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NEWLY-ELECTED MAYORS TO ATTEND HARVARD MAYORAL ISSUES CONFERENCE

Cambridge, MA – A diverse group of nearly twenty incoming mayors-elect, from large cities across the country, will gather at Harvard University's Institute of Politics this week for a three-day seminar on exercising leadership and promoting effective public policy.

The 16th biennial Seminar on Transition and Leadership for Newly-Elected Mayors, co-sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, will run from Wednesday, November 30 through Friday, December 2 at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. The newly-elected U.S. mayors will participate in a variety of sessions led by academics, practitioners, and current and former mayors. Focusing on training for new city leaders, topics include transitioning from the campaign to City Hall, leadership, crisis management, ethics, development of public and private partnerships, and intergovernmental affairs.

“We are honored to welcome new U.S. mayors to Harvard, to emphasize their important role in our nation's government and to assist them in being effective city leaders,” said Institute of Politics Director Jeanne Shaheen, former Governor of New Hampshire (1996-2002). “This conference, a tradition for more than 30 years, provides new mayors an opportunity to gain valuable insights and information to take on the practical challenges of urban governance.”

Participating newly-elected mayors include Ed Pawlowski of Allentown, PA; Ron Tussing of Billings, MT; James E. Harrington of Brockton, MA; Byron Brown of Buffalo, NY; Kay Halloran of Cedar Rapids, IA; Michael Bissonnette of Chicopee, MA; Ed Winborn of Davenport, IA; Jun Choi of Edison, NJ; Joseph Sinnott of Erie, PA; Harry Price of Fairfield, CA; Virg Bernero of Lansing, MI; Frank Guinta of Manchester, NH; Scott W. Lang of New Bedford, MA; Richard Moccia of Norwalk, CT; Clarence Phillips of Pontiac, MI; Bob Duffy of Rochester, NY; Chris Coleman of St. Paul, MN; Kim Driscoll of Salem, MA; and Jay Williams of Youngstown, OH.

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