December 4 - 5: Mayor Rahm Emanuel to Host North American Climate Summit, Gathering Mayors from the United States, Canada and Mexico to Sign the Chicago Climate Charter

CHICAGO – On December 4-5, 2017, Mayor Emanuel will host the North American Climate Summit in concert with the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, bringing together municipal leaders from across the United States, Canada and Mexico to sign the Chicago Climate Charter, a first-of-its-kind international charter on climate change.

These cities are engaged and ready to take decisive action. By signing the Chicago Climate Charter, Mayors in the region are addressing climate action at the local level by committing to emissions reductions while expanding economic opportunity and quality of life. Many local leaders will also make aggressive individual commitments for their respective cities.

Together, Mayors in the region are creating a roadmap for climate leadership regardless of federal government inaction.

WHO
- Approximately fifty mayors from across the world and global climate leaders including:
  - Rahm Emanuel, Mayor of Chicago
  - Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris, Chair of C40 & Board Member, Global Covenant of Mayors
  - Christiana Figueres, Vice Chair of the Global Covenant of Mayors
  - Kasim Reed, Mayor of Atlanta & Board Member, Global Covenant of Mayors
  - Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver & Board Member, Global Covenant of Mayors
  - Steve Adler, Mayor of Austin
  - Miguel Ángel Mancera, Mayor of Mexico City

WHAT
The North American Climate Summit will bring together municipal leaders from the United States, Mexico and Canada to discuss opportunities, barriers and avenues to collaborate as cities move forward with aggressive climate action plans over the next two years.

Leaders will sign the Chicago Climate Charter on December 5, marking the way forward for municipal leaders to take climate action into their own hands in the face of federal inaction.
The 5th annual 2017 C40 Cities Bloomberg Philanthropies Awards luncheon will also take place on December 5. The awards ceremony will celebrate mayors and cities undertaking ambitious and innovative projects to tackle climate change. Given the increasingly important role cities must play in driving climate action in the United States, the C40 Cities Bloomberg Philanthropies Awards 2017 will have a special focus on the leadership of U.S. cities on the global stage.

Read the press release for more information on the 2017 North American Climate Summit.

WHEN
December 4 – 5, 2017

Agenda details can be found on the Summit website at www.northamericanclimatesummit.com.

WHERE
Sheraton Grand Chicago
301 E North Water Street
Chicago, IL 60611

Additional sites will be announced in the coming weeks.

CREDENTIAL INFORMATION
Members of the press can secure media credentials at: https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/LbB5PD. The Summit reserves the right to approve or deny credentials. Media credential applications should be completed as soon as possible and no later than November 29, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. CST. Your application is not considered complete until you receive a confirmation from the Summit team. A valid media credential will be required for entry on December 4 and 5. Interview requests can be routed through lauren.markowitz@cityofchicago.org.