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MAYORS TO FOCUS ON INFRASTRUCTURE, JOBS, MUNICIPAL BONDS, IMMIGRATION REFORM, PUBLIC SAFETY, OTHER KEY PRIORITIES
Welcome to our 81st Annual Meeting. We thank host Mayor Carolyn Goodman who stepped up to the plate and accepted the opportunity to host us last year in Orlando.

We came to Las Vegas for the Annual Meeting in 2006. A lot has happened since 2006 – Barack Obama was elected President – the financial world turned upside down with the meltdown of ’08 – and we have had THREE Hangover movies. But with all these changes, we still have Goodman as mayor! But the 2013 Goodman is a Carolyn and not an Oscar. I know it was a proud day in July 2011 when Oscar swore in his friend, partner, sweetheart and wife of 50 years to be the mayor of Las Vegas.

The city of Las Vegas has changed too. There’s more to Las Vegas than just fancy casinos and headline entertainers. I ask each of you to observe what has happened in downtown Las Vegas – Old Las Vegas – where it all began.

The Oscar Goodman 12-year mayorship began many new, world-recognized developments and the incredible changes are being transformed in the first term of Mayor Carolyn Goodman. The world-class Furniture Mart, The Smith Performing Arts Center, The Childrens Museum, The Mob Museum, The Cleveland Clinic – Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health and a zip-line to fly you over The Freemont Street Experience (go ahead – I already did it!)

In addition to the above, a brand spanking new city hall has been opened. It is a magnificent multi million-dollar LEED Certified structure. The old city hall was bought by Zappos. And they moved their business headquarters to Downtown Las Vegas in the refurbished old city hall. We will hear from Zappos CEO Tony Hsieh on Saturday. He and Zappos are committed to being a catalyst and investor in the continuing Downtown Las Vegas transformation.

These structures and business development are giving downtown Las Vegas world-class recognition. Yes, there is more to Vegas than just The Strip and we want to showcase this for all who assemble this week for our 81st.

We have many challenges before us. Let us meet, express our views, discuss and debate and most important of all – let us depart this 81st Meeting more united than before to continue to be the best advocate for USA mayors and USA cities in Washington and across the World.

I know I will see so many of you soon. And I know, thanks to host Mayor Carolyn Goodman, the 81st will be one you won’t forget – productive, meaningful and, yes – enjoyable. See you in Las Vegas!
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Mayors Head to Las Vegas for Annual Meeting to Focus on Policy, Engage with National Leaders, Share Best Practices

By Steven Lee

Led by Conference President Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter, mayors from across the country will meet in Las Vegas June 21-24 to discuss and debate policy issues, learn from one another in special forums, and connect with political and thought leaders.

Held at the Mandalay Bay Hotel, the Annual Meeting will feature an address by Vice President Joseph R. Biden on Friday, June 21. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (PA) will also address the mayors on Saturday, June 22.

There will be a discussion session on Monday morning about advancements in digital media and technology and how that is impacting and reinvigorating cities. The discussants will be author and Lieutenant Governor of California Gavin Newsom and Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (via live video).

Conference participants will also participate in a special discussion on Sunday on “The Violence Crisis in Cities and the National Call for Action,” moderated by Nutter.

Nutter/Smith

Nutter will address the meeting attendees on Saturday morning outlining the accomplishments of the organization during his tenure in his President’s Report. Incoming as the 71st President of the Conference of Mayors, Mesa Mayor Scott Smith will present his goals and priorities for the coming year at the inaugu- ral luncheon on Monday.

Both Nutter and Smith will be honored at a special celebration on Sunday night at the House of Blues at the Mandalay Bay Hotel.

Policy

Through discussions on policy, mayors across ten standing committees will vote on proposed resolutions on Friday and Saturday.

• Children, Health and Human Services (Friday)
• Criminal and Social Justice (Friday)
• Environment (Friday)
• Transportation and Communications (Friday)
• Community Development and Housing (Saturday)
• Energy (Saturday)
• Jobs, Education and the Workforce (Saturday)
• Metro Economies (Saturday)
• International Affairs (Saturday)
• Tourism, Arts, Parks, Entertainment and Sports (Saturday)

Resolutions voted out of committee will be considered by the entire conference during the business session on Monday morning. Copies of the proposed resolutions are available at usmayors.org.

Special Forums

Several forums will be held throughout the four-day conference to provide mayors with the opportunity to implement innovative ideas from cities across the country.

• Preserving the American Dream: STEM Education in Action (Friday)
• Best Practices in Advanced Manufacturing: Successful Partnerships Between Mayors and Workforce Investment Boards (Saturday)
• The American Streetcar – A City Comeback Story (Saturday)
• Making the Web Work for America’s Cities (Saturday)
• What Mayors Can Do To Make Schools Safe (Sunday)
• Creating Financially Sound Cities through Efficient Employee Benefits (Sunday)
• DollarWise: Innovations in Financial Literacy and Summer Youth Jobs (Monday)

Task Force Meetings

Task force and other meetings will be held to hear from key speakers and discuss current legislative issues and best practices:

• Council on Metro Economies and the New American City (Friday)
• Immigration Reform Task Force (Friday)
• Food Policy Task Force (Friday)
• Mayors Water Council (Friday)
• Veterans Affairs Task Force (Friday)
• Work and Opportunity Task Force (Saturday)
• Metro Exports and Ports Task Force (Sunday)
• Vacant and Abandoned Properties Task Force (Sunday)
• Mayors Professional Sports Alliance (Sunday)
• Energy Independence and Climate Protection Task Force (Sunday)
• Technology and Innovation Task Force (Sunday)
• Pipeline Safety Task Force (Monday)
• Small Business, Franchising and Entrepreneurship Task Force (Monday)

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GUEST SPEAKERS FOR THE 81ST CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

Tony Hsieh, CEO, Zappos.com
Zia Eftekhar, Chairman Emeritus, Phillips Lighting North America
Wynne Lum, Senior Vice President, Global Corporate Social Responsibility, Bank of America
Vanessa Allen Sutherland, Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration
HUD Deputy Secretary Maurice Jones

Robert Klein, Founder and Chairman, Safeguard Properties
Mary Ostrowski, Director, Chlorine Chemistry Division, American Chemistry Council
Joseph Stewart, Market Manager, Arizona & Nevada Market, JP Morgan Chase & Company
Hassan Ali, Vice President, General Manager, Mueller Water Products
Mary Kate Campbell, DuPont Public Affairs Manager

Cathy Lanier, Chief, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, DC
John R. Sandweg, Acting General Counsel, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Philip A. McNamara, Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Alejandro Morales, DREAMer
Pablo Chavez, Director of Public Policy, Google Inc.
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David Kirchhoff, CEO of Weight Watchers International
Bill Heydt, Public Sector Director, Colonial Life
Charlie Nelson, President, Great-West Financial
Cathe Tocher, Senior VP of Investments, Great-West Financial
Theresa Cruz Myers, Vice President Client Services, Great-West Financial
Greg L. Hall, Vice President of U.S. Sourcing & Manufacturing, Walmart
Gregg Seller, Principal, Gregory Seller Consulting Inc.
Leslie Rogers, Regional Administrator (Region IX), Federal Transit Administration
Robin A. Stimson, Vice President, Strategic Business Development, Rail Systems, Siemens
David Fransen, Consul General of Canada
Julian Adem, Consul General of Mexico

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Mayors and Metro Universities Task Force (Monday)

Best Practices
Climate Protection (Friday), City Livability (Saturday) and Healthy Communities (Monday) award presentations will be made, featuring best practices that can be replicated for cities across America.

