The 92nd
Annual Meeting
of
The United States
Conference of
Mayors



June 20-23, 2024 Kansas City, MO Loews Kansas City Hotel



DRAFT AGENDA

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To the 92nd Annual Meeting of The United States Conference of Mayors

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Complimentary Transportation: Arrivals & Departures from the Kansas City International Airport

AIRPORT ARRIVAL

Complimentary shuttle transportation from the Kansas City International Airport (MCI) to the Loews Kansas City Hotel will be provided during the following times:

- Wednesday, June 19: 7:30 a.m. 11:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 20: 7:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.

AIRPORT DEPARTURE

Complimentary transportation from the Loews Kansas City Hotel to the Kansas City International Airport (MCI) will be provided during the following times:

• Sunday, June 23: 4:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.





Key Information for Attendees

Participation

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

Registration/Host City Hospitality

You can register for the meeting from **HERE.**

The Conference Registration Desk and Host City Hospitality Desk are located in the main lobby of the hotel (4th Floor). The Registration Desk hours are:

- Wednesday, June 19: 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 20: 7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 21: 7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 22: 7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 23: 7:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Badges and Lanyards

The badge provided to you upon check-in is the official identification for admission to all events at the 92nd Annual Meeting. All delegates, participants, and guests are required to wear their registration badges to enter all sessions, meeting areas, and social events. The color-coded lanyard supplied must 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 replacing lost badges. Photo ID will be required upon check-in to pick up your badge.

Lanyard Color Code

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DARK GREEN CITY OFFICIAL

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Mobile App

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

Family and Guest Activities

Spouses and youth are welcome to attend all Conference evening social functions. Information on daytime family activities is available on the **Host City Website**.

Media Coverage

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

All plenary sessions are streamed live on our <u>YouTube</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>X</u> channels.

The hashtag for the meeting is #Mayors2024.





Press Registration

All press must <u>register</u> and pick up credentials to attend Annual Meeting events. Press credentials may be picked up beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 20 at the press registration desk.

Video Filming

During the 92nd Annual Meeting, mayors are encouraged to film short video clips on key priorities of The U.S. Conference of Mayors. These clips will later be used on social media, via press releases, etc. — no videos will be used without approval from each mayor's team. Videos are being filmed by our video producer in the Brush Creek Room, 6th floor during meeting hours. If you have questions, please email social@usmayors.org.

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 the Spirit of Freedom Room, 6th floor, from the hours of 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. 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 conference to make your cities stronger, please email them at uscm@straussmedia.com or feel free to stop by the Spirit of Freedom Room while they are there and let them know of your interest.

USCM Information Booth

Stop by our USCM information booth to learn how to leverage your membership with The U.S. Conference of Mayors. The booth will be open during the conference to answer any questions you may have.

Resolution and Committee Deadline

The deadline for member mayors to submit proposed resolutions or change standing committee membership was Tuesday, May 21, at 5:00 p.m. ET.

Voting

Only members of a standing committee are eligible to vote on resolutions before that standing committee. Mayors who wish to record a no vote in a standing committee or the business session should do so within the mobile app.

Business Session Voting Credentials

Voting Credentials for the Sunday Business Session Vote will be available at the Conference Registration Desk beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 22.

Official delegates must have their credentials in their possession to vote. There is one credential for each member city. If the mayor of a member city is registered, the credential will be issued to them. If the mayor is not registered and has not been in attendance at the Annual Meeting, a registered city official must have been designated in advance, in writing, to be the official delegate to receive the city's credentials.

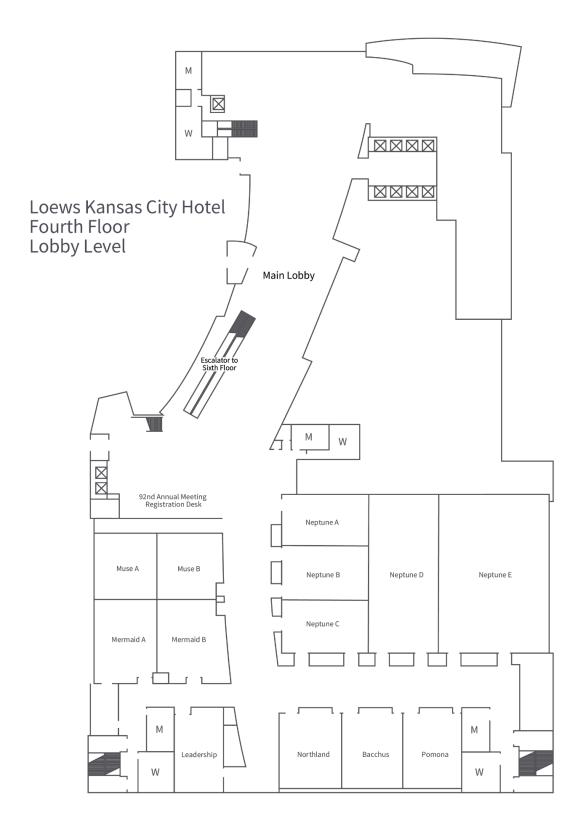
If a registered member mayor anticipates that they will not be present at the business session, they may designate an alternate, who must be a registered city official to pick up their credential and exercise the city's vote on Sunday morning. Such an alternate, however, cannot have the floor to speak to any issue under discussion.

The appropriate form for designating an alternate may be filled out at the Conference Registration Desk between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, and prior to the Business Session on Sunday, June 23.



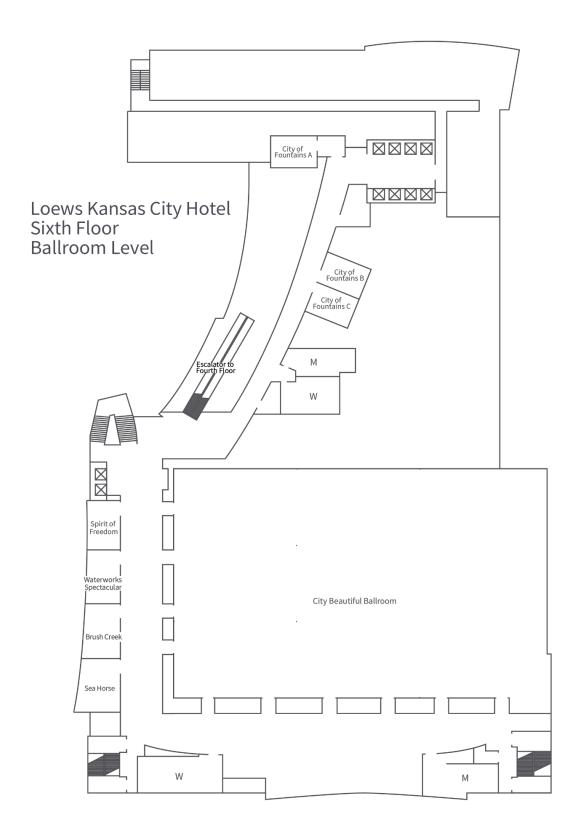


Meeting Location Maps













Themes and Opportunities

Under the leadership of the 81st President of The United States Conference of Mayors Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve, key priorities to be discussed will include — but not be limited to:

- The Surging Mental Health Crisis
- Housing and Homelessness
- Public Safety
- Technology and Innovation
- "Creative Placemaking"
- Infrastructure Investment

Other priorities and opportunities include:

