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USCM CEO Tom Cochran Announces Partnership with Global Parliament of Mayors Four Key Partners Meet In London To Discuss Global Metro-Urban Challenges and Opportunities

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Washington, D.C. – This March 2nd the CEO and Executive Director of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Tom Cochran, will convene with three other key partners to announce the first inaugural meeting of The Global Parliament of Mayors, which will bring together mayors from around the world and will be held on October 23 and 24.

Harvey Goldsmith, CBE, will host the new partners Mr. Tom Cochran, Mayor of Bristol George Ferguson, and the Global Parliament of Mayors' founder, Dr. Benjamin Barber, in London.

Tom Cochran and the mayors seek to lead GPM in a proactive manner by confronting urban issues head-on and providing achievable solutions. Over 100 mayors are to meet over a two-day gathering in October to create a governance platform. The first meeting's agenda will focus on managing climate change and the future of urban economies.

USCM's Tom Cochran demonstrates the mayors' drive to make change for the world's cities:

"On behalf of The United States Conference of Mayors, as CEO and Executive Director, I am pleased to be in London to join with Dr. Ben Barber and other partners to establish and strengthen the Global Parliament of Mayors, which will hold its first sessions in London and Bristol on October 23 and 24.

"The United States Conference of Mayors, founded in 1932 and located in Washington, DC, is the preeminent non-partisan mayors organization in the United States. At our January Winter Meeting in Washington, we announced our strong support for this groundbreaking effort.

"The United States Conference of Mayors is proud to have relationships with mayors on every continent. The Global Parliament of Mayors will finally create the needed place for mayors of the world to learn, share, and make significant progress on the metro-urban challenges of our globe.

"This is the Century of Cities and we will take up an action agenda that goes beyond just talking about the issues. If national governments cannot agree on the challenges we face, we remind all that through this GPM collaboration, we will go forward, as mayors do every day, to meet these challenges for our people and for cities around the world."

Early plans for the sessions include:

Friday October 23rd, London: the first sitting in of the inaugural Global Parliament of Mayors, in conjunction with Tomorrow's Cities - The Future is Now

Saturday October 24th, Bristol: the second sitting in Bristol, in collaboration with Mayor George Ferguson and Bristol, European Green Capital 2015

WHAT: USCM announces Inaugural Global Parliament of Mayors October 2015:
Tom Cochran, USCM CEO and Executive Director
Dr. Benjamin Barber, Founder The Global Parliament of Mayors
George Ferguson, Mayor of Bristol
Harvey Goldsmith, CBE

WHEN: Monday, March 2nd at 10:00am (London)

WHERE: The Auditorium | The Willis Building, 51 Lime Street, London, UK EC3M 7DQ

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The U.S. Conference of Mayors, founded in 1932 and located in Washington, DC, is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are nearly 1400 such cities in the country today, and each city is represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the mayor. Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/usmayors, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/usmayors.