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Cornett: New Federal Leadership Must Work with Cities

By David Leeds

On Monday, June 27, Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, who has been in office since 2004, was elected 74th President at the Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors.

At the Inaugural Luncheon in his honor, Mayor Cornett thanked the Conference for its continued support and Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake for her exemplary leadership during her year as President.

Mayor Cornett also discussed his experiences in Oklahoma City and now previous Oklahoma City mayors taught him the importance of investing in city livability and quality of life improvements as well as economic opportunities. In summarizing his priorities, Mayor Cornett outlined the following issues: infrastructure, technology, criminal justice, health and wellness, and the importance of the upcoming presidential election. He expressed gratitude at the opportunity to serve as President for the coming year: "I couldn't be more thrilled and happy, and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart."



74th President of The U.S. Conference of Mayors
Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett

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From left, USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran, Second Vice President Columbia Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin, President Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, and Vice President New Orleans Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu.



Our meeting in Indianapolis caused so many of us in the midst of the violence in our nation to reflect on love and compassion. Anaheim Mayor Tait and Louisville Mayor Fischer have been promoting the love and compassion movement within many of our cities. In Louisville, Mayor Fischer has sponsored a week of love and compassion celebrated in his city each year. We went to Louisville to experience the feeling of his great city in May 2013. It was there that many mayors and I met His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

In Indianapolis, we were fortunate to have the Dalai Lama again with us. In private meetings, he urges political leaders to articulate love and compassion in the words they speak. He cited the German leader, Chancellor Angela Merkel, who uses love and compassion in her speeches. He also feels that love and compassion should be stressed with our children at an early age in our homes and, even more, in our schools. Since many of our schools are secular and the laws do not allow religion in our schools, he is pushing love and compassion in our schools.

Lady Gaga brought the message of her foundation to our dais with the Dalai Lama. She has emerged as a world spokesperson on love and compassion. She and her mother are most serious about their foundation in supporting children and young people to be who they are

at an early age. We continue to support her efforts. Working with Americans for the Arts we will continue to recognize entertainment and performing artists who spend their time and raise money to help us focus on arts for all and especially for the young children.

Mayors very much appreciated Secretary Clinton for addressing us for two years now in a row. In San Francisco last year, she spoke from her heart for the victims of the Mother Emanuel AME church in Charleston. In Indy, at our 84th Annual Meeting, she was bringing her vision on what she will be proposing for cities if she is elected President. This is very important for us.

We must be focused, and we are, on the first 100 days of the next President. We will continue to push our Invest and Protect agenda as the campaign goes forward to the election.

A special thanks to Mayor Hogsett and his great Indy staff. Our meeting there was one we won't forget. And, a special, special thanks to mayor Jim Brainard for bringing us to Carmel, Indiana! What a night! Thank you, Mayor Brainard.

Our new President, Mick Cornett will bring our leadership together in his hometown of Oklahoma City from September 29 to October 1. We will focus on the new administration and the new President and have strong recommendations as we all work together for stronger cities and a stronger nation.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of our great organization, the one and only United States Conference of Mayors!



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REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE 84TH ANNUAL MEETING, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA – JUNE 24-27, 2016

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MET ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016 AND THE FOLLOWING MAYORS WERE APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ON MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016

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Democratic Nominee Hillary Clinton Pledges Strong Federal-Local Partnerships

By David Leeds



On Sunday afternoon, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton addressed the Conference of Mayors during a special plenary session. Her appearance in Indianapolis marked her second consecutive appearance at an Annual Conference. Secretary Clinton praised mayors for leading the charge on numerous policy initiatives, such as early childhood education, cutting carbon emissions, ending veteran homelessness, and expanding public transportation. "Cities are where things are happening and getting done," she commended, "and I want to thank you."

She discussed several other issues facing American cities, including infrastructure investment, access to broadband, higher education, and ex-offender re-entry.

Clinton also pledged that, as president, she would be in frequent communication with the Conference of Mayors, as well as with individual mayors. "We are more effective when federal and local governments see each other as allies, not adversaries. That's why I'm not just asking to be your president; I'm asking to be your partner."



Secretary Clinton greets USCM Vice President Mick Cornett.



Secretary Clinton greets mayors following her address.

Dalai Lama, Lady Gaga Commend Mayoral Leadership on Kindness and Compassion

By David Leeds

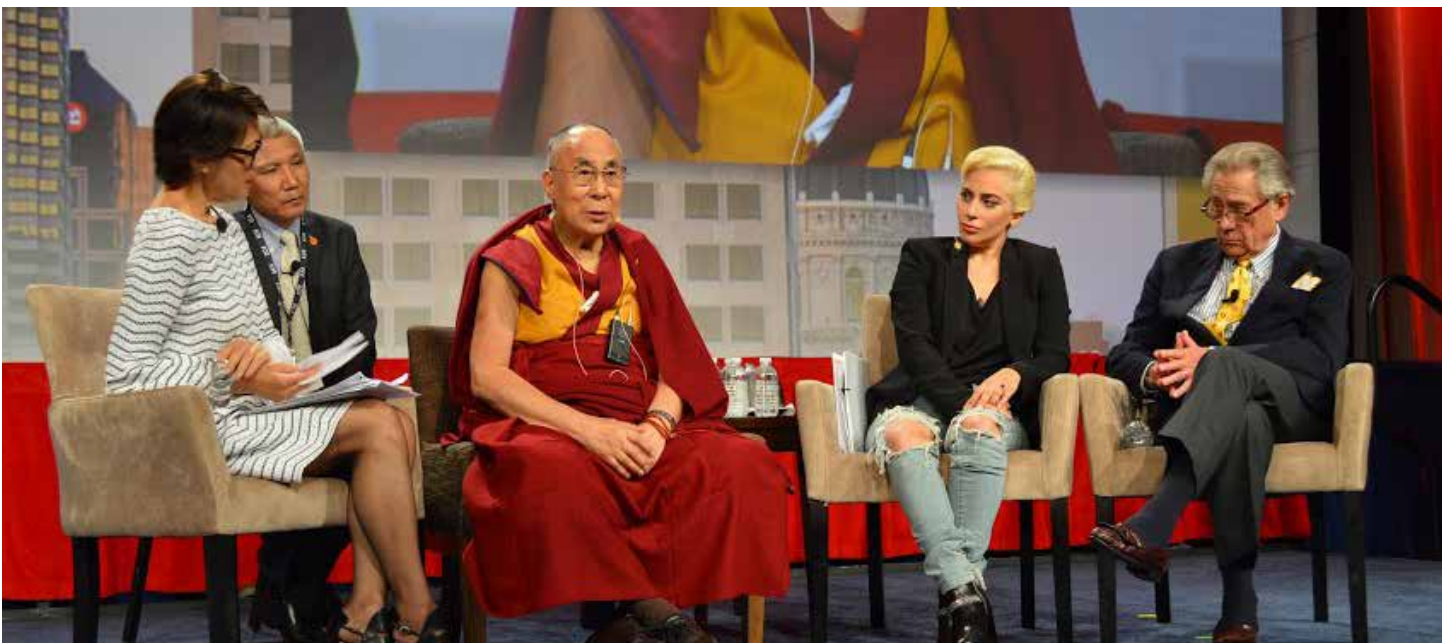
The U.S. Conference of Mayors had the honor of hearing from several esteemed guests during the Annual Meeting's Sunday morning plenary session, "The Global Significance of Building Compassionate Cities: Kindness Makes it Happen." Conference attendees were treated to a video about how Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait have endeavored to weave the values of compassion and kindness into the fabric of their respective cities. Afterwards, renowned journalist Ann Curry took the stage to introduce His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama. His Holiness delivered remarks on the importance of these values in today's world, before being joined onstage by performing artist Lady Gaga and businessman Phil Anschutz for a panel that Curry moderated. The panelists discussed ways that mayors can promote compassion and kindness in their communities, and took questions from mayors.



From left, USCM President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, His Holiness The Dalai Lama, and CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran.



His Holiness The Dalai Lama, Lady Gaga, Ann Curry and the nation's mayors.



From left, Ann Curry, His Holiness The Dalai Lama, Lady Gaga, and Philip Anschutz.

Opportunities for Cities and Families, New Short Term Rental Regulations Discussed at Airbnb Forum

By David W. Burns

On Saturday afternoon during the 84th Annual Meeting, USCM hosted a best practice forum on short-term housing rentals, sponsored by Airbnb, focusing mostly on how cities can collect hotel tax revenue from rentals in their cities.

The discussion, moderated by Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, featured Airbnb Global Head of Policy Chris Lehane, Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton, and Portland Mayor Charlie Hales, focused around how Airbnb has worked with cities and other local governments on tax collection and developing regulations that support the city along with the Airbnb community.

Phoenix, Portland, and Oakland all have worked with Airbnb and previously developed agreements to regulate and collect tax revenue. Impacts on housing stock, requirements on business licenses to rent, and diversity issues were all part of the discussion.



Mayors and Airbnb participate in discussion on short term rentals and their impacts on cities on Saturday, June 25.

Mayors Look for New Ways to Plan Smart Cities

By Paul Leroux

The mayors of Austin and Kansas City joined with the CEO of Philips and an international journalist to discuss smart cities in a plenary panel on June 26. Over the last year, Philips and the Economist Group have sponsored a survey of global cities to find out how technology and civic decision-making can work better together, based on the idea that digital technology is allowing citizens to become more involved in infrastructure decisions, both through reporting problems and developing solutions. During this panel discussion previewing the survey's release, the Economist Group's Sarah Murray engaged Mayors Adler and James, as well as Philips Lighting Americas CEO Amy Huntington in an intense conversation about how technology is enabling greater efficiency and changing quality of life.

Many of the examples that the mayors provided involved gathering big data from citizens, creating new channels of engagement, and developing new ways to plan infrastructure that incorporate this engagement. The complete luncheon discussion can be viewed at online and the survey's results will be available this fall.



From left, Sarah Murray of the Economist Group, Philips Lighting Americas CEO Amy Huntington, Kansas City Mayor Sly James, and Austin Mayor Steve Adler.

Rawlings-Blake Looks Back on Year as USCM President

By David Leeds



U.S. Conference of Mayors President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake.

At the Annual Conference, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake delivered her President's Report, describing the Conference's achievements during her year as President. Before giving the address, she presented the latest installment in the Conference's series of U.S. Metro Economy Reports, whose findings indicate the extent to which national economic growth relies on cities. Mayor Rawlings-Blake went on to express pride in the fact that, as President, she led the Conference to focus on the principles of "Invest and Protect" and to codify these principles in *The Mayors' Compact for a Better America: A 2016 Call to Action*. She discussed initiatives such as working closely with Flint Mayor Karen Weaver to address the city's water crisis, administering the first year of the "Play Ball" program, and leading delegations to Cuba and Qatar as examples of the crucial role that the Conference has played over the past year. The full President's Report, with videos, can be viewed online as part of the Opening Plenary Session.