Women Mayors
Women Mayors will meet on Friday to hear from the former Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in Las Vegas. They also will hear from a local police lieutenant who will discuss ways to fight child trafficking.

New Mayors and Members
A special welcome breakfast will be held on Friday morning for new mayors and first-time attendees for an informative session on how to take full advantage of what the Annual Meeting has to offer. These mayors are invited to attend the membership committee meeting on Saturday for a discussion on membership benefits.

Viva Las Vegas!
Meeting host Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman has arranged wonderful evening events for attendees to enjoy:
- Friday: Surfside Party at Mandalay Bay Beach
- Saturday: Fremont Street Experience in Downtown Vegas
- Sunday: Cirque du Soleil - “Michael Jackson ONE”

An updated agenda and link to the host city website is available on usmayors.org, as well as the link for mayors to register if they have not done so already.
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2013 Annual Conference: Summary of Proposed Policy Resolutions

The 10 standing committees of The United States Conference of Mayors will meet to consider policy resolutions proposed by mayors for adoption by the Conference. Below, and on the following pages, is a summary of each committee’s resolutions.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE
NEWTON MAYOR SETTI D. WARREN, CHAIR

Resolution No. 11: Support for CDBG supports CDBG formula funding for FY2014 at least at $3.3 billion and opposes the CDBG reforms funding threshold and the elimination of grandfathering proposed in the FY2014 Federal Budget.

Resolution No. 12: In Opposition to a Drawdown in CDBG Program Funding urges that any Neighborhood Stabilization Initiative activities should be supported by new funds and not a drawdown from CDBG.

Resolution No. 13: In Support of The Partnership for Sustainable Communities supports the President’s proposed Integrated Planning and Investment Strategy Grants initiative and applauds the Partnership for Sustainable Communities for working to improve the economic competitiveness and vitality of cities across the country.

Resolution No. 14: Support for the Home Program calls on Congress and the Administration to restore the HOME program’s funding in FY2014 to at least $1.6 billion.

Resolution No. 15: Sequester Impacts on Public Housing Programs and the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program urges Congress to provide adequate funding for public housing and housing voucher rental assistance programs to ensure the effects of sequestration and other budget cuts do not destroy the safety net of programs serving the most vulnerable of our citizens.

Resolution No. 16: Ending Homelessness Among Veterans urges comprehensive solutions and increased investments in evidenced-informed strategies by all levels of government, philanthropy, businesses, faith-based and community organizations to prevent and end homelessness among Veterans.

Resolution No. 17: In Support of Housing and Employment Non-Discrimination Legislation calls on governments of all sizes to adopt policies, ordinances, and bills to prohibit employment discrimination against any community due to the pivotal role of diversity in strengthening the American economy and society.

Resolution No. 107: Supporting Rebuilding American Homeownership calls on Congress to pass and the President should sign legislation to provide additional mechanisms for mortgage refinancing for homeowners who are current on their mortgage payments and meet basic underwriting standards, but find themselves still “underwater.”

Resolution No. 18: In Support of the White House “Strong Cities, Strong Communities” Initiative urges the continued support for the “Strong Cities, Strong Communities” Initiative that builds local capacity, reduces red tape, and forges a more productive working relationship between federal and local government.

Resolution No. 19: Transit-Oriented Development as an Economic Growth and Economic Development Strategy supports the promotion of transit-oriented development, including additional federal tax and other financial incentives, to bolster market values and boost transit ridership, leading to increased economic vibrancy and sustainable growth within cities and regions across the nation.

Resolution No. 9: Wellness in Real Estate encourages buildings to use a combination of criteria and features that will enhance the well-being of occupants and address growing preventable health concerns and costs.
Resolution No. 20: The COPS Program supports the President’s recommendation to increase funding for the COPS Office in Fiscal Year 2014, including the establishment and funding of the new Comprehensive School Safety Program.

Resolution No. 21: In Support of the Creation of a COPS Office Transitioning to Consolidation Grant Program supports the development of a new COPS Office discretionary grant program to provide support for transitioning community policing partnerships and consolidation activities.

Resolution No. 22: Information Sharing Among Law Enforcement Agencies supports policy stating that no law enforcement or criminal justice agency that adheres to the requirements contained within the Criminal Justice Information Services Security Policy shall suffer liability for sharing verified criminal justice information for a criminal justice purpose.

Resolution No. 23: In Support of Background Checks for All Gun Sales urges passage of important public safety legislation in Congress which would require a background check for every gun sale and which would also increase the reporting of mental health and other relevant records into the NICS database.

Resolution No. 24: Supporting Americans’ 2nd Amendment Rights supports and defends the 2nd Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Resolution No. 25: In Support of the Federal Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking supports the Administration’s ongoing efforts to combat both domestic and international human trafficking and the Federal Action Plan on Services for Victims of Human Trafficking in the United States; urges the Department of Justice to find ways to combat the trafficking of commercially sexually exploited children over the Internet; and supports federal funding for victims of trafficking and efforts to combat trafficking and the Department of Homeland Security’s Blue Campaign.

Resolution No. 26: Homeland Security Grant Programs urges FEMA and the Administration to work with the Conference of Mayors and other national organizations as well as Congress to develop program reforms which incorporate the successful elements of past and current programs and identify new approaches which can have broad support and protect certain key programs, including the Urban Area Security Initiative, State Homeland Security Grant Program, and port and transportation security grants, which provide targeted funding to local areas and critical infrastructure considered to be at the highest risk; and urges FEMA, as it works with Congress and stakeholders, to use the following core principles: increase transparency, increase local involvement, provide flexibility with accountability, protect local funding, sustain terrorism prevention, and provide incentives for metropolitan area regionalization.

Resolution No. 27: Implementing FirstNet calls on FirstNet to assure that local first responder communication needs be taken into account in state and local planning and implementation grants and that planning and implementation activities be undertaken with the full participation of local public safety and government officials; the governance structure for the network clearly specify the role that local governments and their public safety organizations will play in managing its operations; the network to be developed integrates with the existing public safety communication networks; local officials control the access of secondary users to the network to ensure that meeting public safety capacity is the top priority; and assure that network user fees and devices are affordable by local public safety organizations.

Resolution No. 28: Cyber Security identifies cyber security as a critical public safety issue of concern to mayors and cities; and calls on the U.S. Conference of Mayors to work with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and others to provide information and assistance to mayors and other city officials to raise awareness about issues affecting cyber security and efforts they can undertake to secure critical infrastructure and other resources from cyber threats.