- 1. Direct engagement with high-level Biden Administration officials, Congressional leaders, as well as other key policy and thought leaders.
- 1. A Mayors-Only Discussion on Thursday afternoon focused on "Assuring Election Safety and Security."
- 2. The consideration, debate, and adoption of policy resolutions submitted by member mayors. This will occur during the meetings of the 11 policy Standing Committees on Thursday, June 20 and Friday, June 21, and then during the official Annual Business Session on Sunday Morning, June 23.
- 3. Numerous opportunities for direct mayor-to-mayor engagement on a wide range of topics impacting cities of all sizes and in all regions of our Nation, and the sharing of best practices and innovative projects among mayors.
- 4. Priorities for the remainder of the 118th Congress.
- 5. Continued implementation of historic legislation passed by the 117th and 118th Congresses and signed into law by President Biden:
 - The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) \$65.1 Billion for ALL Cities
 - The Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) \$1.2 Trillion over 10 Years
 - The Bipartisan CHIPS and Science Act
 - o The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act
 - The Inflation Reduction Act (which includes key USCM priorities related to climate change and health care affordability and access)
 - The Bipartisan Fiscal Year 2024 Omnibus Appropriations Acts.
- 6. A plenary discussion on "The 2024 Election and Female Voters: Strategies to Boost Voter Turnout" during a luncheon on Friday, June 21.
- 7. The inauguration of Columbus, OH Mayor Andrew J. Ginther as the 82nd President of The United States Conference of Mayors during a luncheon on Sunday, June 23.
- 8. Networking opportunities with USCM Platinum Partners and Mayors Business Council Members.
- 9. Evening events arranged by our Host Mayor Quinton Lucas and his host committee that will highlight the very best of Kansas City, MO and give all attendees the opportunity to talk, share stories, and be together as part of the USCM family. You can see all that is happening by checking out the Host City Webpage.





WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Registration

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Loews Main Lobby (4th Floor)

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Registration

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Loews Main Lobby (4th Floor)

Buffet Breakfast Available

6:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Neptune E (4th Floor)

Removing Barriers and Creating Opportunities for Employment and Economic Mobility

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Neptune A (4th Floor)

This session will feature innovative programs that cities are implementing as part of The U.S. Conference of Mayors' DollarWise Economic Mobility Campaign.

Moderator ASHLEIGH AITKEN

Mayor of Anaheim

Remarks STEPHANIE LOMIBAO

Philanthropy Program Executive

Bank of America

Panelists SHARETTA SMITH

Mayor of Lima

JIM ROSS

Mayor of Arlington

CHRISTINA MURYN Mayor of Findlay

JOSEPH P. GANIM Mayor of Bridgeport

ALAN WEBBER Mayor of Santa Fe





THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Thursday Morning Plenary Session

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

City Beautiful Ballroom (6th Floor)

Program begins at 9:15 a.m.

Presiding HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Remarks LAKISHA ANN WOODS

EVP and Chief Executive Officer American Institute of Architects

Remarks PLAY BALL Summer 2024

DOUGLAS H. PALMER MLB Consultant

Former Mayor of Trenton (1990-2010)

Past President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Major League Baseball Platinum Partner

Remarks KAREN BASS

Mayor of Los Angeles

Remarks BRAD CORBETT, JR.

President/CEO Sewer Sentry

Remarks and

Video

Presentation Civic I/O: The Mayors' Summit at SXSW 2025

HUGH FORREST

Co-President and Chief Programming Officer

South by Southwest (SXSW)

Remarks JONATHAN BULLOCK

Chief Strategy Officer Hotwire Communications

Discussion Supporting Community Initiatives on Healthcare and Entrepreneurship

Exploring innovative community initiatives in healthcare and entrepreneurship. These initiatives feature a police officer's unique approach to solving cold cases, a firefighter's inventive solution for lithium fire safety, and a dermatologist's mission to offer free skin cancer screenings. Join us to learn

how these efforts make a difference in public safety and health.

Moderator HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors





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Panelists JESSE CORLETTO

Founder E-FIREX

LAURA CONKLIN

Sergeant

Reno Police Department

WHITNEY HOVENIC, MD, MPH

Dermatologist

Skin Care and Dermatology Institute

KRISTIN HELLQUIST Chief Advocacy Officer

American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association

Remarks How New Environmental Regulations Will Impact Your Community

BARBARA BUFFALOE Mayor of Columbia, MO

Chair, Environment Standing Committee

Council on Metro Economies and the New American City

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Neptune A (4th Floor)

Chair ANDREW J. GINTHER

Mayor of Columbus, OH

Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Vice Chair SATYA RHODES-CONWAY

Mayor of Madison

Remarks US Metro Economy Forecast

JAMES DIFFLEY Executive Director

S&P Global Market Intelligence

Remarks ARPA and the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund: Update

DANIELLE CHRISTENSEN

Deputy Chief Program Officer Office of Capital Access (OCA)

United States Department of the Treasury

VERÓNICA SOTO

Director, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program

United States Department of the Treasury

Remarks Providing Retirement Savings for Low and Moderate-Income Families

PAIGE COGNETTI
Mayor of Scranton





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KENAN FIKRI

Director of Research

Economic Innovation Group

Remarks Transit for Low-Income Workers

MARTHA GUERRERO Mayor of West Sacramento

DANIEL RAMOT

CEO Via

Remarks The Procurement Economy: Strategically Growing Minority Businesses

JON MITCHELL Mayor of New Bedford

DARRELL BYERS

CEO Interise

Remarks Community Development and Housing

SINDY SPIVAK

Senior Vice President

Community Development Banking

Bank of America

First-Time Attendee Mayors Session

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Neptune C (4th Floor)

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

Remarks HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Remarks ANDREW J. GINTHER

Mayor of Columbus, OH

Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Remarks DAVID HOLT

Mayor of Oklahoma City

Second Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Remarks TOM COCHRAN

CEO & Executive Director

The United States Conference of Mayors





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Remarks NAN WHALEY

Director of Membership

The United States Conference of Mayors

Remarks Leveraging Your Membership with USCM Community and the Mobile App

DAVID W. BURNS

Assistant Executive Director

The United States Conference of Mayors

MICD: Attaining Quality Urban Design through City Leadership

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Mermaid A (4th Floor)

At the Mayors' Institute on City Design (MICD), we prepare mayors to be the chief urban designers of their cities. In this workshop, we will explore ways that you, as mayor, can embed design thinking and design excellence into your administration. From mayor's design awards to cabinet positions, to the design of city hall itself, how you shape your administration is key to creating more livable, equitable, and thriving communities.

MICD is a leadership initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts and The United States Conference of Mayors.

Moderator TRINITY SIMONS WAGNER

Executive Director

Mayors' Institute on City Design

Remarks GERARDO GARCIA

Founder

The Urbanism Bureau

CAVALIER JOHNSON Mayor of Milwaukee

Upcoming Environmental Costs for Your City: What You Need to Know

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Mermaid B (4th Floor)

With the finalization of new PFAS drinking water and CERCLA regulations as well as new directives to replace 100% of all lead drinking water pipes across the nation over the next 10 years, local leaders need to act now to best prepare their communities for compliance. Join us to learn from experts and colleagues about the Environmental Protection Agency's new rules and the implications for your cities.

Moderator BARBARA BUFFALOE

Mayor of Columbia, MO

Chair, Environment Standing Committee

Remarks New PFAS Drinking Water Regulations

JEFFERY ROBICHAUD

Director, Water Division, Region 7

United States Environmental Protection Agency





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STEVE VIA

Director, Federal Relations

American Water Works Association

Remarks New PFAS and CERCLA (Superfund) Regulations

ALLY CUNNINGHAM

Partner

Lathrop GPM LLP

Remarks Lead and Copper Improvements Rule

DAVID GOLDWATER

Vice President, Public Policy

Stantec

Opening Press Conference

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Muse (4th Floor)

Remarks by Host Mayor and USCM Officers

Mayors Climate Protection Awards Luncheon

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. City Beautiful Ballroom (6th Floor) Sponsored by Walmart

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

Presiding HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Performance JUSTIN RUPPLE

Comedian/Impersonator

Remarks TOM PEREZ

Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

The White House

Awards

Presentation 2024 Mayors' Climate Protection Awards

ANDREW J. GINTHER Mayor of Columbus, OH

Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors

FRANK PALLADINO

Vice President of Renewable Energy Strategy

Walmart

USCM Platinum Partner





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Remarks ERIC GLINSKY, CRC

Defined Contribution Product Specialist - Western U.S.