New York Mayor de Blasio Praises Mayors' Leadership, Advocates for National Urban Agenda

By David Leeds

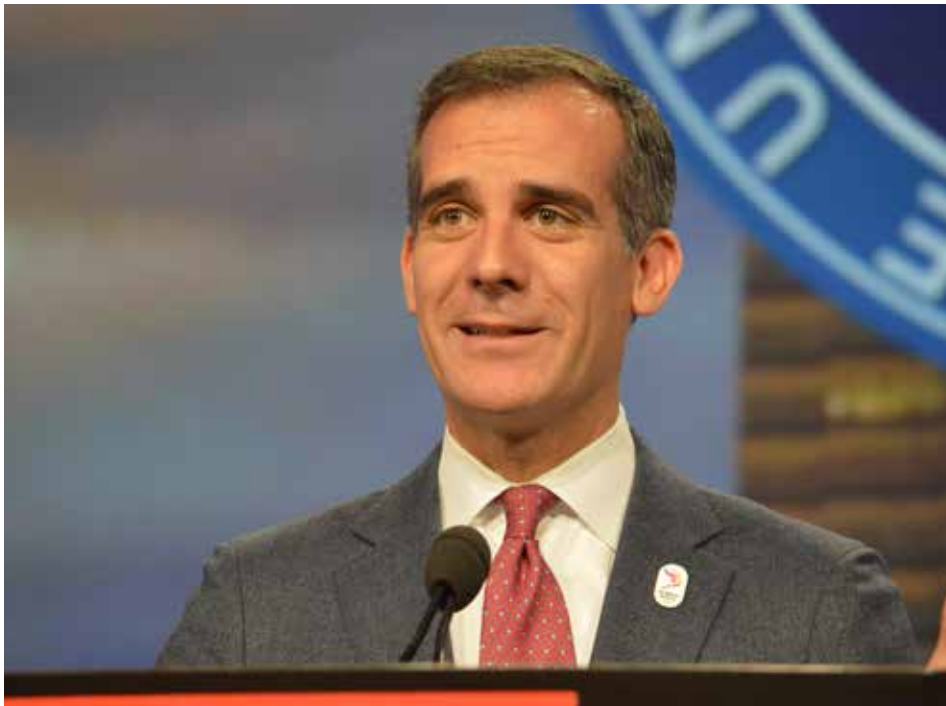
New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio addressed the Conference of Mayors at Saturday afternoon's Luncheon on City Livability to praise mayors for being effective legislators and for rising above partisanship to formulate real solutions to the difficulties facing American cities. This ability to effectively govern is especially noteworthy, he said, in view of the gridlock and dysfunction that characterize federal politics today: "We respect people who talk for a living, but we actually get things done for a living." Mayor de Blasio emphasized the need for mayors across the United States to come together to present an urban agenda to the next presidential administration. Such an agenda, he asserted, must push leaders in Washington to pass meaningful reform on issues such as education and immigration: "We have the ability to be the authors of change because we understand the problems so directly."



New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Garcetti: Mayors Must Address Technology and Everyday Issues Together

By Mark Bode



Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti presented remarks on technology in cities on Sunday, June 26. Mayor Garcetti posited the idea that mayors must focus on both technology and the everyday issues that cities have faced throughout their histories. "I look forward to the day where we don't talk about smart cities," he said. "It shouldn't be exceptional, it should be normal. It should be our job."

Mayor Garcetti underscored the importance of being open with city data. It can both shame and empower you, he said, but with shame comes the pressure to quickly fix the problem. Garcetti encouraged five points when it comes to dealing with data: Can you measure it? Are you measuring it? Are you retaining it? Are you using it? Are you sharing it? We need to use technology to link together all the issues facing cities, he said. "So we can make sure that technology isn't just about the gadgets. It's about the humanity behind it."

Liberatarian Candidate Johnson Addresses Mayors

By Mark Bode

Former New Mexico Governor and current Libertarian nominee for president Gary Johnson addressed the Conference of Mayors following the Business Session on Monday, June 27. In his remarks, Governor Johnson emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship, affordable housing, and immigration and criminal justice reforms. Governor Johnson made several overtures to the group, including crediting mayors for running their cities as "the laboratories of innovation and best practices." Johnson concluded his remarks by thanking mayors for their service and their invitation, saying "You are front and center. You make it happen... You guys rock."



Governor Johnson addresses Conference of Mayors following the Monday Business Session.

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Orlando Mayor Dyer Thanks Mayors for Support, Says Such an Attack Could Happen in Any City

By Laura DeKoven Waxman

"Two weeks ago was the most difficult day in the history of the City of Orlando," Mayor Buddy Dyer told the mayors during a June 26 plenary session. "But today I couldn't be more proud of our community and how it responded. We have not been defined by a hate-filled act of a radical killer, but rather by our collective response of love, compassion and community. We are Orlando united."

Dyer thanked the mayors, telling them "when we needed it most, your cities came to our aid; you had our back." He cautioned, however, that "any one of our cities could have such an event" and suggested that mayors need to begin a larger discourse about preventing such events from occurring in the first place and being prepared when they do occur. Based on his experience, he advised the mayors on several things, the most important being: 1) don't get in the way; and 2) don't undermine the chief's command; and 3) gather information for communications. "New communications with the public was my most important job," he commented.

Conference President and Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake thanked Mayor Dyer and every mayor who reached out to him with a message of love and support.



Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer.

"There have been different times in our lives when we needed each other to show up and at every point we have," she said.



Secretary Clinton hugs Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer.

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Speaker Ryan Sends Mayors Video Greetings, Calls for New Ways to Fight Poverty

By David Leeds

House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) sent a video message to the mayors for the opening plenary session on Saturday, June 25.

Speaker Ryan discussed his new anti-poverty platform, "A Better Way," and explained why he believes that Washington must work closely with mayors: "I know that all of you are working very hard everyday to fight poverty in your cities. Well, the federal government should be able to help support what you're doing on the front lines. But right now, our approach is too top-down, it's too fragmented, and it's too slow. As part of a new plan to fight poverty, we propose improving our collaboration with states and local communities across the board. Because Washington should not supplant what you're doing—it should support what you're doing. This way, more resources will be devoted to what's actually helping people on the ground."



House Speaker Paul Ryan greets mayors in a video from his office.

"Dean of Mayors" Riley Accepts USCM's Highest Honor

By Mike Brown

In a speech accepting the U.S. Conference of Mayors Distinguished Public Service Award, former Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. drew on recollections of experiences during his 40 years in City Hall in eloquent observations of the responsibilities of mayors and the personal rewards inherent in service to citizens. "We all have an invisible mantle on our shoulders," Riley said, "and that is the responsibility for the safety, the wellbeing, the hope, optimism, and success of every citizen in our city."

Mayor Riley's views on the importance of the public realm, urban design and parks have inspired mayors and influenced the



Former Charleston Mayor Joe Riley following his receipt of USCM's Distinguished Public Service Award.



From left, USCM Vice President Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, Past President Former Charleston Mayor Joe Riley, and CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran.

design of their cities for decades. On parks, Riley said, "When they are stunningly beautiful, the social contract in your community is enhanced because we do better as a society when the things that we love the most are not those that we own privately but those that we share together. That's what great cities around the world have always done."

Mayor Riley's June 26 speech can be viewed online as part of the plenary session.

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Rockefeller Foundation President Judith Rodin Addresses Annual Meeting, Discusses Resilience

By David Leeds

During Friday afternoon's Climate Awards Luncheon, Rockefeller Foundation President Dr. Judith Rodin addressed the Conference of Mayors. Dr. Rodin discussed how the Rockefeller Foundation has been acting as an "R&D partner to cities" in exploring new ways to make cities more resistant to environmental, political, and economic crises. She highlighted the successes of the Rockefeller Foundation's "100 Resilient Cities" initiative and expressed her optimism that cities will be able to rise to future challenges brought on by sources like widening inequality and climate change: "Cities can avoid the unmanageable and manage the unavoidable." Every mayor also received a copy of Dr. Rodin's most recent book, *The Resilience Dividend: Being Strong in a World Where Things Go Wrong*.



Rockefeller Foundation President Dr. Judith Rodin.

Mayors at Forum Tout Economic Development Benefits of Fiber Optic Infrastructure

By Kevin McCarty

Columbia Mayor Stephen Benjamin moderated a June 25 forum during the Conference's 84th Annual Meeting where Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, Augusta Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr. and AT&T Indiana President Bill Soards offered their perspectives on how new communications networks are spurring new jobs and economic opportunity for citizens and businesses in their cities.

"The greatest benefit of gigabyte services is that it meant businesses in the city and others took a look at the city," Freeman explained. "Gary is now seen as more than a manufacturing town."

Davis talked about his city's partnership with AT&T, which made it possible to attract the U.S. Army's Cyber Center of Excellence, spurring other types of related business investment in his city and region.

In his remarks representing the forum's sponsor, Soards emphasized how his company is now more open to new partnerships with cities to deliver faster speeds on local networks.



From left, AT&T Indiana President Bill Soards, Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, Augusta Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr., and Columbia Mayor Stephen Benjamin speak at a forum on the economic benefits of fiber optic infrastructure.

Women Mayors Discuss Criminal Justice System Challenges

The Women Mayors met in Indianapolis on the opening day of the Annual Conference. Clarksville Mayor Kim McMillan, Chair of the Women Mayors, opened the session, where the focus was on Women and the Criminal Justice System.

Judge Wendy Davis spoke about the felony criminal cases she presides over and the HOPE Probation Program at the Allen Superior Court. The program has been instrumental in reducing recidivism by non-violent drug offenders.

Also speaking was Chirlane McCray, First Lady of New York City, who spoke about mental illness and asked mayors to raise awareness of mental illness in their cities.

It's Time Network Program Advisor Suzanne Towns provided an update for the Women Mayors on the recently released report, *It's time Network Mayors Guide: Accelerating Gender Equality*.

Bridget Cummings from the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs provided an update to the Women Mayors on the United State of Women Summit.



From left, Judge Wendy Davis, Allen Superior Court Indiana; Clarksville Mayor Kim McMillan; Suzanne Towns, It's Time Network; and Chirlane McCray, First Lady of New York City.

Improving Energy Codes on the Path to Net-Zero Energy Buildings

By Debra DeHaney-Howard

Mayors with an interest in energy efficiency participated in a special forum on how improving energy codes will keep cities on a path to net-zero energy building during the Conference of Mayors 84th Annual Meeting.

The special forum, led by the Conference's Energy Committee Chair New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell, opened with a video message from U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Ernest Moniz who applauded the mayors for their leadership in deploying new energy technology that reduced energy use while protecting the environment. Moniz reminded participants that the International Energy Conservation Code or IECC is scheduled for its three-year update this year. He commended mayors for their participation in previous IECC update and encouraged them to be involved again this year.

"Building codes have a 20-year history in improving the energy efficiency in homes and businesses in the most cost effective way and have provided economic and environmental benefits, saving more than 30 percent compared to codes of less than one decade ago," Mitchell said during his opening remarks.

Joining with Mitchell was USCM Community Development and Housing Committee Chair Newton Mayor Setti Warren, Alliance to Save Energy President/CEO Kateri Callahan and Energy Efficient Codes Coalition Executive Director Bill Fay. The special forum was sponsored by the Alliance to Save Energy.

In addressing energy efficiency and housing, Warren said, "Higher efficiency homes have a lower risk of foreclosure, so if we can bring energy costs down we can address the self sufficiency issue as well as environmental."

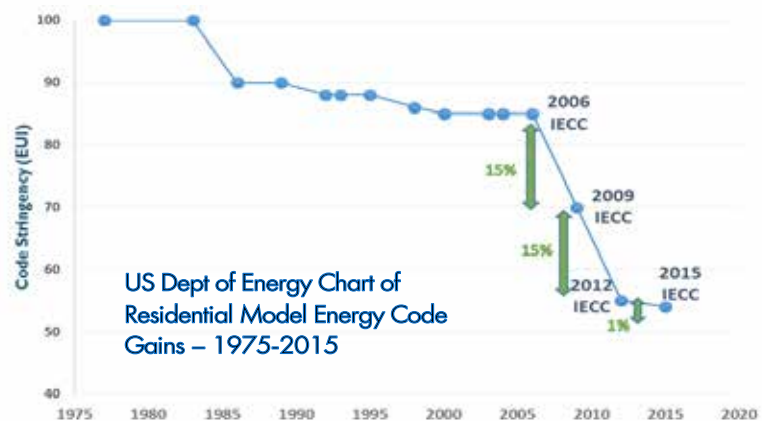
Callahan noted that "After 30 years of very modest energy efficiency improvements in the national model codes, a broad contingency of advocates and code officials succeeded in pushing the code's efficiency toward a 30 percent improvement over the past three development cycles."

In outlining challenges/opportunities with the



From left, Alliance to Save Energy President/CEO Kateri Callahan, USCM Energy Chair New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell, USCM Community Development and Housing Chair Newton Mayor Setti Warren, Energy Efficient Codes Coalition Executive Director Bill Fay.

A Good Start to Net Zero: Progress – 38-54% Efficiency Boost In Three Codes



upcoming International Energy Conservation Code renewal process, Fay encouraged mayors to stay engaged, stating that "mayors will play an important role again in making sure that the new codes keep the nation on the path to net-zero energy buildings." The forum can be viewed at youtube.com/watch?v=GYBppeGvqdU&feature=youtu.be

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The United States Conference of Mayors Honors Outgoing Leadership Mayors



From left, USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran, outgoing Conference President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Past President Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson, Vice President Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, and Second Vice President New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu. Johnson has served as Mayor of Sacramento since 2008 and will finish his second term at the end of this year. As President, he introduced the platform of "Cities 3.0" and worked to fully recognize and meet the challenges and opportunities facing American cities in the modern era. Johnson also led on the issue of education opportunity in both Sacramento and within USCM.