Resolution No. 29: Supporting and Advancing Resilient Communities supports efforts by communities to advance sound resiliency policies and programs and urges Congress to support federal efforts that will help states and localities develop and implement resiliency action plans and help identify innovative financing opportunities to implement these plans.

Resolution No. 2: HIV Discrimination and Criminalization calls for the elimination of HIV-specific criminal laws and implementation of approaches to HIV within the civil and criminal justice systems that are consistent with the treatment of similar health and safety risks; and supports legislation, such as the REPEAL HIV Discrimination Act, that advances these objectives; and endorses the recommendations of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS for ending federal and state HIV-specific criminal laws, prosecutions, and civil commitments.

Resolution No. 1: In Support of the President’s 2013 National Drug Control Strategy recognizes the threat that drug use poses to society and supports the President’s National Drug Control Strategy as a part of his larger effort to build an America built to last.

Resolution No. 32: In Support of States Setting Their Own Marijuana Policies Without Federal Interference reaffirms The U.S. Conference of Mayors support of fair and effective criminal justice and drug policies and reiterates its previous call for the reclassification of marijuana under federal law; recognizes that Conference members have differing views on how to treat marijuana in their cities and that
Resolution No. 72: Defending the Tax Exemption of Municipal Bonds opposes any proposal to cap, limit, eliminate or replace tax-exempt bonds.

Resolution No. 73: In Support of the Municipal Bond Tax Exemption urges the Administration and Congress to preserve the current tax-exempt status of municipal bonds that have provided trillions of dollars in low cost financing for critical infrastructure investments that serve citizens in all states and local communities.

Resolution No. 74: In Thanks to Senators Enzi, Durbin and Alexander commends Senators Mike Enzi (WY), Richard Durbin (IL) and Lamar Alexander (TN) for successfully guiding the Marketplace Fairness Act, which will empower state and local governments to collect an estimated $23 billion annually in taxes due on remote sales, to passage in the Senate by a strong bipartisan vote of 69 to 27; and urges the House of Representatives to pass this legislation to complete Congressional action on the bill this year.

Resolution No. 75: The Need to Preserve Local Government and Consumers Rights in the Broadband Era calls on Congress and the Federal Communications Commission to take certain actions to protect consumers, local businesses and local governments from proposals that would provide preferential tax treatment to some industries at the expense of others by preempting local taxing authority.

Resolution No. 76: Expressing Opposition to Proposed Changes in the Net Asset Value Rules for Money Market Mutual Funds urges the Securities and Exchange Commission not to make changes to the NAV or any further regulatory changes that would disrupt the existing structure of any characteristic on MMMFs and limit choices for state and local governments, businesses and other investors.

Resolution No. 77: Supporting Change of Municipal Securities Definition in the Volker Rule urges federal agencies responsible for final rulemaking to amend the definition of municipal securities in the proposed rule and have it align with the common definition of municipal securities found in the Securities Act of 1934.

Resolution No. 78: In Support of Critical U.S. Census Bureau Surveys expresses support for the American Community Survey, Economic Census, Census of Governments, and a number of other surveys and statistics of importance to cities; and urges Congress to oppose legislation that would make the American Community Survey a voluntary survey, as well as oppose other bills that would eliminate these critical surveys.

Resolution No. 79: In Support of Repatriating Corporate Earnings to Build Infrastructure in the United States urges support for efforts mentioned in the Partnership to Build America Act that would provide competitive financing to improve infrastructure in the United States through the repatriating of corporate earnings.

Resolution No. 80: Supporting Local Hiring and Local Procurement of Goods and Services a New National Model for Investment affirms support for actions that would make local hiring and local procurement of goods and services the new national model for how we invest critical federal government spending.

Resolution No. 81: Charitable Tax Reform urges Congress to preserve existing incentives for charitable giving by protecting the charitable tax deduction from rate caps or other new limitations.

Resolution No. 82: In Support of the Federal Historic Tax Credit supports the continued use and enhancement of the Federal Historic Tax Credit and its continued operation in the U.S. Tax code.

Resolution No. 83: Assume the Purple Heart Designation in U.S. Cities, Capital Cities and U.S. Territories encourages all U.S. cities, capital cities and territories to assume the “Purple Heart” designation and ask that all citizens show their appreciation for the sacrifices that our Purple Heart recipients have made.

Resolution No. 84: Arts and Health in the Military urges Congress and the Administration and other key federal agencies and their private sector nonprofit partners to adopt the recommendations that addresses the inclusion of arts in wellness and building resilience; and urges Congress to designate funding to the Department of Defense, TRICARE, and Veterans Affairs.

Resolution No. 85: In Support of The United States Conference of Mayors Retirement Program urges the nation’s mayors to support the growth and promotion of The United States Conference of Mayors Retirement Program among America’s cities.

Resolution No. 86: Supporting Comprehensive Regulatory Streamlining and Reform urges Congress and the Administration to continue to undertake a comprehensive review of burdensome regulations, and streamline and expedite the federal permitting process for major projects in order to promote job creation, advance economic development and facilitate interaction with the federal government.

Resolution No. 87: In Support of Policies for Sharable Cities urges support for making cities more
states and localities should be able to set whatever marijuana policies work best to improve the public safety and health of their communities; calls for amending federal laws, including the Controlled Substance Act, to explicitly allow states to set their own marijuana policies without federal interference; and urges the President of the United States to reexamine the priorities of federal agencies to prevent the expenditure of resources on actions that undermine the duly enacted marijuana laws of states until such time as federal law is changed.

Resolution No. 17: In Support of Housing and Employment Non-Discrimination Legislation encourages local governments to establish nondiscrimination ordinances and addendums to include discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity; supports all constituents regardless of race, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, and gender identity; urges state and federal governments to further amend and adopt HUD’s rule concerning Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity to relate to all housing circumstances; and calls on governments of all sizes to adopt policies, ordinances, and bills to prohibit employment discrimination against any community.

Resolution No. 57: Promoting and Encouraging International Human Rights recognizes and affirms the importance of the international human rights principles of dignity, equality and opportunity; and commits Conference members to uphold and promote international human rights, in collaboration with state and local government agencies and officials, as well as local communities, and to explore opportunities to incorporate international human rights into local policy and practice and to support broader efforts to advance human rights principles locally.

Resolution No. 33: Comprehensive Immigration Reform registers The U.S. Conference of Mayors strong support for passage this year of comprehensive immigration reform legislation consistent with its adopted policies; urges Congress to include in any such legislation provisions that would provide support to local and state government for current and future costs associated with immigration and the House of Representatives to follow the Senate’s lead and take a comprehensive approach to immigration reform legislation this year; and calls for the nation’s mayors through The United States Conference of Mayors to be a part of the process which develops comprehensive immigration reform and to work with Congress and the Administration to see legislation enacted this year.

Resolution No. 34: EB5 Investor Program urges Congress to include a robust EB5 program in the immigration bill including additional visas, permanent authorization of the regional center program and streamlined approvals for all applications.