Nationwide Retirement Solutions

USCM Platinum Partner

Discussion Better Cities for Pets: Bringing People and Pets Together in Communities Across the Nation

Moderator HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Panelists LINDSAY KORDIK

Senior Director of Corporate Affairs, Mars Petcare

Title Sponsor

QUINTON LUCAS

Mayor of Kansas City, MO

BRYAN K. BARNETT

Mayor of Rochester Hills, MI

Past President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Discussion Local Legacies, National Celebration: Mobilizing Mayors and Cities for America's 250th Anniversary

ROSIE RIOS Chair America 250

CHERELLE PARKER
Mayor of Philadelphia

Community Development and Housing Standing Committee

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Neptune C (4th Floor)

Chair WADE KAPSZUKIEWICZ

Mayor of Toledo

Consideration of Proposed Resolutions

Remarks VANESSA MEGAW

Emergency Housing

United States Department of the Treasury

Criminal and Social Justice Standing Committee

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Neptune A (4th Floor)

Chair QUINTON LUCAS

Mayor of Kansas City, MO

Consideration of Proposed Resolutions





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Remarks STEVEN DETTELBACH

Director

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

United States Department of Justice

Remarks GEORGE S. PAPADOPOULOS

Principal Deputy Administrator
Drug Enforcement Administration
United States Department of Justice

Remarks CLIFFORD STOTT

Visiting Professor

The Ohio State University

Discussion

Energy Standing Committee

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Mermaid A (4th Floor)

Chair DANIEL J. RICKENMANN

Mayor of Columbia, SC

Consideration of Proposed Resolutions

Remarks Local Energy Issues Roundtable

Energy Committee Members are encouraged to make brief remarks identifying their local energy

activities.

Best Practices Local Tools to Balance Urban Heat Zones and Energy Demand

Heat mapping technology can assist local officials in applying best practices to mitigate surface heat in cities with design and materials that can augment energy demand planning. Reflective coatings are one strategy to reduce surface temperature and heat storage by pavements and roofs. This process can also increase road service life under normal operating conditions because asphalt-based pavements

wear and develop cracks due to higher surface and internal temperature ranges.

GREG KATS

CEO

Smart Surfaces Coalition

ELIOT WALL Senior Director

RoadWorks, GAF Materials Corp.

Metro Economies Standing Committee

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Mermaid B (4th Floor)

Chair PAIGE COGNETTI

Mayor of Scranton





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Consideration of Proposed Resolutions

Remarks JAMES DIFFLEY

Executive Director

S&P Global Market Intelligence

Remarks VERÓNICA SOTO

Director, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program

United States Department of the Treasury

Transportation Standing Committee

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Muse B (4th Floor)

Chair JAMES B. HOVLAND

Mayor of Edina

Consideration of Proposed Resolutions

Remarks U.S. DOT Funding Opportunities

CHRISTOPHER COES

Acting Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy

United States Department of Transportation

Remarks Surface Transportation Renewal

KIRK WATSON Mayor of Austin

Remarks Intercity Rail

CHRIS KOOS Mayor of Normal

Member, Amtrak Board of Directors

DERRICK JAMES

Director of State/Local Affairs

Amtrak

MARIAH MORALES

Director, Federal External and Government Affairs

Amtrak

Public Transit TRAVIS STOVALL Mayor of Gresham

FRANK WHITE III President & CEO

Kansas City Area Transportation Authority





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Advancing a Circular Economy: Recycling in Your Community

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Mermaid A (4th Floor)

This panel will address the various ways in which the public and private sectors are working together to advance the circularity of all recyclables by educating citizens about proper recycling, investing in local recycling infrastructure, and by sharing best practices.

Moderator BILL McMANUS

Vice President

American Beverage Association

Panelists BARBARA BUFFALOE

Mayor of Columbia, MO

BUDDY DYER Mayor of Orlando

LaTOYA CANTRELL Mayor of New Orleans

CHARLOTTE PITT

Director of Grant Development The Recycling Partnership

Combating Gender Bias: Effective Media Strategies for Female Leaders

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Neptune C (4th Floor)

This session is being presented by the Women Mayors Leadership Alliance of The United States Conference of Mayors. Media outlets are powerful players in modern U.S. politics that have significant influence on voters and gender biases which can have real electoral consequences. Panelists will discuss effective strategies female politicians can employ to successfully navigate and combat biased reporting and gendered disinformation in the media.

Moderators KATHY SHEEHAN

Mayor of Albany

Chair, Women Mayors Leadership Alliance

ACQUANETTA WARREN Mayor of Fontana

Vice Chair, Women Mayors Leadership Alliance

Remarks ASHLEY ETIENNE

CFO

Etienne & Saint

JILL ALPER Founder

Alper Strategies & Media





THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Confronting the Homelessness Crisis: Advancing a New National Agenda

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Neptune A (4th Floor)

The homelessness crisis is a critical issue for mayors across the country. Developing a collaborative effort to share best practices, advocate for federal support, and engage with colleagues will provide mayors support to help address this issue. This session will reflect on the most recent efforts of the Homelessness Task Force, identify next steps, and provide a platform to hear from federal partners on additional resources and opportunities.

Moderator KAREN BASS

Mayor of Los Angeles

Chair, Homelessness Task Force

Discussion Review of Washington, DC Fly-In Advocacy Efforts and Next Steps

Remarks TOM PEREZ

Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

The White House

Remarks THE HONORABLE EMANUEL CLEAVER

United States House of Representatives (MO)

Remarks JEFF OLIVET

Executive Director

United States Interagency Council on Homelessness

How Your City Wins by Spurring Innovation with Universities

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Muse B (4th Floor)

You may never have thought of research and development partnerships with universities as a major economic and job development tool, as well as a means to address some of your city's most complex challenges. But this is the wave of the future, and the best news is that there is federal funding available to your city to help accelerate these partnerships. The National Science Foundation, through its Technology, Innovation, and Partnership program, is bringing funding to cities to help support mayors' priorities. Take back to your city ways city-university partnerships can bring innovation to your community, as well as receive federal support to do so.

Moderator LEIRION GAYLOR BAIRD

Mayor of Lincoln

Panelists CAVALIER JOHNSON

Mayor of Milwaukee

KATE GARMAN BURNS Executive Director MetroLab Network

DR. ERWIN GIANCHANDANI

Assistant Director, Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships

National Science Foundation





THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Latino Alliance: Rollout of Best Practices Playbook

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Mermaid B (4th Floor)

Moderator REGINA ROMERO

Mayor of Tucson Chair, Latino Alliance

Remarks TOM PEREZ

Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

The White House

The Latino Alliance will roll-out its first-ever Best Practices Playbook to Highlight Diverse Programs that Cities Have Launched to Empower their Latino Communities.

Remarks TISHAURA O. JONES

Mayor of St. Louis

TIM KELLER

Mayor of Albuquerque

Mayors-Only Session: Assuring Election Safety and Security (Closed to the Press)

4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Neptune E (4th Floor)

This session will cover what mayors need to know about the current threat to election safety and security, resources available to them, and how mayors can work with their police chiefs to try to ensure public safety before, during, and after election day.