From left, USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran, outgoing Conference President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, and incoming President Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett.

Rawlings-Blake has served as the Mayor of Baltimore for six years and will be leaving office at the end of this year. Prior to becoming President of the Conference of Mayors in 2015, Rawlings-Blake was co-chair to the Mayors' Water Council and served on a special working group of mayors and police chiefs that presented recommendations to President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.



From left, USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran, Vice President Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, outgoing Conference President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Hilo Mayor Billy Kenoi, and Second Vice President New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu. Kenoi is leaving office this year after eight years of service to Hawai'i Island, the City of Hilo, and to the Conference of Mayors. During his time at the Conference, he sat on the Advisory Board, led several mayoral delegations to meet with then Senate Appropriations Chairman Daniel Inouye advocating to preserve many Conference priorities and initiatives. He was instrumental in fighting to preserve and increase CDBG funding.

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Portland, Newton, and Huntington Receive 2016 CommunityWINS Grants for Innovative Neighborhood Stabilization Programs

By Jocelyn Bogen and Eugene Lowe

On June 26, 2016 Mayors Charlie Hales of Portland, Setti Warren of Newton, and Steve Williams of Huntington, WV were recognized with top honors in the 2016 CommunityWINS – Working/Investing in Neighborhood Stabilization Grant Program, administered by The U.S. Conference of Mayors and funded by the Wells Fargo Foundation.

Presented at the 84th Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, the awards are distributed in three populations groups – small, medium and large. Monetary grants are given to city-based non-profit organizations, and the program recognizes mayors for exemplary leadership in developing local programs that promote long-term economic prosperity and improve the quality of life for residents in three categories: neighborhood stabilization, economic development, and job creation.

The grants were presented by Martin Sundquist, Executive Director, Wells Fargo Housing Foundation. Wells Fargo's support makes the CommunityWINS Program possible.

Please go to: usmayors.org/communitywins for 2016 CommunityWINS grant amounts and program descriptions.



Martin Sundquist, Executive Director of the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation announced the 2016 CommunityWINS Grant recipients.



USCM Second Vice President New Orleans Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu, USCM Vice President Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, TechTown Board Member S. Reginald Ruff, III, Portland Mayor Charlie Hales, Wells Fargo Housing Foundation Executive Director Martin Sundquist, and USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran.

USCM Second Vice President New Orleans Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu, USCM Vice President Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, TechTown Board Member S. Reginald Ruff, III, Newton Mayor Setti Warren, Wells Fargo Housing Foundation Executive Director Martin Sundquist, and USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran.



USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran, USCM Second Vice President New Orleans Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu, USCM Vice President Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, USCM President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Huntington Mayor Steve Williams and Wells Fargo Housing Foundation Executive Director Martin Sundquist.

PayIt Takes First Place in First-Ever USCM Civic Tech Startup Pitch Competition

By David W. Burns

On Monday, June 28 during the Annual Meeting Business Session, the Conference hosted its first-ever civic tech pitch competition in which five civic tech startups had three minutes to pitch their app to a panel of judges consisting of mayors and the audience voting through the USCM app. PayIt, pitched by Luke Norris took the mayors first place prize of \$10,000 while OpenCities, pitched by Jack Madans took the second place prize of \$5,000.



John Stephenson of Amazon Web Services delivers remarks at the Tech Pitch Session.



Participants in the USCM Civic Tech Pitch Competition await the results of the vote.

Other participants included citybot's Bratton Riley, PlanIT Impact's Dominique Davison, and NextRequest's Reed Duecy-Gibbs. Each of them received \$1,000 for participating.

Cabaldon, and Kansas City Mayor Sly James pitched their own innovations that their cities are working on. This portion was sponsored by Amazon Web Service and featured brief remarks by John Stephenson.

While voting was taking place, Austin Mayor Steve Adler, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer, West Sacramento Mayor Christopher

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Play Ball Summer 2016 Opens in Indianapolis

With the words "Play Ball," the 2016 Summer Play Ball program was launched in Indianapolis. Tom Brasuell, Vice President for Community Affairs for Major League Baseball and Pat O'Conner, President and CEO of Minor League Baseball made the announcement to the mayors. Last year, over 140 mayors participated in Play Ball activities. Play Ball encourages mayors to promote the game of baseball by organizing/sponsoring an activity this summer with children. This year, the goal was over 200 mayors which was achieved at the meeting. Mayors can still sign up by registering at: usmayors.org/playball.



From left, Minor League Baseball President and CEO Pat O'Conner, USCM President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, and Major League Baseball Vice President for Community Affairs Tom Brasuell.

Valerie Jarrett, Stephanie Rawlings-Blake Talk Criminal Justice Reform, Reducing Gun Violence

By Laura DeKoven Waxman

"We can't let an election year stop us from keeping communities safer and giving people an opportunity to be law-abiding citizens," Senior Advisor to the President Valerie Jarrett told the mayors during the June 25 opening plenary session in Indianapolis. The session, which was a conversation between Jarrett and Conference President and Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake focused on criminal justice reform. Jarrett talked about the strong support for bipartisan bills in Congress that have been reported out of the judiciary committees in both chambers, but have yet to come to the floor, and said she's "optimistic, but the clock is running."

On the heels of the mass shooting in Orlando, Jarrett also commented that she knows that gun violence is at the top of the minds of the nation's mayors and how frustrating the lack of action by Congress has been, particularly because of the groundswell of people who want to put in place reasonable gun restrictions. Rawlings-Blake said she hoped the Conference, as a bipartisan organization, can be a catalyst for common sense reform.



From left, Senior Advisor to the President Valerie Jarrett and USCM President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake.

Cities of Opportunity Task Force Meets in Indianapolis

By Mark Bode



Cities of Opportunity Task Force Chair New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, left, and Vice Chair Boston Mayor Marty Walsh.

During the 2016 USCM 84th Annual Conference of Mayors in Indianapolis, Cities of Opportunity Task Force Chair New York Mayor Bill de Blasio and Vice Chair Boston Mayor Marty Walsh presided over a mayoral discussion of their key anti-poverty priorities including pay equity, college affordability, minimum wage increase, 'ban the box', housing affordability, and job training opportunities.

The mayors discussed their on-going efforts to boost cities' hourly minimum wage, and the recent successes in the District of Columbia, California and New York, with similar measures to be considered by legislatures in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Jersey.

Honolulu & Beverly Hills Win “Most Livable” Cities

By Jocelyn Bogen



USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran, President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Waste Management Senior Corporate Director of Public Sector Solutions Susan Moulton, Beverly Hills Mayor John Mirisch, and Vice President Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett.

Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell and Beverly Hills Mayor John Mirisch were awarded first place honors in the 2016 City Livability Awards Program during The U.S. Conference of Mayors' 84th Annual Meeting in Indianapolis.

The award recognizes mayoral leadership in developing and implementing programs that improve the quality of life in America's cities, focusing on the leadership, creativity, and innovation demonstrated by the mayors.

This is the 37th year in which cities have competed for the award, which is sponsored by the Conference of Mayors and Waste Management, Inc., the nation's largest environmental solutions provider.

Susan Moulton, Waste Management's Senior Corporate Director of Public Sector Solutions, presented the City Livability awards. "It is a privilege for Waste Management to partner with USCM and honor the mayors working to enhance their cities' quality of life, which the City Livability Awards represent," she said.

Go to usmayors.org/citylivabilityawards for 2016 City Livability Award program descriptions.

New Bedford Mayor Mitchell Wins Top Climate Award Among Small Cities

By Kevin McCarty

New Bedford Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell won the first-place award among small cities in the 2016 Mayors' Climate Protection Awards for his city's solar and wind energy initiatives.

In his remarks at the June 24 climate protection awards luncheon, Mitchell said, "In no area is the shift of power, action and ideas from the federal level to the municipal level more evident or better illustrated than the area of renewal energy."

In addition to Mitchell, honorable mention awards in the small-city category were made to Hillsboro Mayor Jerry Willey for his city's Environmental Sustainability Plan, Holyoke Mayor Alex B. Morse for its Carbon-Neutral Electricity, and Woodland Mayor Tom Stallard for his 2,400 Trees Campaign.

This year is the 10th Anniversary of the Conference of Mayors/Walmart partnership on climate protection and its Mayors' Climate Protection Awards program.

Descriptions of these 10th anniversary award-winning programs can be found at: usmayors.org/climateprotection/2016Awardees.



New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell discusses his award-winning solar and wind energy initiatives during the June 24 Mayors' Climate Protection Awards luncheon in Indianapolis.

Richmond Mayor Jones Wins Top Large-City Climate Protection Award

At the opening session of the 84th Annual Meeting, Richmond Mayor Dwight C. Jones was honored for his city's climate protection program, RVAgreen, winning first place among large cities in the 2016 Mayors' Climate Protection Awards.

In remarks at the June 24 awards luncheon, Jones said, "Our goals have been to improve the quality of life, to enhance energy resilience and to enhance economic opportunity and to create healthy urban environments for the resident of our city."

In addition to Jones, honorable mention awards in the large-city category were made to Bridgeport Mayor Joseph Ganim for the Low-Temperature Thermal Heating District, Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy for the Climate Recovery Ordinance, and New York Mayor Bill de Blasio for the GHG Buildings Technical Working Group.

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Descriptions of the winning programs can be found at: usmayors.org/climateprotection/2016Awardees.



From left, USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran, Walmart Senior Vice President for Global Sustainability Laura Phillips, USCM President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Richmond Mayor Dwight Jones, Conference Vice President Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett and USCM Second Vice President New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu.

Mesa Mayor's Son Throws Out First Pitch



Jack Giles, son of Mesa Mayor John Giles, throws out the first pitch at the Indianapolis Indians vs. Buffalo Bisons Minor League Baseball game. Jack participated as part of the USCM-MLB Play Ball activities held during the game.

Special Video: A Tribute to The U.S. Conference of Mayors: Fighting for All Human Rights

A film produced by the US Conference of Mayors, *A Tribute to Mayors: The Fight For All Human Rights* had its premiere showing before the mayors gathered in Indianapolis. This documentary highlights the Conference of Mayors' efforts to protect rights to the LGBT community. Starting in 1963, with President John F. Kennedy's speech before the mayors calling for protection of rights for all Americans, the Conference and mayors have led the way through the AIDS epidemic, anti-discrimination and hate crimes legislation, freedom to marry, and more recently to protect the rights of the LGBT community against actions by governors and state legislatures. The film was created by West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon and Conference CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran, who also narrate the film. The film can be viewed online as part of the plenary sessions.



In FIRE OPS 101, Mayors Get Hands-on Training in Firefighting, Emergency Response

By Mike Brown

During the first morning of the Conference's 84th Annual Meeting, the International Association of Firefighters offered mayors a close-up look at the actual work performed by the firefighters and paramedics in their cities. In a FIRE OPS 101 training program conducted at Indianapolis's Fire Station 13, several mayors donned standard firefighter protective clothing and a breathing apparatus and were briefed by firefighters on fire behavior, safety protocols and firefighting techniques – preparation for their entering a mobile live-fire training room in two-person teams and actually extinguish-



At Fire House 13, Indianapolis Fire Chief Ernest Malone helps Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett prepare for firefighter training scenarios.



Gary Mayor Karen Freeman Wilson uses "jaws of life" tool to open car door in FIRE OPS 101 victim extraction scenario.

ing a fire. Mayors were also instructed in the use of the powerful "jaws of life" tools needed to extract victims from vehicles involved in crashes. Other training scenarios offered opportunities to learn cardiac arrest response techniques and search and rescue procedures and to climb the ladders used in firefighting and rescue operations.

Forum Highlights Strategies to Spur Growth in Distressed Neighborhoods

By Larry Jones

Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry moderated a June 26 forum which explored innovative approaches to revitalizing distressed communities through public-private partnerships. Sponsored by J. P. Morgan Chase, the featured mayors and financial experts who discussed successful initiatives that help revitalize distressed neighborhoods through collaborative partnerships and innovative financing.

