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U.S. MAYORS TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2009

Washington, D.C. – The nation's mayors have been invited by U.S. President Barack Obama and U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden to the White House for a meeting with The Conference of Mayors leadership on the morning of Friday, February 20, 2009. Led by U.S. Conference of Mayors President Miami Mayor Manny Diaz, over 60 mayors will also meet with Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, Energy Secretary Dr. Steven Chu, Education Secretary Arne Duncan and White House Senior Staff.

The mayors meeting with President Obama and Vice President Biden will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the East Room of the White House and will be OPEN to the press. The mayors will also hold a press availability at the White House at 11:30 a.m. immediately following the meeting (location is TBD).

Following the White House meeting, the mayors will gather at the Capitol Hilton in Washington, D.C. for a session with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson, U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Program Director Gil Sperling, and U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office Acting Director Tim Quinn. This meeting is CLOSED to the press.

The nation's mayors commend President Obama and Congress for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which is in line with the U.S. Conference of Mayors' priorities, and look forward to working with the Administration to implement this landmark legislation toward transforming our national economy for the 21st Century.

WHO (as of 2/18/09):

USCM PRESIDENT MANNY DIAZ, Miami FL
USCM VICE PRESIDENT GREG NICKELS, Seattle WA
USCM SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, ELIZABETH KAUTZ, Burnsville MN
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JAMES BRAINARD, Carmel IN
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JOY COOPER, Hallandale Beach FL
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ROBERT DUFFY, Rochester NY
JILL C DUSON, Portland ME
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SHIRLEY FRANKLIN, Atlanta GA
LOIS FRANKEL, West Palm Beach
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PHIL GORDON, Phoenix AZ
MUFU HANNEMANN, Honolulu HI
PATRICK HENRY HAYS, North Little Rock AR
DARWIN HINDMAN, Columbia MO
JAMES HOLLEY, Portsmouth VA
HEATHER HUDSON, Greenville MS
FRANK JACKSON, Cleveland OH
BRENDA LAWRENCE, Southfield MI
THOMAS LEPPERT, Dallas TX
MARK MALLORY, Cincinnati OH
DANNEL MALLOY, Stamford CT
PATRICK McCrory, Charlotte NC
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ARLENE MULDER, Arlington Heights IL
RAY NAGIN, New Orleans LA
GAVIN NEWSOM, San Francisco CA
DAVID POPE, Oak Park IL
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LUKE RAVENSTAHL, Pittsburgh PA
RAUL SALINAS, Laredo TX
JAMES SCHMITT, Green Bay WI
DAVID SMITH, Newark CA
JOHN ROBERT SMITH, Meridian MS
MARK STODOLA, Little Rock AR
KATHY TAYLOR, Tulsa OK
CHARLES TOMLINSON, Corvallis OR
ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA, Los Angeles CA
BRIAN WAHLER, Piscataway NJ
ELAINE WALKER, Bowling Green KY
JONATHAN WEINZAPFEL, Evansville IN
BILL WHITE, Houston TX
USCM CEO & Executive Director Tom Cochran

WHAT: Press Availability w/ The Nation's Mayors

WHEN: Friday, February 20, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. (Immediately After Meeting)

WHERE: Location is TBD
White House
Washington, D.C.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,139 such cities in the country today, each represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the Mayor.