Moderator JANE CASTOR

Mayor of Tampa

Vice Chair, Criminal and Social Justice Standing Committee

Panelists RUPA BHATTACHARYYA

Legal Director

Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection

Georgetown University Law Center

HEIDI L. BURHANS

Election Security Advisor, Region 7

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency United States Department of Homeland Security

CHRISTOPHER DAVIS

Chief

Green Bay Police Department

SATYA RHODES-CONWAY

Mayor of Madison





THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Discussion

EVENING EVENT



Center of Innovation

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts

Inspired by world-class architecture and a dramatic view of the city, the evening will spark creative energy, ignite innovation, and cast a bold vision for the future.

What to expect: Live music from renowned singing harpist Calvin Arsenia and SPLATT featuring KC's top trombone players; roaming world-class performers throughout the lobby and walkway from hotel; and elevated passed appetizers and Kings table grazing and top shelf beverages.

Presented by Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

Transportation: The Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts is walking distance from the Loews Kansas City Hotel. Optional pedicabs and ADA transportation will be available.

Suggested Attire: Business/Cocktail





FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Registration

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Loews Main Lobby (4th Floor)

Buffet Breakfast Available

6:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Neptune E (4th Floor)

Current Issues in Immigration

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Mermaid B (4th Floor)

This session will focus on the current situation relating to migrants in cities along the border and in the interior, improving the work authorization process, the current status and future of the DACA program, and the need for comprehensive immigration reform.

Moderators JOHN GILES

Mayor of Mesa

Chair, Immigration Reform Task Force

TODD GLORIA Mayor of San Diego

Vice Chair for Border Policy, Criminal and Social Justice Standing Committee

REGINA ROMERO Mayor of Tucson Chair, Latino Alliance

Panelists REBECCA STERNHELL

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Partnership and Engagement

Acting Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Council

United States Department of Homeland Security

ROBERT FARMER

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator

Grant Programs Directorate

Federal Emergency Management Agency

United States Department of Homeland Security

BITTA MOSTOFI

Senior Advisor to the Director

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

United States Department of Homeland Security

GABY PACHECO President and CEO TheDream.US

Discussion





FRIDAY, JUNE 21

International Affairs Standing Committee

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Neptune C (4th Floor)

Acting Chair DAVID HOLT

Mayor of Oklahoma City

Second Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Consideration of Proposed Resolutions

Remarks MAX BOUCHET

Deputy Director for City and State Diplomacy

Truman Center

Remarks DANIEL RICCHETTI

Deputy Special Representative for City and State Diplomacy

Subnational Diplomacy Unit United States Department of State

Remarks KARENBETH ZACHARIAS

President of the UNA-USA Kansas City Chapter

United Nations Association of the USA

Remarks DR. OSAMU YOSHIZUMI

Counselor

Japan Local Government Center, NY (JLGC)

Mayors Water Council

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Muse B (4th Floor)

Chair DEBORAH ROBERTSON

Mayor of Rialto

Mayor's

Roundtable Members of the Mayors Water Council and other attending mayors identify themselves and their city;

and identify their most pressing water issues.

Remarks Navigating the Funding Landscape

FRANCESCA McCANN

Director, Alternative Funding, Financing, P3

Black & Veatch

Presentation Best Practice: Rialto Water Resource Partnership with Inland Empire

DEBORAH ROBERTSON

Mayor of Rialto

STEPHEN DOPUDJA President/CEO

Dopudja & Wells Consulting, Inc.





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FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Discussion Regulatory Horizon for City Water and Sewer

Moderator DEBORAH ROBERTSON

Mayor of Rialto

Remarks Veolia's Ecofactory - When Cities See Wastewater Anew

FRED VAN HEEMS

CEO

Veolia North America

Remarks EPA's Combined Sewer System Permitting Policy

JAMIE PIZIALI

Municipal Ombudsman

United States Environmental Protection Agency

Preventing Evictions: Tools and Lessons from the Princeton Eviction Lab

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Neptune A (4th Floor)

This session will explore local strategies to prevent evictions and hold landlords accountable. Featured guests will include researchers from Princeton University's Eviction Lab.

Moderator WADE KAPSZUKIEWICZ

Mayor of Toledo

Chair, Community Development and Housing Standing Committee

Remarks CARL GERSHENSON, Ph.D.

Eviction Lab Director Princeton University

VANESSA MEGAW Emergency Housing

United States Department of the Treasury

Mayoral Panel

Tourism, Arts, Parks, Entertainment, and Sports Standing Committee

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (1616 E. 18th St.)

The TAPES Standing Committee will hold its session at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. Transportation to and from the museum will be provided.

Transportation: Buses will begin boarding at 7:00 a.m. and depart the hotel lobby at 7:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast will be provided at the museum.

Acting Chair SCOTT SINGER

Mayor of Boca Raton

Consideration of Proposed Resolutions





FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Opening Plenary Session

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

City Beautiful Ballroom (6th Floor)

Program begins at 9:15 a.m.

Presiding HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Presentation

of the Colors KANSAS CITY MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT

National Anthem NICOLE GREGORY

Invocation IMAM BILAL HAZZIEZ

Al Inshirah Islamic Center

Welcome QUINTON LUCAS

Mayor of Kansas City, MO Host, 92nd Annual Meeting

Awards

Presentation Talent for Tomorrow: Digital Equity Challenge

DALILA WILSON-SCOTT

Executive Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer

Comcast Corporation USCM Platinum Partner

Remarks MITCHELL J. LANDRIEU

Former Mayor of New Orleans (2010 to 2018)

Past President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Remarks ANDRES PEÑA

Senior Director, Public Affairs The Coca-Cola Company

Video

Introduction TOM COCHRAN

CEO and Executive Director

The United States Conference of Mayors

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President's

Address HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors





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Discussion Healing America: A National Conversation on Mental Health

This armchair chat and following discussion will provide an overview of the mental health landscape across the United States. It will address the question: What is missing from the national dialogue on

mental health and how mayors can and are changing the dialogue locally and nationally.

Discussants HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Chair, Mental Health Task Force

SCHROEDER STRIBLING President and CEO Mental Health America

Discussion Mayors In Action: Mental Health Legislative Outreach

Moderator HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Chair, Mental Health Task Force

Panel JERRY DYER

Mayor of Fresno

ACQUANETTA WARREN Mayor of Fontana

BRIAN C. WAHLER Mayor of Piscataway

Chair, Legislative Action Standing Committee

City Scale Solutions to Your Climate & Sustainability Goals

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Neptune B (4th Floor)

Now more than ever, leaders must ensure buildings, communities, and cities can meet the challenges of climate change by reducing our carbon footprint and mitigating our risks in extreme weather. Hosted by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), this forum will explore how we can answer the urgent call for rapid decarbonization and building resilient cities and communities through the use of USGBC tools.

Mayors are implementing a range of place-based, community-driven solutions to combat the climate crisis. We will explore the key policies and innovative approaches each city leader is taking to accelerate progress in their respective cities. Knowing the tools available and how cities have leveraged them can accelerate your community's strategy towards achieving climate action goals.





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Moderator HILARI VARNADORE

Vice President, LEED for Cities U.S. Green Building Council

Panelists LaTOYA CANTRELL

Mayor of New Orleans

TODD GLORIA

Mayor of San Diego

DANIEL J. RICKENMANN Mayor of Columbia, SC

Innovations in Digital Equity

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Bacchus (4th Floor)

Over 92 percent of all jobs require digital skills, yet approximately one-third of workers don't have the foundational digital skills necessary to qualify for these jobs. Access to tools and technology alone is not enough. Digital skills are key to navigating the current labor market and unlocking economic opportunity. Learn how innovative mayors are leading the growth and development of a more highly skilled workforce, recognizing that everyone benefits when the public sector partners with nonprofits and the private sector to connect and leverage vital resources to upskill workers.