Denver Mayor Michael Hancock discussed his city's FasTracks Commuter Rail Project. New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu talked about his Veolia Water Project and other infrastructure projects. Daniel Sprehe from J. P. Morgan Chase informed mayors about Pro Neighborhoods, a five-year, \$125 million investment aimed at increasing economic growth in disadvantaged communities. Annie Donovan from the Community Development Financial Institution Fund at the U.S. Treasury Department discussed how New Market Tax Credits and other Treasury programs are helping spur growth in distressed neighborhoods.



Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry (right) served as moderator of the Forum on Innovative Approaches to Community Development Through Public-Private Partnerships. On the panel, from left are, Conference Second Vice President New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, J.P. Morgan Chase Midwest Region Director Daniel Sprehe, Community Development Financial Institution Fund Director Annie Donovan, and Denver Mayor Michael Hancock.

Mayors Stress “Invest and Protect” at Opening Press Conference

By Elena Temple-Webb

Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett welcomed the USCM executive team for an opening press conference in Indianapolis focused on the themes of “invest and protect.”

USCM President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, flanked by Vice President Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett and Second Vice President New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, stressed, “Cities should be front and center in this Presidential campaign. We certainly can’t pave our streets, repair our bridges, maintain our water systems, build affordable housing, reform our police departments, be the first responders in protecting the homeland and create good paying jobs for those that need them all by ourselves. Our next President needs to be our partner so we can address these challenges together.”

Mayor Cornett called for more focus on cities and urban issues saying, “Mayors are at the level of government that is closest to the people. We are asking for Washington and state governments to play closer attention to



cities, and to realize that we are economic centers of this country.”

To underscore the theme of protect, Mayor Landrieu reminded everyone, “Our resounding message today is that we are the field-generals in counterterrorism movement and the public safety fight in America. This

is actually a national issue that requires national partnerships. Everything that is happening in this country is happening on the ground in our nation’s cities; and our national economy is wholly dependent on how we respond. It is incumbent upon us to come to the table with reasonable solutions to complicated problems.”

85th Annual Conference of Mayors – Miami Beach

Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine gave a preview of the preparations Miami Beach is making to host the 85th Annual Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors from June 23 to 26, 2017.

All mayors are encouraged to attend USCM's 85th Annual Meeting in this vibrant city which has been shaped by a melting pot of people, culture, and even languages. Miami Beach is also home to art deco architecture, countless oceanfront cafés, and exciting events and venues for all ages.

We look forward to seeing you next year in Miami Beach!



Cornett Leads Amtrak Mayors' Advisory Council



Portland Mayor Charlie Hales, left, listens to remarks by Conference Vice President Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett to mayors participating in the June 25 session of the Amtrak Mayors' Advisory Council. Cornett serves as chair of the Council.

VSP Update

VSP Global Chief Communications Officer, Patrick McNeil shares an update on the USCM/VSP "Eyes of Hope Initiative" to bring vision care to 1 million people by 2020.



Addiction Recovery and Awareness Top Discussion at Substance Abuse and Recovery Task Force Meeting

Task Force Chair Boston Mayor Martin Walsh led the discussion that included ONDCP Director Michael Botticelli and Chief Medical Officer for the Clean Slates Center Dr. Kelly Clark. Mayor Walsh opened by sharing the actions he's taken along with his governor to help those struggling with addiction. De-stigmatizing addiction and providing funding for recovery are critical to breaking the cycle of addiction.

Botticelli focused his remarks on need to support the Administration's request for \$1.1 billion for treatment funding. At this printing, President Obama signed a piece of bipartisan legislation providing \$920 in funding for state to provide treatment for those struggling with addiction.

Dr. Clark talked more directly about the physiological demands of addiction and how centers like her help patients navigate the debilitating symptoms of withdrawal and guide them toward long-term recovery.



From left, Clean Slates Chief Medical Officer Dr. Kelly Clark, Task Force Chair Boston Mayor Martin Walsh, and White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Director Michael Botticelli

Census Task Force: Preparing for the 2020 Census

By Larry Jones



From left, U.S. Census Bureau Regional Director for Chicago Albert Fontenot, Census Task Force Chair San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor, Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett, U.S. Census Bureau Division Chief for Geography Deirdre Bishop, and Joyce Foundation Program Director for Democracy George Cheung.

San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor reminded mayors that in less than four years, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin counting every person in our nation. To underscore the importance, she said the new census data will be used to distribute over \$400 billion in federal funds annually to state and local governments.

Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett discussed a 10-point outreach program that increased his citizens' response rate from 72 percent in 2000 to 86 percent in 2010. From the U.S. Census Bureau, Deirdre Bishop discussed the importance of geographic partnership programs which enable the Bureau to profile every community. Albert Fontenot, discussed the community partnership and engagement program, which generates public awareness and helps better involve those who are hardest to count. George Cheung of the Joyce Foundation discussed how several foundations are working together to support the 2020 census.



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Representing:
MassChallenge

Winning program:
Newton Innovation Center

Small City Winner:

Mayor Steve Williams,
Huntington, WV

Representing:
Coalfield Development Corporation

Winning program:
West Edge Factory
Solar Training Institute

Large City Outstanding Achievement:
Jacksonville, FL, mayor Lenny Curry

Representing:
Family Foundations

Program:
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Medium City Outstanding Achievement:
Chattanooga, TN, mayor Andy Berke

Representing:
TechTown Foundation

Program:
Tech Workforce Program

Small City Outstanding Achievement:
Kinston, NC, mayor BJ Murphy

Representing:
Kinston Teens, Inc.

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Learn more about these winning programs in upcoming issues of the U.S. Mayor.

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American Architectural Foundation Honored

By Paul Leroux

The U.S. Conference of Mayors honored the American Architectural Foundation (AAF) for its 20 year history of managing and supporting the Mayors' Institute on City Design. USCM Passed a resolution recognizing AAF's contribution on June 27 and presented it to AAF's President & CEO, Ron Bogle.



From left, USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran, Second Vice President Columbia Mayor Stephen Benjamin, President Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, AAF President and CEO Ron Bogle, MICD Director Trinity Simons, USCM Managing Director Tom McClimon, and Vice President New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu.

Mayors Stress Need for Data to Improve Education Systems

By Megan Cardiff

"Education is a vital component to the economic success of a city. It's important to know where your city stands in comparison to others – the Bush Institute's Mayors' Report Card on Education is a fabulous piece of work that covers key topics in public education," said USCM Educational Excellence Task Force Chair Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings. Holly Kuzmich, Executive Director of the George W. Bush Institute, addressed members of USCM's Educational Excellence Task Force at the 84th Annual Conference on updates to the Report Card since it was first presented to the Task Force in June 2014.

"We continue to work on expanding cities and data for the Report Card and expect a new one to be released this September. Our online tool is a great way to not only look at the data but to see an innovative story on things happening in cities in education," said Kuzmich.

Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer talked about his city's role in the Harvard Graduate School of Education By All Means initiative. Louisville was one of six cities chosen for this multi-year initiative, which is aimed at developing comprehensive child wellbeing and education systems that help eliminate the link between children's socioeconomic status and achievement.

"There are many obstacles in children's lives that prevent them from accomplishing their goals and dreams. We need to give every child a real chance and we can do this through partnerships between our schools and our communities," said Fischer.

Jerry Abramson, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the White House, joined mayors to share what the Administration has done to connect youth with job opportunities and skills training during the summer months so that students



From left, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings; First Lady of New York City Chirlane McCray; Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer; Executive Director of the George W. Bush Institute Holly Kuzmich; and Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the White House Jerry Abramson.

can return to school healthy, prepared and ready to succeed. He also talked about the Computer Science for All initiative that empowers students with the computer science skills they need to thrive in a digital economy.

Closing out the meeting, Chirlane McCray, First Lady of New York City, discussed her work with ThriveNYC, the City's \$850-million action plan to change the way New Yorkers think about mental health and the way government and its partners deliver services. "ThriveNYC is a roadmap to changing the way people think about mental health and learn about a mental plan. It addresses mental health risks that affect every stage of life," said McCray.

U.S. Metro Areas Continue to Lead the Nation's Economic Recovery

By Dave Gatton

The U.S. Conference of Mayors has released its annual U.S. Metro Economy report reaffirming that cities and their metro areas are the driving force of the national economy.

The report, prepared by IHS, shows that last year U.S. city/metros accounted for 96.5 percent of all new jobs and 99 percent of the nation's growth in GDP.



From left, IHS Senior Director Jim Diffley, Bank of America Charitable Foundation Senior Vice President Steve Fitzgerald and Alexandria Mayor Allison Silberger.

The report forecasts that although 2016 is off to a sluggish start, real GDP growth will return to previous levels and monthly job creation will regain its footing in the 150,000 to 200,000 range during the year.

In 2016 and 2017 the report predicts that real wage gains will continue, generating considerable disposable income for workers and middle-class households. Gains in real, inflation-adjusted, terms of 1.7 percent in 2016 and 1.9 percent in 2017 will boost the average wage to \$58,754.

For the full report and its key findings, go to usmayors.org/metro-economies.

Workforce Boards Discuss Critical Job Training Investments in Cities

By Megan Cardiff

On Friday, June 24, and Saturday, June 25, The U.S. Conference of Mayors Workforce Development Council (WDC) member met to discuss the recently release Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) regulations and speak with mayors on important job training initiatives, Department of Labor priorities, and postsecondary education and career pathway initiatives.

West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon spoke to the WDC about the work the USCM Jobs, Education and the Workforce Committee is doing to further job training initiatives in cities and put the WDC at the forefront of workforce issues at USCM. "The Conference plays a critical role in providing guidance on workforce issues to mayors. Through the Jobs Committee, I will ensure we continue and strengthen this relationship so mayors know they have experts on these vital issues right here in the WDC," said Cabaldon.

Members also heard from Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry on his TalentABQ



From left, USCM WDC Second Vice President Mark Edwards; USCM WDC Vice President Paul Haynes; West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon; and USCM WDC President Andrew McGough.

initiative, which helps connect employers and jobseekers through skills development. "There are a lot of people that have potential to do a lot better if they had the right skill set and opportunities. They have the work ethic – they just need help with their skills and resume," said Mayor Berry. TalentABQ helps jobseekers assess their individual skills, improve their abilities through online training and then

match them with job opportunities based on skills rather than educational degrees.

Members of the Council worked on their three-year strategic plan and discussed ways to further work with mayors across the country to ensure there are successful investments in skills development and job training in our cities.

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Council on Metro Economies and the New American City to Address Innovation Districts; Investment in Underserved Communities

By Dave Gatton

The Council on Metro Economies and the New American Cities will focus in the coming year on how cities can develop innovation districts as part of their economic development strategies in light of increased globalization, scientific advancement, and 21st century labor markets. The Council held its semi-annual meeting as part of the U.S. Conference of Mayors' annual meeting in Indianapolis on June 24.

Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer, chair of the Council, will lead a working group within the Council that will study how innovation

districts can be formed by combining a city's research and scientific institutions, with its business sector, labor markets and livable communities. The working group will identify the key components or ingredients to such districts, the role the mayor plays in their formation and development, and how lower and middle income workers can benefit.

Brookings Centennial Scholar Bruce Katz, who will serve as a resource to the working group, told the mayors that innovation districts are geographic areas where "anchor institutions and companies cluster and connect with small firms, start-ups, business incubators and accelerators." He indicated that such districts thrive when physical assets, economic assets and networking assets converge to form an innovation ecosystem that supports developing innovative ideas into business enterprises. Katz will collaborate with the Council in the development of a mayoral Guidebook on Innovation Districts.

Dan Letendre, Managing Director for CDFI Lending and Investment for Bank of America, discussed the role of Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) in funding those businesses and community organizations such as charter schools that do not qualify for lending under traditional bank underwriting standards. He encouraged mayors to work with their local CDFI entities as a resource for business development and as a key component to their community development strategies. "They are not only a source of funding, but of information on start-up development activities within your neighborhoods," he said.

Building on that theme, Interise President Jean Horstman discussed how cities can co-brand its StreetWise MBA to form a network of thriving small businesses that create jobs five times the national average. The key to StreetWise's success is that it keeps the companies who go through the program together over a long period, allowing them to continue applying business best practices and even partnering on various business projects. Interise will work with the Council this year to identify tax incentives that are most needed by small businesses in underserved markets. The results of this work will inform the Conference's approach to tax reform which the next Congress is expected to consider.