Resolution No. 35: Compassion as an Effective Public Policy applauds cities which have adopted compassion as a key policy for their communities; recommends that other cities explore the use of compassion as a key component to achieve core objectives in their communities; calls on The U.S. Conference of Mayors to provide future opportunities for exploration and discussion among mayors on the role of compassion as an effective policy for their communities; and urges that the mayors’ exploration result in the development of policies, procedures, tactics, and practical guidance on the integration of compassion in programs to address the holistic wellness of communities especially as it relates to those most at-risk.

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sharable by encouraging a better understanding of the Sharing Economy and its benefits to both the public and private sectors.

Resolution No. 5: In Support of Increasing Tobacco Excise Taxes to Pay for Preschool for All Four-Year Olds in Low Income and Moderate Income Families, Expanded Care for Infants and Toddlers, and Expanded federal Investments in Home Visitation Program urges Congress to pass legislation increasing the tax on a pack of cigarettes and using the revenues for chronic disease prevention and control, medical research, child health programs, early childhood education and home visitation program.

Resolution No. 50: In Support of the Renewal of the Brownfields Tax Deduction urges Congress to enact legislation to renew the Brownfield Remediation Tax Deduction for a period of years for communities nationwide.
JoB, Education and the Workforce Committee
Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank Ortis, Chair

Resolution No. 58: Resolution in Support of the Reauthorization and Funding of the Workforce Investment Act urges Congress to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) this year in order to modernize the current workforce investment system and calls on private enterprise to invest in workforce education, training and career exploration counseling to create a world-class competitive workforce.

Resolution No. 59: In Support of a National Network for Manufacturing applauds the Administration’s commitment to the creation of three Manufacturing Innovation Institutes and urges Congress to support the Administration’s proposed National Network of Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI).

Resolution No. 60: Resolution in Support of the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation Act urges Congress to provide mandatory funding for the National Network of Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI) at a level sufficient to ensure that the Manufacturing Innovation Institutes will be self-supporting and calls on private industry and public institutions to invest in workforce training and provide an environment that fosters innovation.

Resolution No. 61: Advanced Manufacturing urges the President and Congress to pursue a clear manufacturing strategy that incorporates the role of advanced manufacturing in broader urban and economic development policies and programs and to identify ways to support technology education, research and innovation that can boost advanced manufacturing in U.S. cities.

Resolution No. 62: U.S. Conference of Mayors Priorities for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Reauthorization supports reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) with improvements made to accountability systems and ensuring that schools are empowered to make personnel decisions focused on performance by instituting performance-based evaluation systems in lieu of the Highly Qualified Teachers requirement.

Resolution No. 63: Resolution on College Completion and Affordability supports Race to the Top: College Affordability and Completion and urges the appropriation of funds to encourage long-term college affordability; and asks for federal postsecondary education policies to promote adoption of standardized systems of competency-based credit, to use technology to modernize student-centered, customized systems for college and career planning, assessment and placements, and enrollment services.

Resolution No. 64: Resolution to Advance College and Career Readiness for All Students endorses the President’s high school redesign and career academy initiatives that focuses on delivering comprehensive systems of linked learning for all students; supports the Education for Tomorrow’s Jobs Act; calls upon Congress to reauthorize the Perkins Act to provide expanded support for high-quality career pathways that are integrated with academic subjects; and encourages mayors to provide critical support for work-based learning aligned to college and career pathways.

Resolution No. 65: U.S. Conference of Mayors Priorities for Smarter Spending on our Cities’ Schools supports the development of smarter school finance systems that are student-focused and promote flexibility, transparency and accountability; and supports resource allocation through fair funding formulas and the development of reporting systems at the state level to ensure transparency and accessibility in education spending.

Resolution No. 66: U.S. Conference of Mayors Priorities for Investing in High Quality Preschool supports providing four-year-olds from families with incomes at or below 200 percent with high-quality preschool; and creating consistent and rigorous standards across all states to maintain preschool quality.

Resolution No. 5: In Support of Preschool for All Four Year Olds in Low and Moderate Income Families; In Support of Expanded Care for Infants and Toddlers through Early Head Start and Child Care Programs; In Support of Additional Mandatory Funding to Extend and Expand Current Federal Investments in Home Visitation Program; All of Which are Paid for by an Increase in Tobacco Excise Taxes supports providing all four-year-olds from low and moderate income families with preschool and expanding infant and toddler care through Early Head Start and Child Care; and urges Congress to increase the cigarette tax to pay for medical research and early childhood education.

Resolution No. 10: A Call to Action to Reduce Summer Learning Loss Among our Nation’s Children and Youth endorses efforts by the National Summer Learning Association and the Grade-Level Reading Communities Network to reduce summer learning loss; and encourages mayors to broaden access to summer learning programs and raise public awareness about the impact of summer learning loss.

Resolution No. 66: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) Education urges Congress to recognize the importance of art and design in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields and to include art and design in STEM fields when reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the Higher Education Act.

Resolution No. 67: U.S. Conference of Mayors Priorities for Advancing Quality Teaching through Professional, Highly Competitive Pay supports reforming current teacher pay structures to ensure teachers are recognized for their tremendous impact on students; and supports

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Resolution No. 55: Advancing U.S. Metro Economic Growth Through Collaboration and Trade in the Americas calls for strengthening international trade in the Americas through improving the competitiveness of North America and increasing economic linkages with Central and South American metro areas; advancing and advocating recommendations on essential topics, such as trade facilitation, infrastructure investment, and innovation; endorsing the U.S.–Mexico “High Level Economic Dialogue” and calling upon the Administration to seek involvement of sub-national counterparts throughout the Americas to facilitate commerce and shared economic growth.

Resolution No. 56: Calling for U.S. Leadership in Global Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and Redirection of Military Spending to Domestic Needs calls for the Administration’s active engagement in upcoming high-level U.N. and other meetings on this issue; for the President and Congress to reduce military spending and reinvest those funds in programs that address poverty and inequality, and that meet a variety of local domestic needs, such as job creation, physical infrastructure, investment in new technologies for sustainable energy, and support for vital public services.

Resolution No. 57: Promoting and Encouraging International Human Rights recognizes and affirms the importance of the international human rights principles of dignity, equality and opportunity; and commits Conference members to uphold and promote international human rights, in collaboration with state and local government agencies and officials, as well as local communities, and to explore opportunities to incorporate international human rights into local policy and practice and to support broader efforts to advance human rights principles locally.

Resolution No. 58: Supporting the Goals and Ideals of the National League of Cities’ “City Leaders to Promote Black Male Achievement Technical Assistance Initiative.”

Resolution No. 68: Investing in America’s Opportunity Youth calls on Congress to create an overarching Opportunity Youth policy and comprehensive, targeted and sustained investment to build community capacity and to recover and re-engage youth who have disconnected; and calls on Congress and the Administration to make investments that will create summer and year-round opportunities that will provide low-income and Opportunity Youth early exposure to the workplace and career opportunities.

