



# The United States Conference of Mayors

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## U.S. MAYORS TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2009

Washington, D.C. – The nation's mayors have been invited by U.S. President Barack Obama and U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden to the White House for a meeting with The Conference of Mayors leadership on the morning of Friday, February 20, 2009. Led by U.S. Conference of Mayors President Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, over 60 mayors will also meet with Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, Energy Secretary Dr. Steven Chu, Education Secretary Arne Duncan and White House Senior Staff.

**The mayors meeting with President Obama and Vice President Biden will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the East Room of the White House and will be OPEN to the press. The mayors will also hold a press availability at the White House at 11:30 a.m. immediately following the meeting (location is TBD).**

Following the White House meeting, the mayors will gather at the Capitol Hilton in Washington, D.C. for a session with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson, U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Program Director Gil Sperling, and U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office Acting Director Tim Quinn. This meeting is CLOSED to the press.

The nation's mayors commend President Obama and Congress for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which is in line with the U.S. Conference of Mayors' priorities, and look forward to working with the Administration to implement this landmark legislation toward transforming our national economy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

### WHO (as of 2/18/09):

USCM PRESIDENT MANNY DIAZ, Miami FL  
USCM VICE PRESIDENT GREG NICKELS, Seattle WA  
USCM SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, ELIZABETH KAUTZ, Burnsville MN  
DOUG PALMER, Trenton NJ  
DONALD PLUSQUELLIC, Akron OH  
THOMAS MENINO, Boston MA  
RICHARD DALEY, Chicago IL  
JERRY E. ABRAMSON, Louisville KY  
JOE RILEY, Charleston SC  
JAMES BAKER, Wilmington DE  
THOMAS MARK BARRETT, Milwaukee WI  
RALPH BECKER, Salt Lake City UT  
TERRY Michelle BELLAMY, Asheville NC  
JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, Doral FL  
MARTY BLUM, Santa Barbara CA  
CHRISTIAN BOLLWAGE, Elizabeth NJ  
ROBERT L. BOWSER, East Orange NJ  
JAMES BRAINARD, Carmel IN  
KEVIN BURNS, North Miami FL  
MARTIN J. CHAVEZ, Albuquerque NM  
DAVID N. CICILLINE, Providence RI  
MATTHEW W. CLAMAN, Anchorage AK  
MICHAEL COLEMAN, Columbus OH  
JOY COOPER, Hallandale Beach FL  
FRANK COWNIE, Des Moines IA  
RONALD DELLUMS, Oakland CA  
ROBERT DUFFY, Rochester NY  
JILL C DUSON, Portland ME  
WILLIAM EUILLE, Alexandria VA  
MICHAEL FAHEY, Omaha NE  
SHIRLEY FRANKLIN, Atlanta GA  
LOIS FRANKEL, West Palm Beach  
WILLIAM E. GLUBA, Davenport IA

PHIL GORDON, Phoenix AZ  
MUFI HANNEMANN, Honolulu HI  
PATRICK HENRY HAYS, North Little Rock AR  
DARWIN HINDMAN, Columbia MO  
JAMES HOLLEY, Portsmouth VA  
HEATHER HUDSON, Greenville MS  
FRANK JACKSON, Cleveland OH  
BRENDA LAWRENCE, Southfield MI  
THOMAS LEPPERT, Dallas TX  
MARK MALLORY, Cincinnati OH  
DANNEL MALLOY, Stamford CT  
PATRICK McCrory, Charlotte NC  
RHINE MCLIN, Dayton OH  
ARLENE MULDER, Arlington Heights IL  
RAY NAGIN, New Orleans LA  
GAVIN NEWSOM, San Francisco CA  
DAVID POPE, Oak Park IL  
MIGUEL PULIDO, Santa Ana CA  
LUKE RAVENSTAHL, Pittsburgh PA  
RAUL SALINAS, Laredo TX  
JAMES SCHMITT, Green Bay WI  
DAVID SMITH, Newark CA  
JOHN ROBERT SMITH, Meridian MS  
MARK STODOLA, Little Rock AR  
KATHY TAYLOR, Tulsa OK  
CHARLES TOMLINSON, Corvallis OR  
ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA, Los Angeles CA  
BRIAN WAHLER, Piscataway NJ  
ELAINE WALKER, Bowling Green KY  
JONATHAN WEINZAPFEL, Evansville IN  
BILL WHITE, Houston TX  
USCM CEO & Executive Director Tom Cochran

**WHAT:** Press Availability w/ The Nation's Mayors

**WHEN:** Friday, February 20, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. (Immediately After Meeting)

**WHERE:** Location is TBD  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

*The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,139 such cities in the country today, each represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the Mayor.*