Cynthia Stewart, Vice President for Community Development at the International Council of Shopping Centers, reviewed ICSC's website that allows cities to list their vacant and underutilized properties for immediate review by the retail industry. We have over 300 cities that are already participating. "This is a way for your city to gain immediate visibility of your development opportunities to the nation's retailers," she told the mayors. ICSC will also work with the Council in promoting regional sessions where mayors and development directors can pitch development projects to ICSC members.



Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer, Chair of the Council on Metro Economies and the New American City, with Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank Ortis, and Brookings Centennial Scholar Bruce Katz as the Council discusses the development of innovation districts.

Mayors Support Financial Education and Asset-Building Initiatives

By James Kirby

During the U.S. Conference of Mayors 84th Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, DollarWise met with mayors and community leaders to discuss the expansion of financial education initiatives in cities throughout the United States.

At the Council on Metro Economies and the New American City session, Schenectady Mayor Gary McCarthy highlighted his city's success in providing financial education training to residents in assisted housing. The City of Schenectady received a 2016 DollarWise Innovation Grant to support this program.

Senior Vice President of the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Stephen B. Fitzgerald spoke on the importance of providing financial education opportunities to youth in summer programs, and encouraged mayors to participate in the 2016 DollarWise Summer Youth Contest. Fitzgerald also highlighted The DollarWise Campaign's new emphasis on supporting financial education within



From left, East Orange Mayor Lester Taylor III, USCM Vice President Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Bank of America Charitable Foundation Senior Vice President Stephen B. Fitzgerald, and Trustee Columbia Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin.

ESL and public housing programs, and urged mayors to join DollarWise in these efforts.

During the Morning Business Plenary, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings – Blake announced the 2016 DollarWise Innovation and Summer Youth Campaign Grant win-

ners. Innovation Grant (\$15,000) recipients included Atlanta and Schenectady. Summer Youth Campaign Grant (\$4,000) recipients included Albuquerque, Charlotte, East Orange, Memphis, and Tallahassee.

For more information go to bedollarwise.org.

Mayors Call on Passage of TPP, Expansion of Exports

By Dave Gatton

The U.S. Conference of Mayors Ports and Exports Task Force continued its push for passage of the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement to expand the nation's exports, strengthen U.S. strategic position in the Pacific, and maintain U.S. global leadership.

"The U.S. Conference of Mayors and this task force have been strong advocates for TPP and trade agreements that have enforceable labor and environmental standards," said task force chair Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola.

Stodola then introduced Omar Khan, Assistant Trade Representative, who outlined the benefits of TPP, including the elimination of 18,000 taxes that U.S. companies currently have to pay on exports to Pacific rim countries.

Khan was followed by William Ramos of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Ramos cited that the Asian middle class is expected to increase from 500 million to 3 billion over the next twenty-five years.



From left, Ports and Exports Task Force Chair Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola, USCM staff Dave Gatton, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative Omar Khan and U.S. Department of Commerce Director of Governmental Affairs, William Ramos discuss the Trans Pacific Partnership trade agreement and its benefits.

Susan Monteverde, for the American Association of Port Authorities reviewed the economic impact of seaports on the U.S. economy. In 2014 the economic activity related to seaports was \$4.6 trillion, over one-fourth of the US economy.

USCM, Mayor Garcetti Launch Mayors Latino Alliance

By Mark Bode

The Latino Alliance of The U.S. Conference of Mayors met for the first time on Saturday, June 25. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti led the session. "We have a special obligation to understand and empower the Latino community," he said. "Latinos are increasingly part of the dynamism of our country's population." Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza underscored that conversations involving the Latino community should not be limited to the West and Southwest, noting "it is truly a nationwide conversation." Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry added to the discussion, remarking that his city's demographics mirror that of the rest of the country. "We can teach other cities how to be nimble," he said.

Mark Hugo Lopez, Director of Hispanic Research at the Pew Research Center, used data to underscore trends in the Latino community. Lopez mentioned that the Latino community is defined by its youth, as half of all U.S.-born Hispanics are under age 19 and three-fourths are Millennials or younger. The high school dropout rate is plummeting, and more Latinos than ever are attending college.



From left, Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, and USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran.

Panel Focuses on Closing Opportunity Gap

By Mark Bode

The Mayors and Business Leaders Plenary Breakfast took place on Sunday morning, June 26, and featured a USA Funds-sponsored panel on Closing the Opportunity Divide: Transforming Low-Income Adults Into Rising Tech Stars. To start the breakfast, Carol D'Amico, Executive Vice President for National Engagement and Philanthropy for USA Funds awarded the 2nd Annual USCM/ USA Funds National Education Pathways with

a Purpose Grants to the following mayors: Mayor Luke Bronin of Hartford (small city), for the Hartford Coalition on Education and Talent, with a primary goal of achieving his strategic priorities for education and youth employment; Mayor Buddy Dyer of Orlando (medium city), for a number of groundbreaking programs aimed at reducing juvenile arrests, increasing youth employment and improving academic performance among Orlando's

children known collectively as Mayor Dyer's Children's Initiative (MDCI); and Mayor Greg Fischer of Louisville (large city), for the Career Calculator App, which visualizes local labor market data for Louisville residents by occupation, major and income.

The awards were followed by a panel on closing the opportunity divide featuring Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, Michael Peterson, Vice President of External Affairs for AT&T, Belinda Stubblefield, National Site Director for Year Up, Dr. José Adames, President of El Centro College, and Carol D'Amico of USA Funds. Panelists spoke on the network of organizations that bring students up from poverty and turn them into professionals.

Peterson began the session by reiterating that "we know that the rising tide hasn't lifted all boats." It is for this reason, he said, that Year Up was such an integral partner, since they had proven they could produce "young, diverse talent" ready to enter the workforce. Stubblefield echoed his sentiments, quoting partner companies that have expressed that "our young adults are more prepared than college graduates." Mayor Rawlings noted



Mike Peterson, center, of AT&T discusses the role of business in Dallas's talent development network with, from left, Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, Belinda Stubblefield, José Adames, and Carol D'Amico.

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Mayors Tout Innovation, Investment in Talent Development

By Kathy Amoroso

Mayors gathered for the Jobs, Education and the Workforce Committee meeting during the 84th Annual Conference of Mayors focused on ways to invest in and redesign learning for the 21st Century so that all young people are given an opportunity to succeed. Chaired by West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon, the session featured presentations by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf on their America's College Promise initiatives, and by Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings and Kansas City Mayor Sly James on the LRNG technology platform and education digital badging movement.



From left, Kansas City Mayor Sly James, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, Jobs Committee Chair West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon, and Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings.

"The strength of our workforce depends upon students earning their high school diploma and going on to earn their associates or bachelor's degree," said Walsh describing the roll out of his tuition-free community college plan for Boston Public Schools (BPS). The application went live on June 1, and will be run through the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development (OWD). To be eligible, students must graduate from high school with at least a 2.2 GPA, be Pell-eligible, complete the FASFA, and gain admission to either Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) or Roxbury Community College (RCC).

"I can't think of a better investment," said Schaaf, describing Oakland Promise, her city's program to fund college for low-income students. "This is a one-way ticket out of generational poverty." Over the next 10 years, Oakland Promise plans to open 55,000 college savings accounts with \$14 million in funds for children born into poverty, award \$100 million in scholarships and have 17,000 students enrolled in college. Grants will range from \$500 college savings accounts for children to college scholarships of up to \$16,000 for low-income students.

Two years ago, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings started an effort to combat "summer slide" and give Dallas students a tangible pathway to a career. What started out as a small pilot as part of the Cities of Learning endeavor (now LRNG), supported by the MacArthur Foundation, has now grown into a citywide initiative engaging thousands of students—Dallas City of Learning (DCoL). DCoL connects students to in-person and online educational experiences provided by hundreds of partners offering programs to students in neighborhoods across Dallas during summer. "This program combines all the resources the city has," said Rawlings. "Who can be content partners? A museum, an airport, the Audubon Society, an engineering firm – any entity that can teach something," he said.

"By sixth grade, middle income kids have 4,000 more hours-plus of extra-curricular activities than low-income kids," Kansas City Mayor Sly James told his colleagues, closing the meeting. "There is a direct correlation between safe programs and

staying out of trouble." Kansas City was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant that aims to fuel the development of a passionate, 21st-century workforce. The city was named one of eight winners of the national LRNG City Challenge. As a result, the KC Social Innovation Center will use the grant to implement new programming this summer. Plans began on an integrated pilot with a job fair on April 16th at the Kauffman Foundation. Youth in the program will go through a series of learning experiences, and they'll be able to earn badges that will unlock access to specific jobs and opportunities over the summer. "Club KC, KC Storytellers, KC Wordshop, Night Kicks, Night Hoops, Night Nets....when kids engage in these programs, they are 100 percent staying out of trouble. The LRNG platform connects them to local learning experiences that will give them access to opportunities both in and out of school, and help develop a workforce better prepared to meet future needs," said James.

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his appreciation that since 2000, businesses have increased their support to stakeholders in their communities. The lesson for mayors, he said, is to never demonize businesses. Idavez applauded the arrangement from

the community college perspective, claiming "It's a win-win overall." He noted the parallel goals of each organization that allowed them to unite so effectively.

Although the organizations have similar missions and have connected to the benefit of the Dallas community, the panel was

clear about the uniting factor. "Mayors are often the only ones who can bring together philanthropic, business, and government communities," Peterson said. Carrying on the idea, D'Amico added "Mayors have a very important role to play in the talent development of this nation."



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Ex-offender Recycling Program Changes Lives

By Joan Crigger

On opening day of the Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, mayors from across the country along with over 50 members of The U.S. Conference of Mayors Workforce Development Council (WDC) toured RecycleForce, a social enterprise, which uses the revenue generated by its e-waste recycling business to help ex-offenders break down the barriers to employment by providing transitional jobs for up to six months, as well as comprehensive services designed to get their lives back on track.

Following a walk-thru tour, Gregg Keesling, President of RecycleForce, introduced several of the employees who shared their stories. He then turned the program over to West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon, Chair of the Jobs, Education and Workforce Standing Committee. Mayor Cabaldon was very enthused by the scope of what RecycleForce does as a social enterprise and said, "If we don't create the pathways to employment, we fail."

Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogset then welcomed everyone and said, "Today you are seeing up close and personal a win, win, win." He continued, "We need to understand the importance of re-entry and job creation, and RecycleForce does."

In addition, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf spoke about several social enterprise programs in Oakland which are funded through a parcel tax which voters passed by a two-thirds vote. "We need to invest in human beings," Mayor Schaaf said.

Following Mayor Schaaf was Robert Sainz, Assistant General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Economic and Workforce Development. Mr. Sainz thanked the employees for sharing their stories and giving us hope for succeeding in our work. In Los Angeles, he is working with various city agencies and the private sector to provide transitional jobs.



Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf discussing some of Oakland's Social Enterprises during RecycleForce site visit.



RecycleForce employees at their jobs during the site visit.

Digital Service Delivery, SXSW, and Smart Cities Discussed at Technology and Innovation Task Force

By David W. Burns

The Technology and Innovation Task Force met on Friday, June 24 with Acting Chair Austin Mayor Steve Adler filling in for San Francisco Mayor Edwin M. Lee. The discussion focused on digital services and service delivery, led by 18F's Robin Carnahan. She provided tips and strategies for how cities can develop their own digital services strategy and work with 18F, a startup inside the General Services Administration working on this issue.

The task force also featured a discussion with Mayor Adler and USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran on our mayors track at South by Southwest. USCM is planning to return to Austin in 2017 to continue the track.

Lastly, Kansas City Mayor Sly James discussed the U.S. Department of Transportation's Smart City Challenge and how the competition has helped the city bring stakeholders together to work on smart city solutions, even without the grand prize money.



USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran, 18F Senior Advisor Robin Carnahan, Austin Mayor Steve Adler, and USCM Director of Technology and Innovation David W. Burns.

Climate Task Force Tackles Resiliency, Need for Better Emissions Data

By Kevin McCarty



At left, Conference Second Vice President New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu with Energy Independence and Climate Protection Task Force Co-Chair Carmel Mayor James Brainard.