Resolution No. 69: Investing in Summer Youth Jobs and Financial Education calls on mayors to work with the private and nonprofit sectors and ask them to create summer job opportunities for youth; and calls on cities with such jobs programs to participate in the 2013 National Summer Jobs Challenge as well as the 2013 DollarWise Summer Youth Jobs Contest.

Resolution No. 70: Resolution to Eradicate Bullying from America’s Schools supports anti-bullying activities such as The Bully Project and 1 Million Kids; and calls on mayors to pledge to hold discussions with stakeholders in their communities to send a strong national message during National Bullying Prevention Month; and calls on mayors to call attention to the issue of bullying in schools and work to combat the problem of bullying.

Resolution No. 71: Arts Education urges local school districts to maximize the use of federal and state education funds to deliver high-quality arts instruction; and calls on Congress to hold hearings on arts education and appropriate a minimum of $30 million for the Arts In Education program.
Resolution No. 37: Supporting Full and Dedicated Funding of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants calls on Congress and the Administration to appropriate full funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program in Fiscal Year 2014, while supporting higher authorization levels in future years.

Resolution No. 38: Support to Double the Nation’s Energy Productivity urges Congress and the Administration to develop policies and programs and provide adequate funding that supports the goal of doubling the nation’s energy productivity by the year 2030.

Resolution No. 39: In support of Increasing Funding for Local Government Energy Assurance and Energy Security Efforts encourages the federal government to devote significant financial resources to local government energy assurance efforts in the coming fiscal year, while working with Mayors to establish new energy assurance planning initiatives that result in improved safety, increased resiliency and economic competitiveness at the local government level. It also urges the federal government to participate directly with local policymakers and leaders in the development of local energy assurance plans that help governments identify their key assets and services, while also developing ordinances, regulations, technical assistance teams and best practice compendiums that help communities become more resilient with the ability to better withstand future energy shortages.

Resolution No. 40: Require that The U.S. Department of Energy Focus on the Treatment and Storage of Radioactive Waste On-Site where Appropriate to Mitigate Health and Environmental Risks of Transporting Low, High and Mixed Level Waste to Off-site Treatment Facilities calls on The U.S. Department of Energy to focus on the treatment and storage of radioactive waste on-site, which is the best opportunity for our communities to avoid further health and environmental impacts from waste, produced from other regional, decommissioned nuclear facilities.

Resolution No. 41: Support for Onshore and Offshore Wind Energy Production supports greater federal, state and local investment in the development of wind energy and a continuation of the wind energy production tax credit for as long as necessary to secure the long-term viability of the domestic wind energy industry, including the offshore wind energy industry.

Resolution No. 42: Endorsing the Maximum Achievable Building Energy Efficiency Improvements in the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code endorses the adoption of Builder Flex Beyond the 2012 and opposes the adoption of proposals that backslide from the 2012 IECC’s stringency at the ICC’s Final Action Hearings this October in Atlantic City. It encourages municipal support for all eligible code officials to attend these hearings and to vote in favor of continued efficiency gains for America’s model energy code, the IECC.

Resolution No. 43: Promoting Energy Efficiency by the Nation’s Electric and Gas Utilities urges Congress to provide an Energy Decoupling Incentive program that requires States to adopt “decoupling” into their ratemaking regulatory regime and that all electric and gas utilities be required to meet an Emergency Energy Efficiency Resource Standard determined by the Secretary of the Department of Energy, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, taking into account factors such as global economic competitiveness, the pace of global warming, assessments by the Department of Defense on the geopolitical impact of global warming, and other factors deemed appropriate.

Resolution No. 44: In Support of Combined Heat and Power urges Congress to enact legislation that supports cities and major energy using facilities in installing combined heat and power systems.

Resolution No. 45: Conservation Energy and Protecting the Public from Injury and Death Caused by Contact Voltage in our Communities calls on Congress and the Administration to work with cities by providing the necessary resources through programs like Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to support the proactive detection and remediation of contact voltage to address the associated safety risk and energy loss.
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Resolution No. 49: Supporting the Reinstatement of the Superfund Tax urges Congress and the Administration to pass and enact legislation to reinstate the Superfund excise tax.

Resolution No. 50: In Support of the Renewal of the Federal Brownfields Tax Deduction urges Congress to enact legislation to renew the Brownfield Remediation Tax Deduction for a period of years for communities nationwide.

Resolution No. 51: Resolution to Reinstate a Federal, State and Local Government Partnership For Achievable and Affordable Water Quality Improvements urges Congress to determine that large capital grants to cities are necessary to meet mandates imposed under the Clean Water Act (CWA); to re-establish a joint environmental stewardship with cities; and to assure that the costs of sustaining the infrastructure and operations of water and wastewater systems of cities do not unjustly burden low and moderate income households nor create burdensome costs for business enterprises as well as appropriating sufficient funding for capital grants to cities facing mandates levied by the CWA, and to enact a variety of amendments to the CWA to address concerns related to unfunded federal mandates.

Resolution No. 52: Supporting Consideration of Fiscal Impacts in Establishing Compliance Schedules For U.S. EPA Permits and Development of Federal Funding for Planning, Monitoring and Implementation of U.S. EPA Permit Requirements urges U.S. EPA to promulgate rules applicable to all regions that require the consideration of financial impacts on communities and their residents prior to establishing the permit obligations and compliance schedules for any CWA permit, and to ensure that those permits allow for local governments to maintain existing stormwater systems while making progress on clean water goals in a manner that is sustainable and within a community’s financial capability and urges Congress to appropriate funding to assist with funding mandated CWA obligations.

Resolution No. 53: Safeguarding Municipal Water Systems calls on the President and Congress to create new and improved funding mechanisms for public water systems; and encourages cities to assert water as a priority, to recognize that cities should first and foremost explore options to maintain public ownership and operation of water and wastewater systems.

Resolution No. 54: Zero Discharge Steam Electric Effluent Guidelines Must Be Set by the Environmental Protection Agency supports the Environmental Protection Agency’s proposed new coal plant water pollution standards to limit the amount of toxic metals that can be dumped in the water and to quickly promulgate a steam electric rule that requires zero discharge of toxic pollutants from power plants.

Resolution No. 6: In Support of the Water Resources Development Act urges Congress and the White House to enact the Water Resources Development Act of 2013 as soon as possible.

Resolution No. 8: In Support of the Water Resources Development Act of 2013 (S. 601) supports the Water Resources Development Act of 2013 as contained in S. 601 and strongly encourages its passage by the Congress.

Resolution No. 10: Supporting Communities Protected by Levees states that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency should clarify and align regulatory language before any required deadline of the recertification process; and that Congress should provide sufficient funding for its share of mitigating levee system deficiencies, and should provide incentives for state, local, and private sources to augment their contributions.

