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**May 25-29, 2016**

## **The U.S. Conference of Mayors First Official Mission Since 1978**

Washington, D.C. – Under the leadership of the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) President Baltimore (MD) Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, the top three officers and CEO of the organization including USCM Vice President Oklahoma City (OK) Mayor Mick Cornett, USCM Second Vice President New Orleans (LA) Mayor Mitch Landrieu and USCM CEO & Executive Director Tom Cochran, were invited and will travel to the island nation of Cuba from May 25-29, 2016. The agenda will include meetings in Havana with Cuban government officials and community leaders, as well as visits to some of Cuba's most important political, economic, and cultural sites. These meetings and visits will provide U.S. mayors and Cuban officials the opportunity to share best practices for providing city services in education, healthcare, infrastructure, and transportation.

The trip marks the first official mission of the U.S. Conference of Mayors since 1978.

As the United States re-establishes relations with Cuba, the mission, which is being arranged in partnership with the Center for Democracy in the Americas, will provide mayors with an opportunity to examine the economic changes underway on the island, gain an appreciation of the challenges faced by the Cuban people every day, and consider how US-Cuba relations can evolve further.

A press avail is scheduled for **Thursday, May 26 at 6 pm** at the Hotel Nacional. Interested press should contact Sara Durr at [sara@durrcommunications.com](mailto:sara@durrcommunications.com). While the delegation is in Cuba, interested press may also call +53-5-869-6569.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is sponsoring this mission.

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