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**Mayor Kevin Johnson Becomes Trustee of U.S. Conference of Mayors**  
*Johnson elected to board at annual meeting held in Baltimore*

SACRAMENTO, CA – During today’s weekly press conference at City Hall, Mayor Johnson discussed his recent appointment to the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) Board of Trustees, a recognition he received during the organization’s annual meeting held in Baltimore, MD from June 17-21.

“It’s a great honor to represent Sacramento as a Trustee for the US Conference of Mayors. The Conference plays a critical role in shaping the national dialogue on a range issues, including how we strengthen our economy, reform our public schools, protect our environment, and restore fiscal order to our public finances. I thank my colleagues at the Conference for selecting me for this esteemed position, and look forward to working with them to improve both Sacramento and cities across the nation,” Mayor Johnson said.

There are 13 Trustees of the USCM, who serve as leaders in the organization. Each Mayor who is a Trustee is also on the Executive Committee. They include:

Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, (Elizabeth, NJ), Mayor James Brainard, Carmel, IN, Mayor Michael B. Coleman, (Columbus, OH), Mayor Mick Cornett, (Oklahoma City, OK), Mayor T.M. Franklin Cownie, (Des Moines, IA), Mayor Bob Foster, (Long Beach, CA), Mayor Patrick Henry Hays, (North Little Rock, AR), Mayor Brenda L. Lawrence, (Southfield, MI), Mayor John R. Marks III, (Tallahassee, FL), Mayor Arlene J. Mulder, (Arlington Heights, IL), Mayor Stephanie C. Rawlings-Blake, (Baltimore, MD), Mayor David W. Smith, (Newark, CA), Mayor Ashley Swearengin, (Fresno, CA).

In 2010, Mayor Kevin Johnson was appointed to chair the task force on “*Mayoral Leadership in Public Schools*” by the USCM. The purpose of the task force is to convene a bi-partisan group of mayors from across the country to propose policy resolutions that can enhance public school education and discuss mayoral leadership in K – 12 education and the role mayors play in forwarding public schools systems.

Under Mayor Johnson’s leadership, the USCM passed a resolution at the annual meetings to reform the “Last In, First Out” (LIFO) hiring policy for teachers. They also passed a resolution to reauthorize The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which emphasizes equal access to education and establishes high standards and accountability.

The USCM is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,191 such cities in the country today. Each city is represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the mayor.

The primary roles of the USCM are to: Promote the development of effective national urban/suburban policy; Strengthen federal-city relationships; Ensure that federal policy meets urban needs; Provide mayors with leadership and management tools; and Create a forum in which mayors can share ideas and information.

Conference members speak with a united voice on organizational policies and goals. Mayors contribute to the development of national urban policy by serving on one or more of the Conference's standing committees. Conference policies and programs are developed and guided by an Executive Committee and Advisory Board, as well as the standing committees and task forces which are formed to meet changing needs.

During the Conference's Annual Meeting in June, standing committees recommend policy positions they believe should be adopted by the organization. At this time, every member attending the annual meeting is given the opportunity to discuss and then vote on each policy resolution.

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