Remarks BRET PERKINS

Senior Vice President of External and Government Affair

Comcast Corporation

Moderator MICHAEL O'BRYAN

Founder and CEO Humanature

Panelists ANGIE NELSON DEUITCH

Mayor of Michigan City, IN

TBA

FRANK SCOTT, JR. Mayor of Little Rock

Local Infrastructure Hub: Implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Neptune A (4th Floor)

Mayors will discuss how BIL-funded projects transform their communities and benefit residents, and federal officials will update mayors on key aspects of the \$1.2 trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The Local Infrastructure Hub is a partnership between Bloomberg Philanthropies, The United States Conference of Mayors, and Results for America to assist cities in accessing BIL funding.





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Moderator STEVEN REED

Mayor of Montgomery

Remarks JAIME LAVIN

Senior Director, Government Innovation

Bloomberg Philanthropies

Remarks JAMES B. HOVLAND

Mayor of Edina

Chair, Transportation Standing Committee

Remarks BIL Transportation Programs: Update

CHRISTOPHER COES

Acting Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy

United States Department of Transportation

Remarks Workforce Training and Infrastructure

KIRK WATSON Mayor of Austin

Remarks Internet For All Programs in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

HERB TYSON

Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

United States Department of Commerce

Remarks Direct Pay and Consumer Credits within the Inflation Reduction Act

RYAN WHALEN

Special Assistant to the President

The White House

Friday Plenary Lunch

12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

City Beautiful Ballroom (6th Floor)

Program begins at 12:40 p.m.

Presiding HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Panel Supporting Microbusinesses as a Driver of Economic Growth

Moderator ROBY SCHAPIRA

Director of Small Business Diverse Customer Segments and Senior Vice President

Wells Fargo

USCM Platinum Partner

Panelists MARY-ANN BALDWIN

Mayor of Raleigh





FRIDAY, JUNE 21

TIM KELLER

Mayor of Albuquerque

Discussion The 2024 Election and Female Voters: Strategies to Boost Voter Turnout

Moderator KATHY SHEEHAN

Mayor of Albany

Chair, Women Mayors Leadership Alliance

Panelists LAVORA BARNES

Chair

Michigan Democratic Party

KYLE LIERMAN

CEO

Civic Nation

Discussion A Thriving Community: Unveiling Secrets to Success

Across cities and communities, a common thread emerges – an affinity for innovation. This prompts a pivotal question: What are the unique characteristics, factors, and initiatives that make communities thrive? Join us as we examine the success of two heartland cities that dominate multiple best-of lists. Mayors will share how their communities are dedicated to cultivating environments where newcomers and long-standing residents thrive – forging vibrant places to live, work, and belong.

Moderator ROBERT BURNS

Home Region Program Director Walton Family Foundation

Panelists STEVEN REED

Mayor of Montgomery

LILY WU

Mayor of Wichita

Remarks The Great Divide and How Mayors Can Heal It

DR. FRANK I. LUNTZ

Pollster, Analyst, & Commentator

Nominating Committee (Closed)

2:30 p.m.

Pomona (4th Floor)

Chair JERRY DYER

Mayor of Fresno

Members FRANCIS X. SUAREZ

Mayor of Miami

BRYAN K. BARNETT

Mayor of Rochester Hills, MI





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ELIZABETH B. KAUTZ Mayor of Burnsville

LEIRION GAYLOR BAIRD Mayor of Lincoln

STEVE CALLAWAY Mayor of Hillsboro

LaTOYA CANTRELL Mayor of New Orleans

JAMES B. HOVLAND Mayor of Edina

MATTIE PARKER
Mayor of Fort Worth

DEBORAH ROBERTSON Mayor of Rialto

ANDY SCHOR Mayor of Lansing

SCOTT SINGER
Mayor of Boca Raton

MATT TUERK Mayor of Allentown

BRIAN C. WAHLER Mayor of Piscataway

ACQUANETTA WARREN Mayor of Fontana

Alternates STEVE WILLIAMS

Mayor of Huntington, WV

JAMAEL TITO BROWN Mayor of Youngstown

BEST PRACTICE FORUMS

Protecting Our Kids from Candy-Flavored Vapes and Other Tobacco Products

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Neptune C (4th Floor)





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Join us for a discussion on what actions Mayors can take to protect their communities from the harms of tobacco products such as clearing the market of unauthorized e-cigarette products and additional actions that can be taken in their cities. Hear from mayors taking on these battles and experts in the field about current trends in youth vaping and tobacco use and what can be done to protect our children from a lifetime of nicotine addiction.

Moderator MICHAEL A. NUTTER

Former Mayor of Philadelphia (2008-2016)

Past President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Panelists CAVALIER JOHNSON

Mayor of Milwaukee

VAN JOHNSON Mayor of Savannah

MARIA H. RAHMANDAR, MD

Physician

Lurie Children's Hospital & Professor of Pediatrics Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine

JENNIFER FORSYTH Parent Advocate

Parents Against Vaping e-cigarettes (PAVe)

DJ YEARWOOD Youth Advocate

The Secret Sauce: What Makes a Dynamic Metro

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Neptune A (4th Floor)

Building on the plenary session focused on thriving communities, this panel will discuss key factors propelling dynamic metros. Drawing on data, we will identify the "secret sauce" – the ingredients that make a community thrive. We will hear how cities drafted and implemented their plans to achieve smart, innovative growth in their communities.

Moderator ROBERT BURNS

Home Region Program Director Walton Family Foundation

Panelists DAVID HOLT

Mayor of Oklahoma City

Second Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors

BARBARA BUFFALOE Mayor of Columbia, MO

FRANK SCOTT, JR. Mayor of Little Rock





FRIDAY, JUNE 21

ROSS DEVOL President and CEO Heartland Forward

Children, Health, and Human Services Standing Committee

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Mermaid A (4th Floor)

Chair LEVAR STONEY

Mayor of Richmond, VA

Consideration of Proposed Resolutions

Remarks Advancing Anti-Poverty Solutions for Vulnerable Populations

KATIE KUKA

Head of Strategic Initiatives

Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities (LEO)

University of Notre Dame

HEATHER REYNOLDS

Michael L. Smith Managing Director

Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities (LEO

University of Notre Dame

LELAINE BIGELOW Executive Director

Georgetown Center for Poverty and Inequality

Environment Standing Committee

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Mermaid B (4th Floor)

Chair BARBARA BUFFALOE

Mayor of Columbia, MO

Consideration of Proposed Resolutions

Presentation Sustainability In City Services: Strategies for Effective Delivery and Implementation

BRUNA SANTOS

Director of the Brazil Institute, Wilson Center 21st Century Apolitical Advisory Council

Presentation The Time for Trees: Resources to Help Grow Your Urban Tree Canopy

DAN LAMBE Chief Executive Arbor Day Foundation





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Jobs, Education, and the Workforce Standing Committee

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Neptune A (4th Floor)

Chair KATE GALLEGO

Mayor of Phoenix

Consideration of Proposed Resolutions

Remarks Women's Sports as a Catalyst for Economic Growth

JESSICA BERMAN Commissioner

National Women's Soccer League (NWSL)

Remarks Reforming the Civil Service Process to Improve Access to City Jobs/

Implementing a Public Service Corps

REX RICHARDSON

Mayor of Long Beach

Technology and Innovation Standing Committee

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Neptune C (4th Floor)

Chair BRUCE HARRELL

Mayor of Seattle

Consideration of Proposed Resolutions

Remarks Cybersecurity Coordination Between Cities and the Federal Government

HARRY COKER, JR. National Cyber Director The White House

Remarks Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) and Resources for Cities

BRIAN de VALLANCE Senior Advisor

Center for Internet Security

Remarks Lessons Learned from a Cyber Incident

LaTOYA CANTRELL Mayor of New Orleans

Remarks Protecting Your City From Cyber Threats

CAROLINE SIMMONS Mayor of Stamford





FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Community Leaders of America | Forum for Community Leaders Republican Mayor Forum Reception (Closed to Press)

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Tom's Town Distilling Co. (1701 Main St.)

