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Draft Agenda

Winter 2019 Policy Meeting

Friday, January 25 - Saturday, January 26

Equality Center at the Human Rights Campaign, 1640 Rhode Island, NW, Washington, DC

Note that times & speakers are subject to change.

Friday, January 25

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| 11:30 – 1:00 pm | Steering Committee Meeting, <i>Members only</i> |
| 1:00 – 2:00pm | Registration |
| 2:00 – 2:15pm | Welcome & Introductions |
| 2:15 – 4:00pm | Valuing Women’s Health
With federal health care funds slashed, state politics unpredictable, and stark racial disparities prevalent in health outcomes, what can be done on the local level to ensure that women have access to quality health care? This panel will explore the role that cities can play in protecting and promoting women’s health.
Joneigh Khaldun, MD, MPH, City of Detroit, MI |
| 4:00 – 4:15pm | Break |
| 4:15 – 6:00pm | Climate Change & Transportation Emissions
As cities prepare for climate change, reducing the transit-related carbon footprint of a city can go a long way in reducing a municipality’s carbon output. While reducing gas vehicles through promoting electric vehicles is a key step, it is not sufficient.
Laura Jay, C40 Cities
Mayor Libby Schaaf, City of Oakland, CA |
| 6:00 – 6:15pm | Break |
| 6:15 – 7:00pm | Innovation Showcase |
| 7:00 – 7:30pm | Reception |
| 7:30 – 9:00pm | Dinner and Keynote
Michael Nutter, former Mayor, City of Philadelphia, PA |

Saturday, January 26

- 8:00 – 8:30am **Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 10:15am **Community Engagement: New Models, Old Rules or Old Models, New Rules?**
A healthy relationship between municipal government and residents is a critical component of a strong democracy. Many cities are starting to think outside of the box to encourage community engagement that is authentic and equitable. This panel will provide city leaders with good ideas to improve their community engagement, whether through the use of the latest technology or by simply innovating tried and true techniques.
Shari Davis, Participatory Budgeting Project
Jon Robinson, City of West Sacramento, CA
- 10:15 – 10:30am Break
- 10:30 – 12:15pm **Building a Strong, Diverse, and Resilient Local Business Community**
Small, local businesses are a crucial component of thriving cities, but many need support to survive in today's world of mega-companies and conglomerates, and when neighborhood change risks raising rents, sometimes resulting in displacement. This panel will examine how cities can reduce the regulatory burden for small businesses, increase access to business capital, strengthen local procurement policies, and provide educational opportunities to business owners and workers. We will also address how cities can support populations affected by historical disinvestment or intentional disadvantage to cultivate a thriving, unique local business community that benefits everyone.
Stacy Mitchell, Institute for Local Self-Reliance
Mayor Thomas Hoye Jr, City of Taunton, MA
Mayor Vi Lyles, City of Charlotte, NC
- 12:15 - 12:20 pm Closing Remarks & Adjourn
- 12:30 - 2:00pm **Optional:** Guided tour of [Evicted Exhibition](#), with Sarah Leavitt, Curator with the National Building Museum. A collaboration with Matthew Desmond, best-selling author of [Evicted](#), this exhibit offers an immersive experience into the world of low-income renter eviction.

Each year more than 2.3 million Americans, most of them low-income renters, face eviction. While it used to be rare, forcible removal has become ordinary, with families facing eviction from the most uninhabitable apartments. Ms. Leavitt will provide an introduction to the eviction crisis, background on the exhibition, and related implications for city leaders.

We are limited to 25 spots for this optional tour, which includes a light lunch and transportation to and from the National Building Museum, 401 F St NW
- 12:45 - 2:00pm Steering Committee Meeting, *Members only*