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## FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA TO DELIVER REMARKS TO MAYORS

*NEARLY 300 MAYORS TO BE IN D.C. FOR THE 84<sup>th</sup> WINTER MEETING OF  
THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS*

**OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE | Wednesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> | 11:15 am**

Washington, D.C. – On the heels of President Obama's State of the Union Address (SOTU) and under the leadership of USCM Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, nearly 300 of the nation's mayors will convene in Washington, D.C. at the Capital Hilton Hotel to engage with Administration officials, Congressional leaders business leaders to ensure the health and economic recovery of America's cities. **First Lady Michelle Obama will deliver remarks to the mayors on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at the top of the Plenary Session.**

The nation's mayors will also hold a press conference to unveil their urban agenda – [The 2016 Compact for a Better America: A Call to Action](#) -- which calls on the Presidential candidates and Congress to INVEST in and PROTECT America's cities and metro areas.

With more than 85% of people in the United States living in our nation's cities and metro areas, mayors clearly understand how urban issues impact everyday Americans and are calling on candidates to focus on these issues. Mayors are convinced that despite their geographic location, cities large and small across over the country are plagued by the same challenges including crumbling infrastructure, community/police relations, job creation, education, affordable housing, immigration and trade.

Highlights of the three-day session include:

Wednesday, Jan 20: Plenary Session Panel on Reducing Violence and Strengthening Police/Community Trust feat. Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, NUL President & CEO Marc Morial and St. Louis Police Chief Colonel Dotson; U.S. Senator Inhofe (OK); U.S. Senator Ed Markey (MA); U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp (ND); Criminal and Social Justice Committee w/ DOJ COPS Office Director Ron Davis; U.S. Trade Rep. Michael Froman; Mayors Water Council; Veterans Affairs Task Force; Release of Boston University Survey of Mayors' Policy Priorities; Cal Ripken, Jr. re Play Ball Program Annmmt; Release of Mayoral Survey on New Energy Technologies; Acting Education Secretary John King; Mayors and Police Chiefs Task Force re responding to the mentally ill; Substance Abuse Task Force feat Boston Mayor Martin Walsh; Mayors & Metro Univ. Task Force re. Dealing with Campus Unrest & Violence feat. Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer

Thursday, Jan 21: First Lady Michelle Obama's Remarks to Mayors; Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti; Kansas City Mayor Sly James to receive Business Leadership Award; U.S. Senator James Inhofe (OK); Labor Secretary Thomas Perez; HUD Secretary Julian Castro; Acting Commerce Secretary Jay Williams; Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, Amtrak President & CEO Joseph Boardman; 2020 Census Task Force; U.S. Manufacturing Innovation Fund Awardees Announced; Childhood Obesity Prevention Awardees Announced; Special Session on youth unemployment & tech education; President Barack Obama to Deliver Remarks to Mayors at White House

Friday, January 22: Leadership in the Arts Awards feat R&B, Jazz Recording Artist Ledisi; Update on Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture; Food Policy Task Force feat DC Mayor Bowser; Immigration Task Force re refugee resettlement; Ports and Exports Task Force re The Trans Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement; Energy & Climate Protection Task force; My Brother's Keeper Task Force; Special Recognition of retiring Charleston Mayor Joe Riley; Dollarwise Financial Literacy Awards

Press Guidance:

Press MUST register to attend the meeting at [http://usmayors.org/84thWinterMeeting/press\\_registration.asp](http://usmayors.org/84thWinterMeeting/press_registration.asp)

**On site-registration will also be available with the current press credentials at the Capitol Hilton – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in the New York Room.** All business/day sessions are OPEN to the press unless otherwise indicated (ALL EVENING EVENTS ARE CLOSED). A draft [AGENDA](#) and list of [PRE-REGISTERED MAYORS](#) are available at [www.usmayors.org](http://www.usmayors.org).

Press Guidance for First Lady's Remarks:

**Reporters wishing to cover First Lady Michelle Obama's remarks must RSVP to [etemple@usmayors.org](mailto:etemple@usmayors.org) with FIRST LADY in subject line.**

**Additional logistical details are forthcoming, but please see below:**

**Press Sweeps: 7:00 am for press with equipment**

**Final Access: 10:00 am for press without equipment**

**Throw: 90ft**

**Mult box provided**

**WHAT:** OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE of The 84<sup>th</sup> Winter Meeting of The U.S. Conference of Mayors:  
Baltimore, MD Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake, USCM President (D)  
Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, USCM Vice President (R)  
New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, USCM Second Vice President (D)  
Tom Cochran, USCM CEO and Executive Director  
+ U.S. Mayors from across the country

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am – 12:00pm

**WHERE:** 2nd Floor Foyer outside Presidential Ballroom | Capital Hilton | 1001 16th St, NW | Washington, D.C. | 202-393-1000

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