As its co-chair, Carmel Mayor James Brainard convened the meeting of the Energy Independence and Climate Protection Task Force where discussions about climate resiliency topped the agenda.

Conference Second Vice President New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu briefed mayors about his city's ongoing resiliency efforts, which are especially challenged by the Mississippi River. The test of resiliency, he explained, is to be "strong enough to take what comes your way." Looking to the future, he said, "It is not just about sustainability, it is also about social cohesion."

Arup Principal John Eddy shared initial learnings from the world's largest cities in C-40, urging mayors "to get started on resiliency" and noted that ongoing operating and capital programs can be adjusted so that additional resiliency costs are managed. World Resources Institute's U.S. Director Sam Adams briefed the panel on his work with the Conference to improve federal data sources for city emission tracking.

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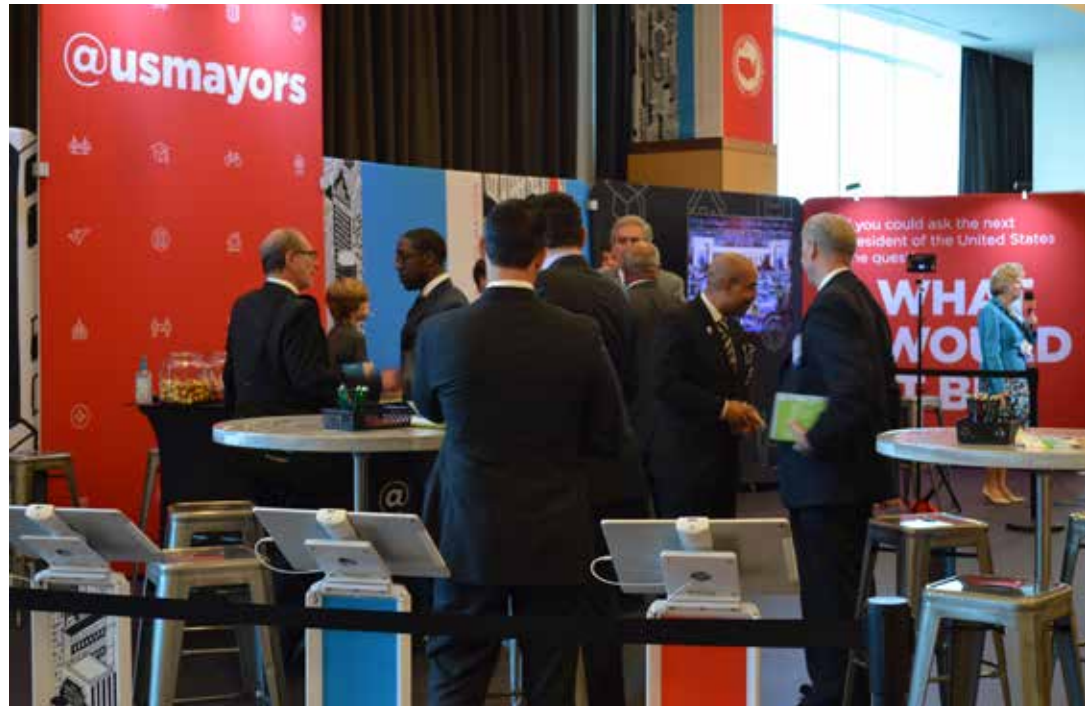
Conference of Mayors Opens New Space for Interactive Engagement

By Luther Roberts

At the 84th Annual Meeting, the Conference unveiled the exciting new @USMAYORS interactive space.

Participants had the opportunity to learn about USCM history with past president biographies and past meeting information, and received updates about the meeting on iPads equipped with the USCM app. A video display running past Presidential conventions ran in the background while participants could record a question to ask the next president of the United States. Videos of the recorded questions are available for viewing at youtube.com/usmayors.

The space gave all conference attendees an opportunity to gather between sessions over energy boosters such as Tootsie Pops and assorted chocolates. Postcards and pens were placed on several tables within the



space giving an opportunity for participants to share their experiences with friends and family back home. Attendees also entered daily drawings

that included prizes like Bose headphones, an Apple Watch, an iPad, and an Amazon Echo. Congratulations to all of the winners!

Look for the booth at future USCM events and be part of the innovation on social media with @usmayors!

Mayors Focus on Collaborations to Grow Small Businesses in Task Force Meeting

By Paul Leroux

The Small Business and Entrepreneurship Task Force met on Friday, June 24 for a lively best practices session on growing local economies. Task Force Co-Chairs, Burnsville Mayor Elizabeth B. Kautz and Kansas City Mayor Sly James kicked off the discussion and solicited new ideas from mayors and members of the business community alike. Louis Mosca of American Management Services offered a presentation on connecting mayors with small businesses in their communities to address shared challenges. Mike Rizer of Wells Fargo talked about the bank's efforts to provide capital to underserved communities and increase diversity among enterprise borrowers. Following those presentations, Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank Ortis, Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan K. Barnett, and others shared experiences about integrating civic and business communities. Keeping with this theme, Mayor Kautz closed saying, "They are our partners. Embrace them and use them."



From left, Wells Fargo Executive Vice President Mike Rizer, Task Force Co-Chair Burnsville Mayor Elizabeth B. Kautz, Task Force Co-Chair Kansas City Mayor Sly James, and American Management Services Executive Vice President and COO Louis Mosca.

International Affairs Committee Views Mayors as Faces of U.S. Around the World

By Paul Leroux

"The U.S. Conference of Mayors has a proud history of engaging internationally...we are at the forefront of international relations, both on behalf of our individual cities and, in fact, on behalf of the United States," said International Affairs Committee Chair Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley in kicking off the committee's meeting on Saturday, June 25.

The mayors on the committee heard from Michael Duffin of the State Department on their role in countering violent extremism, and then followed up with Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke about the attacks on military locations last summer. After that, they spoke with Steve Nutt and Pam Fannin of the Dayton Region Israel Trade Alliance and how similar trade partnerships could exist in different regions of the country. They also heard from the Secretary-General of Mayors for Peace, Yasuyoshi Komizo, who spoke about the need to eliminate nuclear weapons from the perspective of Japanese and international mayors.

The Committee also adopted a number of policy resolutions that highlighted the leadership that cities are taking around the world. These included:

- Resolution Bringing World Expos Back to the United States
- Urging the Organization of American States to Invoke the Inter-American Charter to Compel Venezuela to Find a Political Solution to Its Escalating Human Rights Crises
- Calling on the Next U.S. President to Pursue Diplomacy with Other Nuclear-Armed States; Participate in Negotiations for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons; Cut Nuclear Weapons Spending; and Redirect Funds to Meet the Needs of Cities
- Urging Congress to Remove the Obstacles of the U.S. Embargo Against Cuba

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From left, Citywide Development Corporation Vice President Steve Nutt, Sr., International Affairs Committee Chair Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley, Mayors for Peace Secretary-General Yasuyoshi Komizo, and State Department Senior Advisor Michael Duffin.



Mayors for Peace Secretary-General Yasuyoshi Komizo, left, presents a chain of 1,000 paper cranes folded by Hiroshima students to Conference of Mayors President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. The chain symbolizes shared efforts to achieve peace and reduce nuclear weapons. One of the cranes was folded by President Obama.

Immigration Task Force Focuses on Immigrant Integration

By Laura DeKoven Waxman

With immigration reform legislation unlikely this year, the Conference's Immigration Reform Task Force, meeting in Indianapolis June 25, focused on what mayors can do in their cities to welcome immigrants, integrate them into their communities, and make local systems as responsive to their needs as possible:

- Task Force Co-chair and Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait described his city's efforts to develop a welcoming culture and a culture of kindness for everyone.
- Co-chair and Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza briefed the mayors on his city's municipal identification card, and Rhode Island's extension of in-state tuition rates to undocumented immigrants.
- Tacoma Mayor Marilyn Strickland described her city's long history as a welcoming and immigrant-friendly city, and the city's recently created Office of Equity and Human Rights.
- Nashville Mayor Megan Barry commented that she attended a naturalization ceremony on the day she was inaugurated as mayor to set the tone for her administration, and has expanded the City's Office of New Americans.



Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait addressing Immigration Reform Task Force, with Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza and Nashville Mayor Megan Barry on left.

- New Haven Mayor Toni Harp reported that the Elm City ID card, the first in the nation, is being expanded to also be a debit card.

In addition, the mayors heard from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Central Region Director Robert Looney about Administration efforts to provide information and

assistance to immigrants and promote citizenship and White House Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Elias Alcantara about continuing efforts to improve the nation's immigration system following the Supreme Court decision that struck down a portion of the President's immigration reform executive actions.

Unique Approaches That Utilize Vacant Properties

By Eugene T. Lowe and Jocelyn Bogen



From left, Lima Mayor David Berger, Augusta Mayor Hardie Davis, Dubuque Mayor Roy Buol, Green Bay Mayor Jim Schmitt, and Russ Cross of Wells Fargo.

Dubuque Mayor Roy Buol and Augusta Mayor Hardie Davis, Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Vacant and Abandoned Properties, led a lively session on two approaches that use vacant properties through fish farming, known as aquaponics, using the waste of fish to grow plants.

Lima Mayor David Berger explained to the task force how an old fire station was used as the site for his city's aquaponic's project. Green Bay Mayor Jim Schmitt said that his city used an old vacant armory to develop an indoor – farm program. Both cities were recipients of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Wells Fargo 2015 CommunityWINS award, each receiving \$50,000.

Russ Cross, Senior Vice President of Local Market Research for Wells Fargo, focused his remarks on helping customers with mortgage payment challenges, and properties which become vacant and abandoned.

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Mayors Share Best Practices on Securing Future Water Supplies, Using Partnerships to Upgrade Water Facilities

Napa Mayor Jill Techel chaired the Mayors Water Council Meeting in Indianapolis on June 24, 2016. The mayors discussed water supply in Oregon, public-private partnerships in New Jersey, and resiliency advice from Scott Haskins from CH2M.

Hillsboro Mayor Jerry Willey described the \$1 billion Willamette Water Supply Program, a multijurisdictional program to build a dam and acquire a water filtration plant to provide water for the next 75 years.

East Orange Mayor Lester Taylor described his efforts to increase investment to upgrade the 100 year old water system. The mayor was joined by Jonathan Carpenter of Veolia Water to describe a public private partnership (P3) that closed a \$4M shortfall on a \$23M budget in six months, and projected 15 to 20 percent savings over the next three years.



From left, Hillsboro Water Director Kevin Hanway, Hillsboro Mayor Jerry Willey, John Pensac of Mueller Water Products, Napa Mayor Jill Techel, Ted Kowalski of the Walton Family Foundation, National Association of Water Companies Executive Director Michael Deane, and Scott Haskins of CH2M.

Veterans Affairs Task Force: Improving Services to Vets

By Larry Jones

At the Veterans Affairs Task Force June 24 meeting, Sumter Mayor Joseph McElveen, told mayors that because of their commitment and service to our nation, it is important that veterans get all the assistance and benefits they are entitled to. Adequate and timely health care, housing, education and job training were just a few of the benefits mentioned.

Brian Hancock, Medical Center Director, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Indianapolis Medical Center, provided mayors an update on the VA's efforts to improve veteran access to health care; and discussed strategic partnerships with other federal agencies and various organizations that are being used to improve services to veterans. Jeff Chavennes, Military Program Manager at Wells Fargo, discussed a number of programs sponsored by Wells Fargo that are helping veterans and their families with housing renovation needs and property maintenance needs.



From left, Wells Fargo Military Program Manager Jeff Chavennes, Veterans Affairs Task Force Co-Chair Sumter Mayor Joseph McElveen, Veterans Administration Indianapolis Medical Center Director Brian Hancock, and North Wilkesboro Mayor Robert Johnson.

Orientation for New Mayors, First Time Attendees



Membership Chair Piscataway Mayor Brian C. Wahler, left, and USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran welcome newly elected mayors and first-time attendees to the 84th Annual Meeting.



More than 35 new mayors and first-time attendees gathered at the June 24 Orientation Session to learn about The U.S. Conference of Mayors from Membership Committee Chair Piscataway Brian C. Wahler and USCM CEO and Executive Director Tom Cochran.

