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250 U.S. MAYORS TO MEET ON JOB CREATION, FORECLOSURES, PUBLIC SAFETY: LOS ANGELES MAYOR ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA TO RELEASE ECONOMIC REPORT, DELIVER STATE OF AMERICA'S CITIES ADDRESS

80th Winter Meeting of the United States Conference of Mayors | Tues., January 17 – Fri., January 20

Washington, D.C. – In the midst of the Republican Presidential primaries, more than 250 of the nation's mayors will convene in Washington, D.C. next week for the 80th Winter Meeting of The U.S. Conference of Mayors at the Capital Hilton Hotel. The mayors will meet with Administration officials to push for a bipartisan agenda that confronts the double-digit unemployment plaguing much of main street America, and challenge Congress to act on job creation, transportation and public safety. The mayors will also express disappointment that Washington is not listening to the needs of the nation's Metro regions, which have thus far been absent from the presidential debates. **Highlighting the session will be the release of an economic report with 2012 employment forecasts, followed by an official address from USCM President Mayor Villaraigosa on The State of America's Cities, and then a reception at the White House.**

Confirmed Speakers Include:

TUESDAY: U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, Newark Mayor Cory Booker, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Louisville (KY) Mayor Greg Fischer

WEDNESDAY: HUD Sec. Shaun Donovan, Education Sec. Arne Duncan, Transportation Sec. Ray LaHood, Agriculture Sec. Tom Vilsack, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (CA), Congressman Barney Frank (MA), Congressman Frank Pallone (NJ), Consumer Fin. Protection Bureau Dir. Richard Cordray, FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski, Huffington Post Editor-in-Chief Arianna Huffington, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Indianapolis Mayor Gregory Ballard, Charleston Mayor Joe Riley, Columbus (OH) Mayor Mike Coleman, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay, BSG President Joel Benenson

THURSDAY: Health and Human Services Sec. Kathleen Sebelius, NYT Columnist Thomas Friedman, Vice Chairman Edelman Steve Schmidt, Former WH Comm. Dir. Anita Dunn, POLITICO WH reporter Mike Allen, Americans for the Arts President and CEO Bob Lynch, Brookings Institute Dir. Bruce Katz, New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, Houston Mayor Annise Parker, Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn, Green Bay Mayor James Schmitt, Jacksonville (FL) Mayor Alvin Brown, Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, Boston Mayor Tom Menino, Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearingin, Charlotte Mayor Anthony Foxx, Louisville, KY Mayor Greg Fischer

FRIDAY: U.S. Trade Rep. Ron Kirk, Presidential Sr. Advisor David Plouffe, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster, Oakland Mayor Jean Quan, Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson

All sessions are OPEN to the press unless otherwise indicated (evening events are CLOSED). All press MUST register to attend the meeting. For online registration, please go to www.usmayors.org where an AGENDA and list of ATTENDING MAYORS is posted. On-site registration will also be available with the proper press credentials at the Capital Hilton - 2nd Floor in the Pan American Room.

WHO: Los Angeles, CA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, USCM President (D)
Philadelphia, PA Mayor Michael Nutter, USCM Vice President (D)
Mesa, AZ Mayor Scott Smith, USCM Second Vice President (R)
Tom Cochran, USCM CEO and Executive Director
250 of the Nation's Mayors

WHAT: PRESS CONFERENCE and RELEASE of STATE OF AMERICA'S CITIES ECONOMIC REPORT

WHEN: Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 11:15 a.m.

WHERE: Capitol Hilton Hotel – 2nd Floor FOYER AREA outside Presidential Ballroom | 1001 16th St, NW | Wash., D.C. 202-639-5422/5423