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Resolution No. 6: Arts and Healing acknowledges the benefits of incorporating creative arts therapies into all forms of health care as a method to improve the quality and experience of health care delivery and to lower costs; urges the federal government to support funding for creative arts in healthcare research priorities within the federal agencies; and, urges Congress to support the Mental Health in Schools Act, S.195, which will provide a comprehensive system for education and healthcare providers, to improve access to mental health services and support for students, families, school personnel, and communities.

Resolution No. 71: Arts Education urges local school districts to maximize the use of federal and state education funds to deliver high-quality arts instruction; and calls on Congress to hold hearings on arts education and appropriate a minimum of $30 million for the Arts In Education program.

Resolution No. 66: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) Education urges Congress to recognize the importance of art and design in STEM fields when reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the Higher Education Act.

Resolution No. 84: Arts and Health in the Military urges Congress and the Administration and other key federal agencies and their private sector and nonprofit partners to adopt the recommendations that addresses the inclusion of arts in wellness and building resilience; and, urges Congress to designate funding to Department of Defense, TRICARE, and Veterans Affairs.

Resolution No. 82: In Support of the Federal Historic Tax Credit supports the continued use and enhancement of the Federal Historic Tax Credit and its continued operation in the U.S. tax code.

Resolution No. 88: In Support of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) Program supports fully funded LWCF and UPARR grant programs to ensure that states and local governments will continue to expand and upgrade their recreational infrastructure.

Resolution No. 89: In Support of National Parks supports efforts to connect new and diverse constituents to national parks and protect the land and resources that surround national parks, and affirms its support for preserving the economic stability of our communities by protecting National Park budgets from further cuts.

Resolution No. 90: International Jazz Day and Jazz Appreciation Month urges mayors to build partnerships with their local jazz society and other members of the arts and music community in their cities to proclaim, to participate in, International Jazz Day April 30, 2014 and to celebrate the month of April as Jazz Appreciation Month.

Resolution No. 91: National Arts and Humanities Month urges mayors to build partnerships with their local arts agencies and other members of the arts and humanities community in their cities to proclaim, to participate in, and to celebrate the month of October as National Arts and Humanities Month.

Resolution No. 92: Arts Funding reaffirms its support of the National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Office of Museum Services within the Institute of Museum and Library Services and calls upon Congress to support a level closer to the President’s budget request to fund these agencies in the FY 2014 appropriations bills at $154 million each for the NEA and NEH, and $38.6 million for museums within the IMLS.
Resolution No. 1: In Support of the President’s 2013 National Drug Control Strategy recognizes the threat that drug use poses to society and supports the President’s National Drug Control Strategy as a part of his larger effort to build an America built to last.

Resolution No. 2: HIV Discrimination and Criminalization calls for the elimination of HIV-specific criminal laws and implementation of approaches to HIV within the civil and criminal justice systems that are consistent with the treatment of similar health and safety risks; and supports legislation, such as the REPEAL HIV Discrimination Act, that advances these objectives; and endorses the recommendations of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS for ending federal and state HIV-specific criminal laws, prosecutions, and civil commitments.

Resolution No. 3: Furthering the Urban Food Revolution supports the promotion of food security through the passage of a Farm Bill that maintains sufficient levels of funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Resolution No. 4: The U.S. Conference of Mayors Priorities for Investing in High Quality Preschool that The United States Conference of Mayors supports the following policy priorities aim to provide access for all 4-year olds from families with incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty line to a high-quality, full-day preschool; aim to provide funding for year-round, high quality preschool to prevent summer learning loss.

Resolution No. 5: In Support of Preschool for All Four Year Olds in Low and Moderate Income Families; In Support of Expanded Care for Infants and Toddlers Through Early Head Start and Child Care Programs; In Support of Additional Mandatory Funding to Extend and Expand Current Federal Investments in Home Visitation Program; All of Which Are Paid for an Increase in Tobacco Excise Taxes calls that The U.S. Conference of Mayors strongly urges Congress to pass legislation in which revenues generated by a tax increase in the per-pack price of cigarettes be used specifically for the following activities chronic disease prevention and control; medical research, particularly research related to the addictive and other effects of tobacco on the human body; child health programs, early childhood education and home visitation program.

Resolution No. 6: Arts and Healing that The United States Conference of Mayors urges Congress to support the Mental Health in Schools Act, S.195, sponsored by Sen. Al Franken (D-MN) and H.R. 628 sponsored by Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA), which will provide a comprehensive system for education and healthcare providers, such as creative arts therapists, to improve access to mental health services and support for students, families, school personnel, and communities.

Resolution No. 7: Promotion of Influenza Vaccination Among Medically Vulnerable African American and Hispanic Populations that The U.S. Conference of Mayors urges all citizens to participate in local flu vaccinations drives and promotional activities planned here forth; and that The U.S. Conference of Mayors will broaden awareness about influenza vaccination coverage disparities within the African American and Hispanic communities by generating conversations that highlight the benefits of flu vaccines.

Resolution No. 8: Support for Urban Aquaculture Development that The U.S. Conference of Mayors urges additional federal funding be committed toward research, development, marketing and promotion of aquaculture, to support and encourage a thriving U.S. aquaculture industry able to better sustainably support domestic demand for fish; that The U.S. Conference of Mayors supports greater federal, state and local investment in the development of innovative aquaculture feeds which are produced in an environmentally sustainable way.

Resolution No. 9: Wellness in Real Estate that The U.S. Conference of Mayors encourages buildings to use a combination of criteria and features that will enhance the well-being of occupants and address growing preventable health concerns and costs and encourages buildings to follow the WELL Building Standard, a multidisciplinary guide for the design, construction, and management of buildings of all types.

Resolution No. 10: A Call to Action to Reduce Summer Learning Loss Among Our Nation’s Children and Youth that The U.S. Conference of Mayors endorses the National Summer Learning Association’s efforts to promote Summer Learning Day and to provide tools for cities that want to expand access and increase the quality of summer learning programs; and endorses and supports the efforts by the 125 communities in the Grade-Level Reading Communities Network to address summer learning loss, along with reducing chronic absence, and increasing school readiness, (the Campaign is dedicated to improving early literacy by supporting community solutions to these three widespread, but solvable challenges).

Resolution No. 70: Resolution to Eradicate Bullying from America’s Schools that The U.S. Conference of Mayors fully supports anti-bullying activities such as The Bully Project and 1 Million Kid and that the nation’s mayors will do all they can to call attention to the issue of bullying in schools, and work to develop city-wide programs to combat the problem of bullying to ensure that all students have access to a safe and secure educational environment.
Resolution No. 93: In Support of the Nomination of Mayor Anthony Foxx as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation congratulates Mayor Anthony Foxx on his nomination to President Obama’s Cabinet to serve as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation and urges his expeditious confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

Resolution No. 94: In Appreciation of the Honorable Ray LaHood congratulates and sincerely thanks Ray LaHood for his public service as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Resolution No. 95: In Support of a Strong American Infrastructure supports efforts by Congress, the Administration, and State governments to upgrade, expand, and strengthen American infrastructure by making appropriate financial investments and by partnering and coordinating with local governments and stakeholders.