Changing Demographics Among the Aging Population Topic Issue at Aging Task Force Meeting

Nancy LeaMond, Chief Advocacy Officer at AARP, discussed the changing demographics of today's aging population to also announce a new survey in partnership with Conference of Mayors to identify emerging policy and program innovations for the aging population. The city survey will look at trends and future planning efforts.

Fontana Mayor Aquanetta Warren spoke with the mayors regarding her Healthy Fontana program as it focused on empowering the older adult community to live a longer, healthier life.

Chirlane I. McCray, First Lady of New York City, talked with the mayors about a new initiative call "ThriveNYC: A Mental Health Roadmap for All New Yorkers, it's the City's \$850-million action plan to change the way New Yorkers think about mental health, including the health of older Americans, and the way government and its partners deliver services.



From left, AARP Chief Advocacy Officer Nancy LeaMond, Fontana Mayor Aquanetta Warren, Task Force Chair Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank Ortis, New York City First Lady Chirlane McCray, and Piscataway Mayor Brian C. Wahler.

Ending Veteran Homelessness Inspires a General Solution to all Homelessness

By Eugene T. Lowe

Mesa Mayor John Giles and New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, Co-Chairs of the newly formed task force on Ending Veteran Homelessness, moderated the meeting featuring two speakers: San Antonio Mayor Ivy C. Taylor, and the Executive Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, Matthew Doherty.

Mayor Taylor said that what is unique about ending veteran homelessness, and with the success that her city and other cities have had in accomplishing the goal, is that it provides "a point of inspiration and encouragement to the overall issue of homelessness in general."

Matthew Doherty said that ending veteran

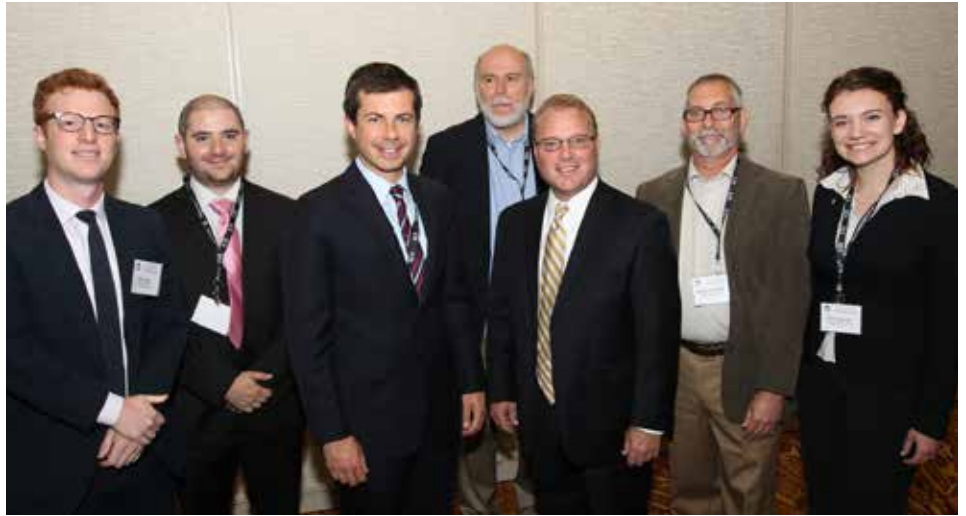
homelessness is really about driving your number down, having access to homeless veterans, and being able to respond to future needs because we know that veterans will continue to experience crisis. USICH has developed ten strategies for addressing the needs of homeless veterans (For the ten strategies, please see usmayors.org).

Universities' Mayors Get Briefing on MetroLab Network

By Tom McClimon

Mayors on the Mayors and Metro Universities Task Force engaged with various presenters on how the MetroLab Network can assist cities with universities.

MetroLab Network is a collaboration of 35 city-university partnerships across the country focused on incorporating data, analytics, and innovation into local government programs. Benjamin Levine, the Interim Director, gave an update on the progress of the Network and how cities can participate. South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, a Task Force Vice Chair whose city is a member of MetroLab Network, brought with him a number of city and university staff, as well as students from the University of Notre Dame. They offer ideas and give concrete examples of ways Notre Dame has partnered with the city on addressing issues of local residents.



From left, Metrolab Network Interim Director Benjamin Levine, South Bend Chief Innovation Officer Santiago Garces, South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Notre Dame Director of Engineering Leadership and Community Engagement Gary Gilot, Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell, Notre Dame Associate Dean Jay Brockman, and Notre Dame student Alica Czarnecki.

Getting Food on the 2016 Campaign Agenda



From left, DC Food Policy Director Laine Cidlowski, Baton Rouge Mayor Melvin "Kip" Holden, District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser, and Union of Concerned Scientists Manager of Campaigns Jenn Yates.

District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser, co-chair of USCM's Food Policy Task Force, opened the task force's session with a discussion of her food policy priorities and goals for the task force going forward. She noted in particular the issues of food access and local food procurement – she co-sponsored, along with Task Force co-chair and Madison Mayor Paul Soglin, a policy resolution calling on cities to institutionalize and standardize local and sustainable food procurement practices, and for federal support to aid in this effort. Bowser sees multiple public health and economic benefits to local food procurement, including local/small business growth and job creation.

Other speakers included Washington, DC Food Policy Council Director Laine Cidlowski, Union of Concerned Scientists staffer "Plate of the Union" campaign manager Jenn Yates, and Baton Rouge Mayor Melvin "Kip" Holden. Learn more about their presentations and work, and the work of the task force, at usmayors.org/food-policy.

Committee Seeks Economic Growth for Metro Areas

By Larry Jones

Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry welcomed a large gathering of mayors to the Metro Economies Committee's June 25 meeting, which focused on economic growth, jobs, and small and minority business development. The committee considered and adopted 15 resolutions and heard from three speakers.

E. F. Reedy, Director of Research and Policy at the Kauffman Foundation, discussed a recent report on the Kauffman Index on Growth Entrepreneurship, which presents trends in growth entrepreneurship in each state and the 40 largest metro areas. Annie Donovan, Director of the Community Development Financial Institution Fund at the U.S. Treasury Department, provided information on New Markets Tax Credits and other programs the Department is using to help promote economic growth. Alejandra Castillo, Director of the Minority Business Development Agency at the U.S. Department of Commerce, discussed the importance of minority businesses in our changing economy and the responsibility of mayors to support them in order for cities to succeed.



Metro Economies Standing Committee Chair Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry (center) with speakers: Minority Business Development Agency Director Alejandro Castillo and Kauffman Foundation Director of Research and Policy E. F. Reedy.

Adopted Resolutions:

- In Support of Military and Veterans Caregivers
- Supporting Statehood for Washington, D.C.
- In Support of Permanent Trade Adjustment Assistance
- Mayoral Support for Financial Education and Asset-Building Initiatives
- In Support of Tax Exemption for Municipal Bonds
- Honoring Congressman Rangel for a Life

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Environment Committee Focuses on Recycling and Western Water Issues



From left, Closed Loop Fund Co-founder and Managing Director Robert Kaplan, Environment Committee Chair Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton, Environment Committee Vice-Chair for Water Lima Mayor David Berger, Waste Management Senior Public Affairs Director Susan Robinson, and Walton Family Foundation Senior Program Officer Ted Kowalski.

Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton chaired the Environment Committee meeting on June 25 in Indianapolis. In addition to discussing and passing 12 resolutions, the meeting focused on water issues in the West and recycling issues.

One guest speaker was Robert Kaplan, Co-founder and Managing Director of the Closed Loop Fund, which is a \$100 million public-private partnership created to help expand recycling. The Fund provides zero interest loans to communities wishing to expand their recycling efforts. Also addressing recycling was Susan Robinson, Senior Public Affairs Director for Waste Management. Her presentation focused on how changing demographics can impact recycling including the fact that millennials use more "soft" packaging that is technically more environmentally-friendly as it relates to greenhouse gas emission reductions but not yet recyclable. Another new development is the fact that more cardboard is in homes due to the increase of at-home deliveries. Cities need to be aware of these changes and adapt their programs accordingly.

Also speaking was Ted Kowalski, Senior Program Officer for

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Housing Committee Adopts Policy Focused on Presidential Election

By Eugene T. Lowe

Housing and Community Development Committee Chair Newton Mayor Setti Warren encouraged mayors to actively promote a stronger national housing policy with candidates during the 2016 Presidential Election.

Harriet Tregoning, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, HUD Office of Community Development and Housing spoke about fair housing, Connect Home, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME.

Brad Blackwell, Executive Vice President of Wells Fargo Home Lending said that the nation's homeownership rate must be increased and the key to doing this is by increasing the homeownership rate of African-American and Latino households.

Dr. Christopher Herbert, Managing Director of the Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University presented the overall findings of the report, 2016 State of the Nation's Housing, which is an attempt to distill in one place a comprehensive look at the housing market.

Adopted Resolutions:

- Homelessness and Housing Crisis



From left, Joint Center for Housing Studies Managing Director Christopher Herbert, Housing and Community Development Committee Chair Newton Mayor Setti Warren, Wells Fargo Executive Vice President Brad Blackwell, and HUD Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Harriet Tregoning.

- Expanding and Improving Federal Support for Affordable Housing
- Housing Trust Fund
- Thank You Jay Williams
- Supporting Efforts to End Veterans Homelessness
- Supporting Direct Funding To Cities To Combat Poverty
- Supporting the Choice Neighborhood Program
- Recognition of the Accomplishments of HUD Secretary Julian Castro
- Supporting HUD's Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Grant Program
- Supporting HUD's Homeless Assistance Programs
- Supporting the HOME Investment Partnership Program
- Reaffirming Commitment of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
- Supporting the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- Thank You Shaun Donovan

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Time of Public Service

- In Support of Retirement Security for All Americans
- Support Puerto Rico
- Targeted Growth and Job Creation Incentives
- Infrastructure Repair
- Supporting the Adoption of Employers of National Service
- Critical U.S. Census Bureau Surveys
- Supporting National Paid Family Leave
- Supporting Participation in the Annual National City Council Meeting
- Support for Smart, Sustainable and Resilient Critical Human Infrastructure

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GUIDELINES: Cities can apply for the funding online only at usmayors.org/childhoodobesity

ELIGIBILITY: Member cities of The United States Conference of Mayors are eligible to apply

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TAPES Committee Focuses on Tourism, Arts and Politics, and Minor League Baseball

By Tom McClimon

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, Chair of the Tourism, Arts, Parks, Entertainment and Sports Committee presided over the meeting which passed a number of resolutions and heard from a number of speakers. Mike Konzen, Chairman of PGAV Destinations, discussed with the mayors the types of information and services tourists look for when visiting a city. Nina Ozlu Tunceli, Chief Counsel of Government and Public Affairs, Americans for the Arts presented information on how the Democratic and Republican parties support the arts. Pat O'Conner, President & Chief Executive Officer, Minor League Baseball talked on ways cities and their minor league teams can work together as well as the challenges facing minor league clubs.



From left, PGAV Destinations Chair Mike Konzen, Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank Ortis, TAPES Committee Chair New Orleans Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu, Americans for the Arts Chief Counsel Nina Ozlu Tunceli, and Minor League Baseball President & CEO Pat O'Conner.

Adopted Resolutions:

- Urging the Ban of Smokeless Tobacco and Other Tobacco Products in All Professional Sporting and Entertainment Venues
- Bringing World Expos Back to the United States
- Arts as a Strategy for Education Reform
- National Arts and Humanities Month
- Arts and the 2016 Presidential Election
- Arts Funding for FY 2017 Federal Appropriations
- Supporting America's Creative Economy
- Through the C.R.E.A.T.E. Act
- Cultural Equity and the Full Creative Life for All
- The 2015 Local Arts Agencies Census
- In Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of The National Historic Preservation Act
- White House Summit on the Arts
- The American Architectural Foundation Support of the Mayors Institute on City Design
- Funding Arts and Healing Therapy Across the Military Continuum
- Support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund: Reviving an Urban Parks and Recreation Partnership
- Addressing Illegal Sports Betting Through Regulation
- Support for the National Park System
- Support Los Angeles Hosting the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games

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the Colorado River at the Walton Family Foundation. Kowalski spoke about the Foundation's efforts on the Colorado River which focused on conservation, tourism, and water availability.

