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Agenda

Winter 2018 Policy Meeting

Friday, January 26 - Saturday, January 27

SEIU Conference Center, 1800 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

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| 12:00 – 1:00pm | Steering Committee Meeting (members only) |
| 1:00 – 2:00pm | Registration |
| 2:00pm | Welcome & Introductions
Joel Rogers, COWS
Mayor Rosalynn Bliss, Grand Rapids, MI |
| 2:15 – 3:45pm | Get the Job Done: Building Immigrant Friendly Cities
Our cities have long been a destination for immigrants, who bring economic, social and cultural benefits to our communities. There are numerous policy and program approaches cities can take to better welcome and integrate immigrants. This is especially important in light of hostile federal policy.
Rachel Peric, Welcoming America
Mayor Michael Brown, Grand Forks, ND
Mayor Catherine Pugh, Baltimore MD
Moderator: Mayor Miro Weinberger, Burlington, VT |
| 3:45 – 4:00pm | Break |
| 4:00 – 6:15pm | Building Equitable Bike Infrastructure: All ages, abilities, and backgrounds
Mitigating traffic congestion, freeing up parking, and reducing carbon emissions all make good cases for why cities are shifting their transportation planning efforts towards building better bicycle infrastructure. But for some municipalities, the development of bike infrastructure extends beyond these benefits to combat—and even reduce—economic, health, and safety disparities. How can local governments leverage bike infrastructure policies and strategies to promote equity in their communities for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds?
Kate Fillin-Yeh, NACTO
Mayor Kendall Lane and Tiffany Mannion, Keene, NH
Waffiyah Murray, Philadelphia, PA
Moderator: Mayor Suzanne Jones, Boulder, CO |
| 6:15 - 7:00pm | Innovation Showcase
Moderator: Mike Kasperzak, Former Mayor of Mountain View CA |

- 7:00 – 7:30pm **Reception**
- 7:30 – 9:00pm **Dinner and Keynote: Bruce Katz**
Brookings Institution Centennial Scholar and author of *The New Localism*

Saturday, January 27

- 7:30 – 8:30am **Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 10:30am **Expanding Access to Voting**
The ability of people to vote is paramount to a strong democracy. With voter suppression laws across the country reducing local election turnout, what can cities do to increase access to the ballot? Through increased enfranchisement, registration efforts, and election outreach, cities can expand voter turnout and increase life-long engagement in the democratic process.
Emma Greenman, Center for Popular Democracy
Mayor Kate Stewart, Takoma Park, MD
Rachel Rodriguez, Madison, WI
Jeff Narabrook, Minneapolis, MN
Moderator: Alisa O’Hanlon, Tacoma, WA
- 10:30 – 10:45am **Break**
- 10:45 – 12:45pm **Fostering Healthy Discourse in Your City**
Mayors expect to lead their community, but they can’t do it effectively without an engaged citizenry who believes that their voices matter. As our world – and thus our public spaces – become increasingly polarized, it’s becoming ever more difficult to create and maintain venues for productive and meaningful dialogue among citizens and between citizens and their elected officials. Effectively engaging your citizens at the right time and in the right ways can lead to better processes, better ideas, and better outcomes for all. We’ll hear from those making inroads on fostering inclusive and productive dialogue on difficult issues.
Selena Schmidt, Art of Democracy
Sally Stadelman, Pittsburgh, PA
Raquel Goodrich, National Institute for Civil Discourse
Mayor Levar Stoney, Richmond, VA
Moderator: Mayor Marjorie Sloan, Golden, CO
- 1:15 – 3:15 pm Steering Committee Meeting (members only)