



The United States Conference of Mayors

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President William Jefferson Clinton To Address the Nation's Mayors on Sunday, June 22nd

Hundreds of Mayors to Meet In Battleground Florida for Annual Gathering of The U.S. Conference of Mayors June 20 - 23 -- Miami InterContinental Hotel

Washington, D.C. – On the cusp of the general Presidential Campaign Season and in the battleground state of Florida, the nation's mayors will weigh in on domestic policy issues that impact urban America and metropolitan areas. Led by Conference President and Trenton, NJ Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, hundreds of mayors will gather in Miami from June 20-23rd for the 76th Annual Meeting of The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), to be hosted by Miami (FL) Mayor Manuel A. Diaz.

During their meeting, mayors will debate and vote on policy recommendations to forward to Congress and the new Presidential Administration. The economy, the foreclosure crisis, vacant and abandoned properties, global warming and climate protection, illegal guns and violent crime, the high school dropout rate and public education, ex-offender re-entry, and the 2010 Census are central items on the mayors' agenda.

With over 85% of people in the United States living in our nation's cities and metros, mayors clearly understand how urban issues impact everyday Americans and believe these issues have been mostly overlooked in the presidential campaign. Mayors know that despite their geographic location, cities large and small are plagued by the same challenges. They are calling on the presidential candidates, invited to the meeting, to address the mayors on the issues that most impact the lives of everyday Americans.

Confirmed speakers include: President Bill Clinton, Senator Barack Obama (IL), Senator Hillary Clinton (NY) (Invited), Senator Bill Nelson (FL), Congressional Urban Caucus Chair Congressman Chaka Fattah (PA), Congressman Danny Davis (IL), FL Governor Charlie Crist, PA Governor Edward Rendell, Toronto, Canada Mayor David Miller, FHA Commissioner Brian Montgomery, Mortgage Bankers Association Chairman Kieran Quinn, National Association of Realtors President Elect Charles McMillan, NeighborWorks America Director Marietta Rodriguez, White House Interagency Council on Homelessness Philip Mangano and Miami Dade County Schools Superintendent Rudy Crew.

An advance DRAFT agenda is located on the USCM website at www.usmayors.org. Media representatives will need to pre-register via the website OR in the Alhambra room at the InterContinental Hotel starting on Friday, June 20th to gain access with a valid photo I.D.

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.