Chair JOSEPH C. BORELLI

Councilmember New York City

EVENING EVENT



BBQ With A View

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. National WWI Museum and Memorial

We're bringing all of Kansas City's finest barbeque to you! Join us at the National WWI Museum and Memorial where several of our world-famous barbeque establishments will serve their best meats and sides.

And we need your help! After sampling each platter, your votes will crown one of the participants the winner of the U.S. Mayors Barbeque Choice Award.

Take tours of the museum, visit the top of the tower, and enjoy a rooftop party featuring the best skyline view in the city! Entertainment provided by The Phantastics, Kansas City's beat party band.

Sponsored by HNTB

Transportation: Evening event shuttles will run between the Loews Kansas City Hotel and the National World War I Museum and Memorial from 5:45 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.

Suggested Attire: Elevated Picnic - we suggest comfortable shoes and light summer clothing for this outdoor event.





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Registration

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Loews Main Lobby (4th Floor)

Buffet Breakfast Available

6:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Neptune E (4th Floor)

BEST PRACTICE FORUMS

Implementing the CHIPS and Science Act

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Mermaid B (4th Floor)

Over the last several years, semiconductors and other technology components have often been designed by U.S. companies but manufactured overseas. Driven by a combination of supply chain issues during the COVID-19 pandemic and national security concerns, Congress passed the CHIPS and Science Act in 2022. Today, the CHIPS for America program is helping drive manufacturing, research and development, and downstream economic development through major funding initiatives and investments in semiconductor development.

This session will dive into the progress made thus far by the CHIPS for America Program and examine ways mayors can support economic development from these new investments.

Moderator LAUREN McLEAN

Mayor of Boise

Chair, CHIPS Implementation Task Force

Remarks Current Status of CHIPS for America

CYNTHIA ARAGON

Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

CHIPS for America

United States Department of Commerce

Remarks Regional Economic Development Investments in CHIPS

JODA THONGNOPNUA

Special Advisor, Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships

National Science Foundation

Remarks KATE GALLEGO

Mayor of Phoenix

Discussion Setting Priorities for the CHIPS Implementation Task Force





SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Progress in Renewable Energy and Efficiency

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Muse B (4th Floor)

The Conference of Mayors Climate and Infrastructure Policies supports a transition to clean energy in the Nation's cities. Community clean energy programs and projects are getting a boost from federal stimulus by way of investment tax credits, loans, and grants provided by Congress in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). While renewable energy generation continues to grow, so does growth in plug-load and demand for electricity. This session provides an update on how renewable energy has grown in the United States over the last decade. Some case studies offer a variety of strategies for local action in renewable energy projects; and the outlook for energy efficiency opportunities and practices in community-based infrastructure.

Moderator DANIEL J. RICKENMANN

Mayor of Columbia, SC

Chair, Energy Standing Committee

Remarks A Decade of Renewable Energy Development in the USA

NICK MONTONI Deputy Chief of Staff

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

United States Department of Energy

Remarks Hydro Power

DANIEL J. RICKENMANN Mayor of Columbia, SC

Building a Greener Future: Decarbonizing Urban Areas through Innovative Solutions

MIKE BORCHERS

Decarbonization Solutions Director

Black & Veatch

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Black & Veatch

Total Solution for Energy, Water & Greenhouse Gas Reduction

ERIC LI CEO

BDP Enviro Tech, LLC.

Rallying Your Small Businesses During a Time of Crisis

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Muse A (4th Floor)

A crisis can occur in your community at any time. Be it a weather-related disaster or a gun violence disaster, your local small businesses will play an important role in your city's recovery. From mayors with firsthand experience, learn how to partner with your small businesses to help your citizens recover.





SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Moderator ELIZABETH B. KAUTZ

Mayor of Burnsville

Past President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Remarks BUDDY DYER

Mayor of Orlando

Remarks WALT MADDOX

Mayor of Tuscaloosa

Remarks RAFAEL CARBONELL

Executive Director, Taubman Center for State and Local Government

Harvard Kennedy School

Remarks MINDY A. BRISSEY

Regional Administrator

Region VII - Serving Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska

U.S. Small Business Administration

Mayors and Business Leaders Plenary Session

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

City Beautiful Ballroom (6th Floor)

Program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Presiding HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Remarks NEERA TANDEN

Director

Domestic Policy Council

The White House

Greetings TOM COCHRAN

CEO and Executive Director

The United States Conference of Mayors

Greetings CHARLES HALES

Urban Planning Cross Sector Director

HDR

Co-Chair, Mayors Business Council Steering Committee

Recognition Outgoing Elected USCM Leadership Mayors

Remarks HARRY COKER, JR.

National Cyber Director

The White House





SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Pitch 2024 Civic I/O Mayors Tech Pitch Winner

SHANEL FIELDS Founder and CEO

MD Ally

Update 83rd Annual Meeting of The U.S. Conference of Mayors: June 19-22, 2025

JANE CASTOR Mayor of Tampa, Host

Panel Can Animal Agriculture Be Sustainable?

Moderator BARBARA BUFFALOE

Mayor of Columbia, MO

Chair, Environment Standing Committee

Panelists JULIE ANNA POTTS

President and CEO The Meat Institute

TBA

Panel Using Artificial Intelligence to Improve City Government

Moderator HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Panelists BRUCE HARRELL

Mayor of Seattle

Chair, Technology and Innovation Standing Committee

FRANCIS X. SUAREZ Mayor of Miami

Past President, The United States Conference of Mayors

ERICA OLSEN

CEO, Co-Founder, and Principal Strategist

OnStrategy

Designing Solutions to the Housing Crisis: Adaptive Reuse and the 15-Minute City

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Neptune A (4th Floor)

From small infill projects to large multifamily development, mayors work with architects to build healthy, safe, and uplifting housing that connects residents with economic opportunity, community amenities, and public services. Join The American Institute of Architects (AIA)'s Best Practices Forum to learn about architects and mayors working together to design strong, vibrant communities and convert underutilized commercial buildings into diverse housing options.





SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Moderator KIMBERLY N. DOWDELL, AIA, NOMAC

2024 President

American Institute of Architects

Panelists QUINTON LUCAS

Mayor of Kansas City, MO

COREY WOODS Mayor of Tempe

LEIRION GAYLOR BAIRD Mayor of Lincoln

Destination Promotion: Increasing Community Vitality

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Neptune B (4th Floor)

An engaging session that will explore key findings from the newly published report - *Destination Promotion: A Catalyst for Community Vitality*. Discover how strategic tourism promotion improves the quality of life for residents by supporting the development of local amenities and services such as attracting and retaining talent; and funding essential services and infrastructure improvements. Copies of the new research report "Destination Promotion: A Catalyst for Community Vitality" will be available for attendees.

Moderator JACK A. JOHNSON

Chief Advocacy Officer Destination International

Panelists JOHN GILES

Mayor of Mesa

JANE CASTOR Mayor of Tampa

FRANK SCOTT Mayor of Little Rock

MAURICE COX

Former Commissioner of Planning and Development

City of Chicago

Mayoral Leadership in Supporting Growing Entrepreneurship

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Neptune C (4th Floor)

As city's economic development strategies consider racial equity or neighborhood opportunity as key outcomes, entrepreneurs and microbusinesses immediately become a necessary lever of change. This forum showcases mayoral leadership to support underserved microbusiness owners and entrepreneurs to put them on a trajectory of growth and move them from micro to small and beyond to generate real economic success.





SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Moderator ROBY SCHAPIRA

Director of Small Business Diverse Customer Segments

Senior Vice President

Wells Fargo

USCM Platinum Partner

Panelists D.C. REEVES

Mayor of Pensacola

DEBBIE NASH-KING Mayor of Killeen

HELEN TRAN

Mayor of San Bernardino

ALEJANDRA Y. CASTILLO

Assistant Secretary for Economic Development United States for Department of Commerce

Saturday Plenary Lunch

12:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

City Beautiful Ballroom (6th Floor)

Program begins at 12:50 p.m.

Presiding HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Video

Introduction TOM COCHRAN

CEO and Executive Director

The United States Conference of Mayors

Video The Human Face of Infrastructure Investment

Discussion Public-Private Partnerships: Balancing Risks & Opportunities to Collaborate Across Sectors

As cities face increasingly complex challenges, from infrastructure demands to economic growth and sustainability, the collaboration between municipal and federal governments and private sector entities has never been more critical. Our discussion will delve into the strategic advantages of P3s, highlighting real-world examples where mayors have effectively harnessed these partnerships to revitalize their cities. We will examine the key factors contributing to successful P3s, including

transparent governance, shared goals, and community engagement.

Moderator MAURICE A. HENDERSON II

Vice President of Corporate Development

HNTB Corporation





SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Panelists STEPHEN K. BENJAMIN

Senior Advisor to the President and Director of the Office of Public Engagement

The White House

TISHAURA O. JONES Mayor of St. Louis

AFTAB PUREVAL
Mayor of Cincinnati

Awards

Presentation Police Reform and Equitable Justice Grant Program

ISAAC REYES

Senior Vice President, Enterprise Risk & Government Affairs

Target Corporation USCM Platinum Partner

Announcement Mayors' Guide to Compassionate and Equitable Cities

RON NIRENBERG Mayor of San Antonio

Chair, Mayors and Business Leaders Center for Compassionate and Equitable Cities

Discussion National Landscape: Understanding Reproductive Rights

Moderator ELIZABETH B. KAUTZ

Mayor of Burnsville

Co-Chair, Women's Health and Reproductive Rights Task Force Past President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Panelists REGINA ROMERO

Mayor of Tucson

Co-Chair, Women's Health and Reproductive Rights Task Force

TRAVIS STOVALL Mayor of Gresham

MAYA RUPERT Senior Adviser

Center for Reproductive Rights

Discussion Artful Urbanism: Maximizing Creative Potential in Placemaking

This discussion will explore the synergy between creative expression and urban development. From fostering a sense of belonging to strategic partnerships with artists, discover how cities can evolve into

vibrant, inclusive hubs of collaboration, innovation, and transformation.

Moderator HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors





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Panelists JESSICA GOLDMAN SREBNICK

Co-Chair, Goldman Properties Founder/CEO, Goldman Global Arts

MEGAN K. MILLER Senior Advisor Burning Man Project

Preventing and Reducing Gun Violence

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mermaid B (4th Floor)

The session will focus on both enforcement and prevention strategies that cities can use to prevent and reduce gun violence and how federal partners can help them in this effort.

Moderator QUINTON LUCAS

Mayor of Kansas City, MO

Chair, Criminal and Social Justice Standing Committee

Panelists ROB WILCOX

Special Assistant to the President and

Deputy Director of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention

The White House

ROBERT CEKADA

Executive Assistant Director

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

United States Department of Justice

KARHLTON MOORE

Director

Bureau of Justice Assistance

United States Department of Justice

STACEY GRAVES

Chief

Kansas City, MO Police Department

Discussion

Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) Task Force

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Neptune A (4th Floor)

The Public-Private Partnerships (P3s) 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. While previous meetings have featured mayoral case studies and federal funding opportunities, this session will highlight private sector perspectives and case studies.

Moderator PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON

Mayor of Riverside





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P3 Best Practices Case Studies

Remarks How P3s Can Optimize Project Delivery Methods

CHANDRASEKAR VENKATRAMAN, CV. P.E., PMP, CFE

President of Capital Program Management

Veolia North America

Granite City, IL

REBECCA LOSLI, President Illinois American Water

NICOLAS RUBIO Chief Executive Officer Meridiam Americas

Commentator DAVID GILFORD

Head of Policy and Strategic Partnerships

Sidewalk Infrastructure Partners

Small Cities Forum: Using Communications Tools with Limited Resources

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Muse B (4th Floor)

Moderators CHRIS BARNETT

Mayor of Orion Township Co-Chair, Small Cities Forum

TIMOTHY C. McDONOUGH

Mayor of Hope

Co-Chair, Small Cities Forum

Moderator SARA DURR

Director of Communications

The United States Conference of Mayors

Remarks SHARETTA SMITH

Mayor of Lima

Remarks CASEY HERNANDEZ

Partner Seven Letter

Remarks SHARETTA SMITH

Mayor of Lima





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Sports and Entertainment - How the Two Go Hand-in-Hand

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mermaid A (4th Floor)

Sports and entertainment districts are the new rage in many cities. Not only do they provide culture and entertainment, they also can provide housing, jobs, and business opportunities. CPKC Stadium, the first stadium built exclusively for women's soccer and site of the Saturday evening social event, is one such example.

Come and get an early start on cheering on the KC Current!

Moderator RICK HORROW

CEO

Horrow Sports Ventures

Remarks DAVID HOLT

Mayor of Oklahoma City

Second Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Remarks DAVID CARLOCK

Principal

Machete Group

Remarks RAVEN JEMISON

Team President Kansas City Current

Remarks JON STEPHENS

Team President
President and CEO

Port KC

Remarks HENRY SHEPHERD

Head of M&A

Diamond Baseball Holdings

Remarks BRUNO DIAZ

Commercial Director

ISL Agency

Remarks ELIZABETH A. HAAS

Adjunct Instructor, School of Professional Studies

New York University





SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Strategic Foresight for Your City

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bacchus (4th Floor)

In divided times, how can we begin to think and act beyond the emergencies of the present? What might our common ground look like on the far side of today's battlegrounds? How can we widen the aperture of possibilities to find new paths forward? How can future thinking help us heal divisions that are tearing apart our communities? Join this engaging and interactive session to learn how the practical tools of strategic foresight can help pave the way to the futures we want to see.

Facilitators ILANA LIPSETT

Founder and Director

Participatory & Regenerative Design Strategies

STUART CANDY

Distinguished Visiting Professor, Tec de Monterrey

Director, Situation Lab

Strategies for Addiction Recovery and Treatment

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Neptune C (4th Floor)

This discussion will explore strategies for communities to maximize the use of opioid settlement funds and examine the latest brain technologies available for treating addiction and behavioral health conditions. There will be an inactive presentation of brain scan technology from the GENESIS Behavioral Health Center.

Presiding STEVE WILLIAMS

Mayor of Huntington

Chair, Substance Abuse, Prevention, and Recovery Services Task Force

Panel Maximizing the Impact of Opioid Settlement Funds on Community Health and Recovery

HEATHER REYNOLDS

Professor

Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities (LEO)

University of Notre Dame

Maximizing Brain Scan Technology to Treat Addiction and Behavioral Disorder Conditions

AMY BUBLAK Mayor of Turlock

Remarks DR. ROMINA KIRYAKOUS, PSYD.

Chief Executive Officer

GENESIS Behavioral Health Center

AAPI Alliance: Forging Partnerships with Allied Organizations

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Mermaid A (4th Floor)

Chair LILY MEI

Mayor of Fremont

Chair, Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Alliance





SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Remarks CHRISTINE CHEN

Co-Founder and Executive Director of APIAVote

MADALENE MIELKE President and CEO

Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)

Electrification of the U.S. Transportation System

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Neptune A (4th Floor)

This session will cover how cities can accelerate the electrification of transit. Mayors will discuss innovative strategies and collaborative approaches, focusing on infrastructure development, policy advancements, and public-private partnerships. It will include a discussion on how cities can take advantage of U.S. Department of Transportation EV charging grant programs.