The environment committee passed the following resolutions:

- In support of municipal partnership to reduce food waste by 50% by 2030 through the adoption of priority actions to reduce food waste
- Supporting Access to Better Citywide-Level Greenhouse Emissions Data
- In Support of Climate Action
- Supporting the Reinstatement of the Superfund Tax
- Supporting Integrated Planning and Affordability Measures in Bi-partisan Water Resources Development Act of 2016
- Urging Congress to Support Water Resources and Infrastructure by: Passing the Water Resources and Development Act; Providing Full Implementation Funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA); and Maintaining Funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- Encouraging Expanded Use of Green Infrastructure and Healthy Turf Surfaces to Protect Water Resources and Water Quality, Enhance Human Health and the Environment, and to Aid Cities in Fighting Blight
- Reducing Urban Heat and Protecting Human Health with Green Space
- In Support of the Flood Protection Provisions of S. 2848, the Water Resources Development Act of 2016
- In Support of the National Drought Resilience Partnership
- In Support of a Long Term, Triple-Bottom-Line Approach to Sustainable Material Management
- Resolution in Support of Preparation for and Adapting to Uncertainties around Sea Level Rise
- Investing and Rebuilding the Nation's Infrastructure
- In Support of Smart, Sustainable and Resilient Critical Human Infrastructure

Opioids, Zika, Child Poverty are Among Topics at Children, Health and Human Services Committee



From left, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Intergovernmental/External Affairs Director Emily Barson, Focus First President Bruce Lesley, Children, Health & Human Services Standing Committee Chair Green Bay Mayor James J. Schmitt, and White House Intergovernmental Affairs Director Jerry Abramson.

At the Children, Health & Human Services standing committee meeting in Indianapolis, White House Intergovernmental Affairs Director Jerry Abramson outlined the Obama Administration's Zika response plan and called on Mayors to lobby Congress to fully fund their \$1.9 billion budget request.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services official Emily Barson summarized the Administration's approach to fighting opioid abuse, which kills more people each year than car crashes do. The plan includes helping doctors learn how to prescribe opioids appropriately, expanding access to medication-assisted substance abuse treatments, and increasing use of the life-saving opioid overdose reversal drug naloxone.

Finally, Focus First President Bruce Lesley highlighted the American public's support for eradicating child poverty – more than 80 percent of the American public support

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Fuel Cells, Efficient Housing, Energy Data Top Energy Committee Agenda

By Debra DeHaney-Howard

The Energy Committee, chaired by New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell, met on June 24 at the Conference's Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. In addition to voting on resolutions, the meeting featured presentations focused on fuel cells, efficient homes, and energy data collection.



From left, World Resources Institute U.S. Climate Director Sam Adams, Gresham Mayor Shane Bemis, USCM Energy Chair New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell, Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association President Morry Markowitz, and Enhabit CEO Tim Miller.



From left, Carmel Mayor James Brainard, USCM Staffer Debra DeHaney-Howard, USCM Energy Chair New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell, Parliamentarian Todd Wynn, and Gresham Mayor Shane Bemis.

Mitchell reported out eight resolutions that were adopted by the Conference June 27 during the Business Session. Among them was one new resolution calling on the Congress to invest and rebuild the nation's infrastructure.

Morry Markowitz, President, Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association, told

participants the fuel cell/hydrogen energy industry has grown, noting that more than 100,000 fuel cell systems are in operation generating clean power with zero emissions.

Tim Miller, CEO, Enhabit provided an overview

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Autonomous Vehicles, New Communications Solutions Top Transportation and Communications Agenda

By Kevin McCarty

Columbia Mayor Stephen Benjamin presided over the June 25 meeting of the Transportation and Communications Standing Committee where mayors approved a dozen new policy resolutions.

Committee members considered and acted on policies addressing autonomous vehicles, complete street design, drones, FCC's Lifeline Program, and FAA renewal legislation, among other issues. Beverly Hills Mayor John Mirisch briefed mayors on his city's work on autonomous vehicles.

In his remarks to the panel, CostQuest Associates President Jim Stegeman discussed his company's broadband deployment assessment work, specifically how it is helping the City and County of San Francisco understand how ubiquitous FTTH deployment scenarios might play-out financially, geographically and demographically.

As President of CIVIQ Smartscapes, Erwin Rezelman discussed his firm's recent efforts as one of three LinkNYC partners working to connect New York City, with its device providing free 1GB Wi-Fi across all the five boroughs, as well as services and applications driving citizen engagement.

The new resolutions are:

- Support Autonomous Vehicle Technology in Municipal Transit



Columbia Mayor Stephen Benjamin presides over the Transportation and Communications Standing Committee.

- Lifeline Reform
- The FAST Act
- In Support of a Long-Term Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization and Maintenance of Local Authority
- Opposing Additional Preemption of Local Authority to Regulate Unmanned Aerial Systems
- Urging Congress to Support Freight Transportation and Infrastructure by Providing Full Funding for the FAST Act and Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects
- In Recognition of U.S. DOT
- Renewal of Pipeline Safety Act
- In Support of Increased Direct Transportation Funding to Cities
- Complete Street Design
- In Support of Guiding Principles for 21st Century Smart Cities
- Investing and Rebuilding the Nation's Infrastructure



Members of the Transportation and Communications Standing Committee work on new policy resolutions.

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of his organization stating its main focus is to make homes more efficient, healthy, and resilient – producing both measurable results for cities, and visible benefits for citizens.

Sam Adams, Director, U.S. Climate Initiative, World Resources Institute shared information about WRI's GHG data portal recently

developed to support cities in achieving their climate goals.

Adopted Resolutions:

- Moving America's Model Building Energy Code on a Path of Steady Efficiency Improvements Toward Net Zero
- Supporting Onshore and Offshore Wind Energy Production
- Urging a Federal Clean Energy Program

That Includes a Partnership With Cities

- Supporting Access to Better Citywide-Level Greenhouse Emissions Data
- In Support of Climate Action
- Renewal of Pipeline Safety Act
- Supporting Reauthorization/Full and Dedicated Funding of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants
- Investing and Rebuilding the Nation's Infrastructure

Criminal and Social Justice Committee Discusses LGBT Rights, Prisoner Reentry, Terrorism

By Laura DeKoven Waxman

"Charlotte has continued to be a welcoming community, open to all," Charlotte Mayor Jennifer Roberts told the Criminal and Social Justice Committee at its June 24 meeting, chaired by Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson. "We still need to stand up and oppose discrimination," she said, commenting that she's pleased Charlotte is one of the cities that has stood up." Roberts was referring to HB 2, the North Carolina law that preempted Charlotte's civil rights ordinance and has been estimated by the Williams Institute to cost the State nearly \$5 billion in canceled business expansion, job growth, events, and travel.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti addressed criminal justice reform, saying that while the state officially is in charge of criminal justice reform, "we can do reentry and have a convening power." He described "ban-the-box" efforts undertaken by both private employers and the City, and also talked about his efforts to get local colleges and universities to ban the box on admission forms.

In discussing terrorism, Boston Mayor Martin Walsh said that Boston was recognized for its quick action, preparation, and protocols, when the Marathon bombing occurred in 2013. He indicated that the City is constantly updating its policies and has integrated emergency preparedness into every aspect of public service.

FirstNet President TJ Kennedy told the mayors that FirstNet's mission is to develop a conduit for everyone in public safety to talk to each other, and that network deployment will begin late next year.

Following are the 20 criminal and social justice resolutions which were adopted at the June 27 business session:

- The Cops Program
- Reducing Unnecessary Use of Force and Increasing Officer Safety
- Supporting Executive Action on Gun Violence Reduction
- Resolution Recognizing Violence as a



Charlotte Mayor Jennifer Roberts addressing Criminal and Social Justice Committee, with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti on left and parliamentarian Tim Winn, Committee Chair Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson and Conference Public Safety Director Laura DeKoven Waxman on right.

Public Health Issue

- Homeland Security Funding
- Urging The Passage of the Bipartisan Campus Accountability and Safety Act that Ensures Colleges And Universities Protect their Students from Sexual Assaults
- Improving the Intersections between the Mental Health and Criminal Justice Systems
- Supporting Mental Health as a Key Component for Successful Reentry and Reducing Recidivism as Part of Comprehensive Criminal Justice Reform
- Supporting Investments in Underserved Communities with Savings from Sentencing Reform
- In Support of the Fair Chance Act
- In Support of Fair Chance Employment
- Mayors United Against Discrimination
- Urging the Passage of the Restore Honor to Service Members Act that Ensures all LGBT Veterans Have Opportunity to Affirm Their Honorable Service
- Support for Muslim Communities, Fair and Humanitarian Policy for Refugee Resettlement, and Affirming the Religious

Pluralism of The United States

- Supporting Comprehensive Immigration Reform
- EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program
- In Support of the Eb-5 Immigrant Investor Program
- Resolution Supporting Statehood for Washington, DC
- One Hundred Billion Acts of Kindness for America
- Acting on the Lessons of Orlando
- In Support of At-Risk Youth Medicaid Protection



Membership Committee Hears from Newly Elected Mayors on Local Priorities

With over 35 newly elected and first-time attendee mayors at the U.S. Conference of Mayors 84th Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, Membership Chair Piscataway Mayor Brian C. Wahler led a round-table discussion where newly elected mayors discussed their local priorities.

A lively discussion on best practices included efforts to improve employment opportunities for residents across the many varied cities represented: from bringing in better-paying jobs in Anderson, to providing job retraining opportunities for residents of Hempstead, addressing affordable housing in West Hollywood, to developing new green initiatives and incentives in Spring-



From left, Champaign Mayor Deborah Frank Feinen, Decatur Mayor Julie Moore-Wolfe, West Hollywood Mayor Lauren Meister, and Sumter Mayor Joseph McElveen.



From left, Mesquite Mayor Stan Pickett, Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough, Goshen Mayor Jeremy Stutsman, Membership Chair Piscataway Mayor Brian C. Wahler, Port St. Lucie Mayor Gregory Oravec, Holland Mayor Nancy DeBoer, Anderson Mayor Thomas Broderick, Waterloo Mayor Quentin Hart, Champaign Mayor Deborah Frank Feinen, and Decatur Mayor Julie Moore-Wolfe.

field. Attendees highlighted their response to challenges with aging communities – in both residents and infrastructure. Mayors also discussed concerns with the heroin epidemic, the need for downtown development, brownfields and vacant properties, and the desire to reinvent our cities to compete and be successful in a global economy.

Wahler concluded the meeting by highlighting the benefits of membership, including the complimentary registration program, saying, “I hope all first-time attendees here took advantage of their complimentary registration – a benefit we implemented five years ago so all new mayors have the opportunity to see firsthand the benefits of membership.”

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cutting the child poverty rate in half, 68 percent “very strongly” – and asked Mayors to support a campaign to establish a national child poverty reduction target.

Seventeen resolutions were forwarded out of committee and adopted by USCM during the Monday, June 27 business session:

- Eliminate the Time Limit Provision for Able Bodied Adults without Dependents Within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
- Prescription Drug Advertisers to Share in the Funding of Addiction Treatment Programs;
- Support Federal Funding to Combat Zika;
- Support Congressional Action on Mental Health Policy;
- Call On Congress to Advance Opioid Legislation;
- Let’s Move! and the Healthy Food Financing Initiative;
- Resolution to Combat the Opioid Epidemic;
- Endorsing Age-Friendly Community Policies;
- Support Teen Cancer America;
- In Support of Municipal Partnership to Reduce Food Waste by 50% by 2030;
- Call on Congress to Pass Legislation That Combats the Opioid Epidemic;
- Supporting Expanded Access to Treatment Medication for Individuals Addicted to Opioids;
- Urging Good Procurement Practices in the Regional Context for Cities;
- Urging the Ban of Smokeless Tobacco and Other Tobacco Products in All Professional Sporting and Entertainment Venues;
- Improving the Intersections between the Mental Health and Criminal Justice Systems;
- Recognizing Violence as a Public Health Issue; and
- In Support of the Nation’s Military and Veteran Caregivers.



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Membership Standing Committee Chair Piscataway Mayor Brian C. Wahler and host Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett welcome Indiana mayors at the Indiana Mayors Reception sponsored by USCM Platinum Partner Philips Lighting and USCM Platinum Partner USA Funds during the 84th Annual Meeting.

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