Resolution No. 96: Resolution for the U.S. Conference of Mayors “America Fast Forward Transportation Bonds” urges Congress to create a new category of qualified tax credit bonds for transportation to encourage additional transportation infrastructure investment.

Resolution No. 97: In Support of TIGER Grants thanks the U.S. Department of Transportation for overseeing $474 million worth of TIGER grants to be distributed this year in this fifth round of funding, and urges Congress to support the President’s infrastructure initiatives to provide additional funding to the TIGER program.

Resolution No. 98: A New Era for Urban Streets and Urban Infrastructure calls for a new era of urban street design that promotes dense economic activity, choices in transportation options, and enhanced environmental performance.

Resolution No. 99: Opposing Truck Size or Weight Increases opposes any increase in truck size or weight by Congress.

Resolution No. 100: In Support of Relief from Railroad Congestion in our Nation’s Cities encourages the U.S. railroad industry to work with local and state governments to implement more common-sense procedures to reduce railroad congestion in urban areas, calls on the U.S. Department of Transportation to assist the nation’s cities with devising policies that reduce railroad congestion in urban areas, and calls on Congress to consider passing legislation that would reduce railroad congestion in urban areas.

Resolution No. 101: In Support of High Speed Rail supports high-speed rail expansion and development and applauds investment in American infrastructure, economic development, and tourism as it advances public well-being and United States global competitiveness.

Resolution No. 102: In Support of Safety and Integrity in the Nation’s Air Traffic Control System applauds the efforts of Mayors, Congress, the Administration, and other stakeholder groups to prevent furloughs and tower closures which would have had a truly negative impact on local aviation and jobs and urges Congress and the Administration to work towards a solution that ensures the long-term viability of our nation’s air traffic control system, and eliminates the threat of future closures for hundreds of air traffic control towers across the country.

Resolution No. 103: In Support of Increasing the Passenger Facility Charge urges Congress and the Obama Administration to allow airports to increase and restore the purchasing power of the Passenger Facility Charge.

Resolution No. 104: Preserving Local Government Authority over Satellite Dish Installation Locations calls on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to reject the SBCA’s petition to amend the OTARD Rule and calls on the FCC to act on the pending complaints against Philadelphia, Chicago and Boston.

Resolution No. 105: In Support of the Gigabit City Challenge conveys the support of The United States Conference of Mayors for the FCC’s Gigabit City Challenge, including support for the FCC’s workshops on gigabit communities and its development of an online clearinghouse of best practices, and urges FCC Chairman-Designate Wheeler, when confirmed, to continue the Gigabit City Challenge and also to develop new initiatives that involve collaboration with Mayors and local governments.

Resolution No. 106: Support Increased Access to Broadband and Spectrum calls for the adoption of policies to increase access through improved infrastructure, publishing data on existing above and below ground infrastructure (such as poles, conduit, and mounting assets) that does not need to be protected, making rights of way and poles available on clearly defined reasonable terms, installing fiber conduit through policies such as “dig once”, and providing space on poles for new attachers.

Resolution No. 75: The Need to Preserve Local Government and Consumer Rights in the Broadband Era calls on Congress and the Federal Communications Commission to take certain actions to protect consumers, local businesses and local governments from proposals that would provide preferential tax treatment to some industries at the expense of others by preempting local tax authority.
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Target
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Philips
JPMorgan Chase & Co.
Mueller Water Products, Inc.
HDR
Motorola
Pacific, Gas & Electric Company
APS Government Affairs
Walgreen Co.
Comcast
The FY 2014 homeland security spending bill approved by the House of Representatives June 6 would end the Obama Administration’s efforts to stop the deportation of DREAMers, undocumented young people who entered the United States as children and who meet several key criteria. Before final passage, the House approved an amendment by Iowa Representative Steve King on a largely party line vote of 224-201 which would bar the use of funds provided in the bill to finalize, implement, administer, or enforce a number of policies and memorandums within the Homeland Security Department, including ones pertaining to prosecutorial discretion for illegal immigrants who came to the United States as children. The overall bill was adopted on a vote of 245-182.

The Conference of Mayors strongly supports the Administration’s efforts to allow DREAMers to remain in the United States. A resolution calling on the Administration to do just that was working its way through the organization’s June 2012 annual conference in Orlando when the President and Secretary of Homeland Security announced the deferred action policy on June 15, 2012.

Reacting to the House’s action, Laredo Mayor Raul Salinas, chair of the Conference’s Immigration Reform Task Force, released a statement which said in part that “it is un-American to hold children responsible for the actions of their parents, and it is bad policy to tell young, undocumented immigrants that have broken no laws, and more importantly, have worked hard to succeed in school, that we do not want their contributions. America continues to lead the world because of the fresh leadership we see every day from our youth – both documented and undocumented.”

Other adopted amendments would:
• bar the use of funds provided in the bill to implement, carry out, administer or enforce a provision of current law that ends grandfathered National Flood Insurance Program rates for certain policy holders;
• increase funding for the State Homeland Security Grant Program by $10 million;
• increase the Urban Search and Rescue Response System by $7.667 million, bringing the total to $35 million, this year’s level; and
• increase funding for pre-disaster mitigation grants by $7.655 million, bringing the total to $30 million, $5 million more than is available this year.

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2013 Nominating Committee

Conference of Mayors President Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter has appointed the following member mayors to serve on the 2013 Nominating Committee. The Committee will meet in Las Vegas at our 81st Annual Conference on Saturday, June 22.

At the meeting, the Committee will nominate a Second Vice President (1), Trustees (2), and Advisory Board Members (7).

For those mayors interested in serving in the leadership of the Conference of Mayors, send a letter to each member of the Nominating Committee including the Alternates.

2013 USCM Nominating Committee as of June 14, 2013:

- Columbia (SC) Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin, Chair
- Burnsville (MN) Mayor Elizabeth B. Kautz
- Akron (OH) Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic
- Charleston (SC) Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr.
- Los Angeles (CA) Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa
- Arlington (TX) Mayor Robert N. Cluck, M.D.
- New Orleans (LA) Mitchell J. Landrieu
- Southfield (MI) Mayor Brenda L. Lawrence
- Miramar (FL) Mayor Lori C. Moseley
- Houston (TX) Mayor Annise D. Parker
- St. Louis (MO) Mayor Francis G. Slay
- Tacoma (WA) Marilyn Strickland
- Fresno (CA) Mayor Ashley Swearengin

Alternates:
- Tallahassee (FL) Mayor John Marks
- York (PA) Mayor C. Kim Bracey

Declared Candidates for Conference Leadership

As of June 14, 2013

Second Vice President (1 Opening):
- Baltimore (MD) Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake

Trustee (2 Openings):
- Jacksonville (FL) Mayor Alvin Brown
- Hallandale Beach (FL) Mayor Joy F. Cooper
- Clarksville (TN) Mayor Kim McMillan
- Hartford (CT) Mayor Pedro E. Segarra
- Madison (WI) Mayor Paul R. Soglin

Advisory Board (7 Openings):
- Indianapolis (IN) Mayor Gregory Ballard
- Gresham (OR) Mayor Shane Bemis
- Doral (FL) Mayor Luigi Boria
- Pinellas Park (FL) Mayor Sandra Lee Bradbury
- Dubuque (IA) Mayor Roy D. Buol
- Louisville (KY) Mayor Greg Fischer
- Las Vegas (NV) Mayor Carolyn Goodman
- Kansas City (MO) Mayor Sylvester James, Jr.
- San Francisco (CA) Mayor Ed Lee
- Monrovia (CA) Mayor Mary Ann Lutz
- Allentown (PA) Mayor Ed Pawlowski
- Irving (TX) Mayor Beth Van Duyne
- Newton (MA) Mayor Setti D. Warren
- Westland (MI) Mayor William R. Wild

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MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL IS FIGHTING BOTH CRIME AND FAILING SCHOOLS. SO WHY ARE PEOPLE MAD AT HIM?

