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U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS DELEGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST Austin, TX | March 11- March 13

Washington, D.C. – Under the leadership of U.S. Conference of Mayors President Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, a delegation of U.S. mayors from across the country will travel to Austin, TX to participate in South by Southwest, a unique festival featuring the convergence of original music, independent films, and emerging technologies. Fostering creative and professional growth alike, SXSW® is the premier destination for discovery and continues to be the launching pad for new creative content.

While in Austin, mayors will join industry leaders to serve as panelists in several interactive discussions focused on how data and technology can be used to solve local challenges and advance the quality-of-life for city and metropolitan area residents.

Mayors will also stress their 'metro' agenda – [The 2016 Mayors' Compact for a Better America: A Call to Action](#) -- that calls on the Presidential candidates and Congress to INVEST in and PROTECT America's cities and metro areas. Promoting technology and innovation in our cities is one of the key items on the Mayors' agenda.

WHO: Baltimore (MD) Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
Austin (TX) Mayor Steve Adler
Columbia (SC) Mayor Stephen Benjamin
Albuquerque (NM) Mayor Richard Berry
District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser
Tampa (FL) Mayor Bob Buckhorn
West Sacramento (CA) Mayor Christopher Cabaldon
Providence (RI) Mayor Jorge Elorza
Louisville (KY) Mayor Greg Fischer
Mesa (AZ) Mayor John Giles
Kansas City (MO) Mayor Sly James
Sacramento (CA) Mayor Kevin Johnson
San Jose (CA) Mayor Sam Liccardo
Atlanta (GA) Mayor Kasim Reed
Phoenix (AZ) Mayor Greg Stanton
Tacoma (WA) Mayor Marilyn Strickland
San Antonio (TX) Mayor Ivy Taylor

WHEN: Friday, March 11, 2016 to Sunday, March 13, 2016

WHERE: J.W. Marriott | 110 East 2nd Street | Austin, TX 78701 | 512-474-4777

NOTE: Mayors ARE available for interview while in Austin. Please contact David Burns at dburns@usmayors.org to arrange.

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