Moderator JAMAEL TITO BROWN

Mayor of Youngstown

Remarks EVAN WESSEL

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Government Affairs United States Department of Transportation

Remarks KATIE ZEHNDER

Technology Department Leader, Vice President

HNTB

Panelists LEONARDO WILLIAMS

Mayor of Durham

LAUREN McLEAN Mayor of Boise

LGBTQ+ Alliance: Developing an LGBTQ+ Inclusive City

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Muse A (4th Floor)

The session will feature a discussion of the impact of anti-LGBTQ+ state legislation on the community and the 2024 elections and an 83-city survey on how mayors are building an inclusive city by supporting and involving LGBTQ+ residents and a discussion of specific mayors' efforts in this area.

Moderators TODD GLORIA

Mayor of San Diego

Co-Chair, LGBTQ+ Alliance

SATYA RHODES-CONWAY

Mayor of Madison

Co-Chair, LGBTQ+ Alliance

The Impact of Anti-LGBTQ+ State Legislation on the LGBTQ+ Community and the 2024 Elections





SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Panelists ANNISE PARKER

President & CEO

LGBTQ+ Victory Fund and Institute

CATHRYN OAKLEY

Senior Director of Legal Policy Human Rights Campaign

Release and Discussion of USCM LGBTQ+ Alliance Survey

Remarks QUINTON LUCAS

Mayor of Kansas City, MO

DEAN TRANTALIS

Mayor of Fort Lauderdale

Discussion

Local Infrastructure Projects and Federal Help Desk

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Bacchus (4th Floor)

This session provides a forum for engagement between mayors and our federal partners to share information about infrastructure investment and technical assistance on projects in their communities. All mayors are invited to attend this session and seek the information they need from the Federal Agencies staffing the Help Desks. The Public-Private Partnerships (P3) Task Force was created in 2022 with the objective of raising awareness of P3 opportunities and challenges, and how cities can combine P3 project development and take advantage of the historic increase in federal financial assistance to renew and develop local public infrastructure.

Moderators STEVEN L. REED

Mayor of Montgomery

MARSHALL MACOMBER President & Founder

ThinkP3

- United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Build America Bureau will participate in the federal help
 desk session and can discuss infrastructure/TOD financing and technical assistance opportunities. The Bureau
 was established as USDOT's point organization for federal financing to help communities deliver infrastructure
 projects. The Bureau's programs feature technical assistance; low-interest, long-term financing for
 transportation projects; and best practices in project planning, financing, delivery, and operation. If you are
 unable to connect with a team member at the conference, please email BuildAmerica@dot.gov to discuss your
 projects.
- United States Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Infrastructure is responsible for administering a dozen
 clean energy project categories that are eligible to claim tax credits or tax rebates for qualifying projects under
 the direct pay provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). In the Office of Infrastructure, the State and
 Community Energy Program experts will be available to share information and technical assistance for clean
 energy projects, building energy efficiency and electrification, and other carbon emission reduction programs.





SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Real Tools for Real Solutions: Mental Health and Homelessness

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Neptune C (4th Floor)

This session will concentrate on how mayors use data and technology to enhance outreach and treatment initiatives for their homeless populations. It will also include a discussion on actionable steps cities can take to improve behavioral health outcomes.

Moderator HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Chair, Mental Health Task Force

Panelists LEONARDO WILLIAMS

Mayor of Durham

MATT TUERK

Mayor of Allentown

STEVE SHELL

Vice President, Stacie Mathewson Behavioral Health & Addiction Institute

Renown Health

Democratic Mayors Association Meeting (Closed to Press)

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Neptune D (4th Floor)

President KATE GALLEGO

Mayor of Phoenix





SATURDAY, JUNE 22

EVENING EVENTS



Pre Event: Mayor Quinton Lucas + National Women's Soccer League Fireside Chat

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. CPKC Stadium

Join Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas and the National Women's Soccer League for a fireside chat and pre-reception gathering. Hear from NWSL Commissioner Jessica Berman and others as they discuss the benefits of investing in women's sports teams and infrastructure, using Kansas City and CPKC Stadium as a case study for investment. Mayors in attendance will have the chance to discuss opportunities to grow the league's presence across the country following the panel.

Party at the Pitch

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. CPKC Stadium

Join us for an upscale tailgate with fun-filled live performances at the newly-opened CPKC Stadium, home of the Kansas City Current and the first sports stadium in the world built specifically for a women's professional team.

The evening will feature entertainment by:

Quixotic, an avant-garde immersive performance experience. Based in Kansas City, this contemporary cirque act of world-class performers has curated an unforgettable performance under the stars.

Cimafunk, a Grammy-nominated, Afro-Cuban, magnetic performer who fuses Caribbean groove with New Orleans-style brass. Cimafunk made history in April as the first Cuban-born artist to play Coachella.

Sponsored by Macquarie and Payit

Transportation: Evening event shuttles will run between the Loews Kansas City Hotel and CPKC Stadium from 5:45 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.

Suggested Attire: Tailgate Chic - Comfortable shoes and light summer clothing are suggested for this outdoor event.





SATURDAY, JUNE 22



Celebration Honoring
Outgoing President Hillary Schieve of Reno
and
Incoming President Andrew J. Ginther of Columbus, OH

10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Loews Event Deck (7th Floor)

Continue the party – under the stars, overlooking the city – on the stunning Loews event deck as we celebrate outgoing President Schieve and incoming President Ginther.





SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Registration

7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Loews Main Lobby (4th Floor)

Buffet Breakfast Available

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Neptune E (4th Floor)

Business Session

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

City Beautiful Ballroom (6th Floor)

The program will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Presiding HILLARY SCHIEVE

Mayor of Reno

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

Video Remarks OKSANA MARKAROVA

Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States

Debate and Adoption by Membership of Resolutions Reported out by the Standing Committees

Vote on Nominating Committee Recommendations

Installation of Officers

Discussion Infrastructure: The Future and Now

Introduction TOM COCHRAN

CEO and Executive Director

The United States Conference of Mayors

Moderator JAMES ANDERSON

Head of Government Innovation Programs

Bloomberg Philanthropies

Panelists ANDREW J. GINTHER

Mayor of Columbus, OH

President, The United States Conference of Mayors

DAVID HOLT

Mayor of Oklahoma City

Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors

TBD

Second Vice President, The United States Conference of Mayors

BREAK

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





SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Executive Committee (Closed)

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Pomona (4th Floor)

Inaugural Luncheon Honoring the 82nd President of the United States Conference of Mayors

12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

City Beautiful Ballroom (6th Floor)

The program will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Moderator TOM COCHRAN

CEO and Executive Director

The United States Conference of Mayors

Video

Presentation Andrew J. Ginther: 82nd President of The United States Conference of Mayors

Address ANDREW J. GINTHER

Mayor of Columbus, OH

82nd President of The United States Conference of Mayors







WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (WDC)

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Workforce Development Council Board/Annual Meeting

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Neptune D (4th Floor)

Presiding JAIME CRUZ

Executive Director
Workforce Connections

Las Vegas, NV WDC President

Remarks TBA

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Workforce Development Council Board/Annual Meeting

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Neptune D (4th Floor)

Presiding JAIME CRUZ

Executive Director
Workforce Connections

Las Vegas, NV WDC President

Remarks TBA

Cities as Competitive Employers: Increasing the Minimum Wage and Enhancing Collective Bargaining Tools for Public Sector Workers

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Remarks LEVAR STONEY

Mayor of Richmond, VA





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