mangano and Miami Dade County Schools Superintendent Rudy Crew.

An advance DRAFT agenda is located on the USCM website with highlights below at www.usmayors.org. Media representatives will need to pre-register via the website OR in the Alhambra Room at the InterContinental Hotel starting on Friday, June 20th to gain access with a valid photo I.D.

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

(All events are at the InterContinental Hotel)

Friday, June 20:

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
(Flagler)

COUNCIL FOR THE NEW AMERICAN CITY MEETING: THE FORECLOSURE CRISIS

- Lee Bowman, FDIC
- FHA Commissioner Brian Montgomery will speak about The Foreclosure/Mortgage Crisis
- National Association of Realtors President Elect Charles McMillan
- Mortgage Bankers Association Chairman Kieran Quinn
- NeighborWorks America, National Homeownership Programs Director Marietta Rodriguez

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
(Windsor)

MAYORS WATER COUNCIL MEETING

- Mayors to debate resolutions that underscore the importance of municipal water and the possible banning of bottled water in city halls around the country, in addition to the benefits of investment in public water and sewer systems.

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
(Dupont)

COMMUNITY TREES TASK FORCE

Mayors will discuss catastrophic storm recovery tools and effective strategies to using native species to overcome environmental extremes such as ice storms, droughts, wind damage, tornadoes and snow.

12:00 NOON
*(Hotel Patio/
Outside of the Lobby)*

OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE: Climate Protection, Greening of Meeting

USCM President Trenton Mayor Douglas Palmer, USCM Vice President Miami Mayor Diaz, Advisory Board Chair Seattle Mayor Nickels + several other mayors

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
(Grand Ballroom)

MAYORS' CLIMATE PROTECTION AWARDS LUNCHEON

- Ten leading cities nationwide will be recognized for their innovative programs designed specifically to increase energy efficiency and help curb global warming. Two model cities will receive First Place Awards (one large city and one small city) as well as 8 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients. The awards will be made out of recyclable materials and is sponsored by Walmart.

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
(Trade Room)

DIGITAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

How to Build a Globally Competitive Workforce in Your City -
Sponsored by Microsoft; hosted by Miami Mayor Diaz; living room style discussion of digital literacy and workforce readiness for a deficient school-to-work pipeline.

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
(Flagler)

FRANCHISING IN CITIES WORKSHOP

How to Establish a Business Friendly Environment -
Jon Luther, Chairman and CEO of Dunkin' Donuts will lead a panel of franchise owners re. how to create a business friendly environment in cities; hosted by Trenton Mayor Palmer

Saturday, June 21:

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
(Bayfront)

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY TREES AWARDS BREAKFAST

- Four cities will receive monetary awards for their innovative programs to help communities plant trees and build urban forests. The award will be made from recyclable materials and is sponsored by Home Depot.

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
(Grand Ballroom)

PLENARY SESSION

- Video of Outgoing USCM President, Trenton Mayor Palmer & Farewell Remarks
Address: NJ Senator Frank Lautenberg (Invited)

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM
(Grand Ballroom)

CITY LIVABILITY LUNCHEON:

Two mayors/cities will win awards for exemplary programs that enhance "quality of life" and livability for residents in their communities.

- **Address: Senator Barack Obama (IL)**

2:05 PM
(Sandringham)

PRESS AVAILABILITY (Tentative)

The Nation's Mayors will respond to Senator Obama's remarks.

2:30 AM – 3:30 PM
(Windsor)

CRIMINAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MTG

Chaired by Rochester, NY Robert Duffy who is also a former police chief, this committee will debate resolutions re anti-gang legislation, immigration, prisoner re-entry and illegal guns.

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
(Bayfront B)

CLIMATE PROTECTION TASK FORCE

Task Force Members will discuss the findings of a recent survey on local climate protection initiatives, efforts to promote green jobs, and new partnerships to further local climate protection goals.

3:30PM – 5:00 PM
(Dupont)

EX-OFFENDER REENTRY TASK FORCE

- Baltimore Mayor Shelia Dixon and Irvington, NJ Wayne Smith Co-Chairs
- Speakers: PA Congressman Chaka Fattah and NY Congressman Danny Davis re. The Second Chance Act Bill

Sunday, June 22:

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
(Trade Room)

MAYORAL LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Addressing the High School Dropout Crisis – Mayors with strong involvement in their city's education system will discuss ways to improve high school graduation rates and student readiness.

- Speakers: Miami Dade County Schools Superintendent Rudy Crew (Invited), Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (Invited), Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin (Invited), Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, Columbus, OH Mayor Michael Coleman

9:00AM – 10:00 AM
(Dupont)

HEALTHY CITIES WORKSHOP

This session will highlight innovations that contribute to reducing childhood obesity in cities.

- Speakers: Providence, RI Mayor David Cicilline, Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup, Miami-Dade County Schools Jayne Greenberg, Ph.D., Executive Director Susan Towler, The Blue Foundation for A Healthy Florida, Inc., Kathryn Bertram, Leadership for Healthy Communities of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
(Flagler)

COMMUNITY/MILITARY RELATIONS TASK FORCE

The Task Force will review a report on best practices in community & military relations including initiatives to support military service members and their families. Examples from Albuquerque, NM, Colorado Springs, CO, Pocatello, ID and Tulsa, OK will be featured.

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM
(Balmoral)

VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES TASK FORCE

- Chair: York, PA Mayor John Brenner

Mayors will release a survey re. how vacant and abandoned properties impact cities and tax revenues; Specifically, the survey explores if the mortgage crisis has affected the number of vacant and abandoned properties in an individual city, if the crisis has impacted the city's efforts related to these properties, and if those efforts have lost ground since the crisis began.

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
(Grand Ballroom)

PLENARY SESSION

- PA Congressman Chaka Fattah - The Mayors' Energy Block Grant (a \$2 billion initiative approved by Congress to help cities increase energy efficiency programs and local efforts to reduce global warming)

- Toronto, Canada Mayor David Miller - Chair of C40 Large Cities/Climate Leadership

- Former U.S. President William Jefferson Clinton

Monday, June 23:

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
(Flagler)

2010 CENSUS WORKSHOP

- Cincinnati, OH Mayor Mark Mallory, Moderator

- What can mayors do to avoid an undercount in the 2010 Census? A group of experts will discuss a number of practical steps that mayors can take to help their cities avoid an undercount in the next census count.

9:00 PM – 11:00 PM
(Grand Ballroom)

USCM BUSINESS SESSION

- Mayors will debate policy resolutions on controversial topics such as Iran, Bottled Water and Immigration

- Swearing in of Incoming President, Miami Mayor Manny Diaz & Remarks

WHO:

The United States Conference of Mayors

WHAT:

76th Annual Meeting

WHEN:

Friday, June 20th – Monday, June 23rd

WHERE:

Miami InterContinental Hotel

100 Chopin Plaza

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