BY DAVID VON DREHLE
In Memoriam: Statement by Conference of Mayors President Nutter, Conference of Mayors CEO and Executive Director Cochran on Passing of New Jersey Senator Lautenberg

Conference of Mayors President Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter and Conference of Mayors CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran issued the following joint statement in response to the death of New Jersey Senator Frank Lautenberg:

“The loss of Senator Lautenberg is the loss of a giant in Congress who fought for many, many causes that affected the nation’s cities and their people. Senator Lautenberg was a tireless friend to U.S. Mayors who helped us on every legislative front – especially with Community Development Block Grants, gun safety legislation, funding for local Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants as well as Brownfields cleanup and redevelopment. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time, and we are all in mourning as we will miss him dearly.”

Join the DollarWise Summer Youth Jobs Contest

The Workforce Development Council’s Youth Committee, in partnership with The U.S. Conference of Mayors DollarWise Campaign, invites your city and summer youth jobs program to participate with the DollarWise Summer Youth Jobs Contest. Last year, during the inaugural program, over 700 youth participated in the contest. Eighteen youth from 14 cities won iPads, Kindles and iPod Shuffles. Mayors were invited to present prizes to winning youth.

Youth are again invited to complete a set of five financial education modules with important information pertaining to financial planning, checking accounts, savings accounts, credit cards, and budgeting. Upon completing each module, youth will be entered into a weekly raffle where three selected participants will win an iPad, Kindle, or an iPod Shuffle. Raffles will be held every Friday at 5pm (ET) beginning June 28, and ending July 26. The direct link to register online for the contest is: www.bedollarwise.org/syc. Youth can also register through the DollarWise website: www.bedollarwise.org. Note that youth are able to complete all modules at any time.

In the sixth week, youth will also have the chance to win an iPad, Kindle, or iPod Shuffle by participating in the DollarWise Video Contest. Participants will be asked to submit a video via email or on the DollarWise Facebook page: facebook.com/bedollarwise to qualify. The video should highlight the youth’s summer job experience and describe how the DollarWise contest helped them to manage their money and save for their future. All videos will be due by Friday, August 2.

This summer, DollarWise is pleased to announce that Baltimore and Wichita have opted to host their own citywide contests in conjunction with the national DollarWise contest. These programs will create their own initiatives, based on the DollarWise financial education modules, in order to encourage youth to engage in financial literacy training. If your city’s summer youth employment program would like to participate in the national Summer Youth Jobs Contest, or work with DollarWise to create a city-wide initiative, contact Program Manager James Kirby for further information via email at: jkirby@usmayors.org or by phone at: 202-861-6759.
DollarWise Presents Summer Youth Campaign Grant to Wichita

By James Kirby

DollarWise joined Richard Chambers of Bank of America to present Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer with a $4,000 Summer Youth Campaign Grant on June 3. The funds were awarded to Wichita to support its “The Way to Work” program, which provides paid, hands-on work experience to youth ages 14 and 15. The program particularly targets youth living in public housing, and those belonging to families that receive Section 8 housing vouchers. Youth involved in the program participate in comprehensive financial education workshops, where they learn important information on how to save the money that they earn.

The DollarWise Summer Youth Campaign Grant will be used to enhance the existing financial education curriculum, obtain classroom teaching tools, and provide take-home materials to reinforce the information learned. A portion of the DollarWise funding will also be used to provide small incentives for youth that meet specific savings goals. Community agencies will be encouraged to match these funds.

The DollarWise Summer Youth Campaign Grant is made possible by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation.


Global Insight Expands in Philadelphia

USCM President Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter, center, joins IHS Global Insight Senior Director Jim Diffley, left, and IHS Vice President Priscilla Trumbull, right, at the opening of IHS’ downtown Philadelphia offices. IHS, one of the world’s largest economic forecasting firms, partners with USCM and its Council on Metro Economies in the publication of the U.S. Metro Economies series.
Newly Elected Mayors in Omaha, Plano Make History in Their Cities

Jean Stothert became Omaha’s first woman mayor in a decisive election last month, winning the race with 57 percent of the vote. As mayor, Stothert has promised to solve Omaha’s financial problems without raising taxes, starting by slashing her own salary and office budget by ten percent and refusing a taxpayer funded car. The former nurse and department head of cardiovascular surgery at St. Louis University also served three terms on the Millard School Board, including three years as its president, and four years as an Omaha City Councilmember.

In another historic election, Harry LaRosiliere became Plano’s first African-American mayor on May 11. The mayor was born in Haiti and moved to the United States with his family at three-years-old. As mayor, he plans to continue his legacy of promoting economic development in Plano, which he began in 2005 at the start of his career as a Plano city councilman. LaRosiliere has a long history of serving Plano and the community, including serving as the Chairman of the Community Relations Committee, Commissioner of Planning and Zoning Commission, Chairman of Leadership Plano Executive Board, and much more.

Calendar of Events

(Updated 06/14/13)

June 21-24
81st Annual Conference of Mayors, Las Vegas. Contact: Carol Edwards cedwards@usmayors.org / 202-293-7330; Sponsorship: Geri Powell gpowell@usmayors.org / 202-861-6774. Registration Open

July 10-11

August 1-3
Summer Leadership Officers Meeting (USCM Executive Committee, Advisory Board and Chairs Only), Park City. Carol Edwards cedwards@usmayors.org / 202-293-7330; Sponsorship: Geri Powell gpowell@usmayors.org / 202-861-6774. Registration Open

September 12-13
Coalition of Cities Against Racism, Birmingham. Contact: Tom McClimon mclimon@usmayors.org / 202-861-6729. Registration Available Soon

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January 22-24
82nd Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting, Washington, DC. Carol Edwards cedwards@usmayors.org / 202-293-7330; Sponsorship: Geri Powell gpowell@usmayors.org / 202-861-6774. Registration Available Fall 2013

June 20-23
82nd Annual Conference of Mayors, Dallas. Carol Edwards cedwards@usmayors.org / 202-293-7330; Sponsorship: Geri Powell gpowell@usmayors.org / 202-861-6774. Registration Available Spring 2014
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