



City of Beverly, Massachusetts

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### **Beverly Mayor Michael Cahill Joins New Climate Mayors Steering Committee to Guide Citywide Climate Action**

*Committee will serve to galvanize U.S. climate leadership at the local level among 400+ network members*

**DECEMBER 3, 2019** – Today, Mayor Michael Cahill announced his participation in the newly launched Climate Mayors Steering Committee, a group of over 20 mayors who will serve as a leading voice in efforts to further climate action across the U.S. making up the Climate Mayors coalition.

The Steering Committee will work alongside the Climate Mayors' Chair, Mayor Eric Garcetti, and Co-Chairs, Mayors Madeline Rogero, Sylvester Turner, and Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh to highlight the importance of city-led climate action in creating healthier, cleaner, and more equitable and sustainable cities. The Steering Committee will also work to catalyze membership and more deeply engage their regions, as well as showcase the impactful work of existing Climate Mayors and how cities are helping meet the scope and the scale of the impacts posed by climate change.

After the President announced his initial plans to withdraw from the landmark Paris Agreement in June 2017, more than 300 mayors joined the Climate Mayors coalition, pledging to uphold the goals of the Paris Agreement in their cities and reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions. The network has since grown to include 438 mayors, both Democrat and Republican, who represent cities ranging in size and region and show the overwhelming support for climate action among the majority of Americans.

Today's Steering Committee launch builds on the leadership of Climate Mayors across the country who continue to lead on building a healthier and stronger clean energy future, at the state and local level, regardless of the decisions made at the federal level.

Mayor Cahill commented, "As one city, we in Beverly need to do our part to reduce our carbon footprint. As partners with hundreds of other cities, we are determined to help stop global warming and keep this world safe for our children and grandchildren."

"Cities across our country and around the world see the impacts of climate change firsthand -- and we stand front and center in the fight to address this crisis with every tool at our disposal," **said Los**

**Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.** “No matter what happens on the national level, cities know we cannot afford any more debates or delays, so we will continue to act to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement, protect our most vulnerable residents, strengthen global health, and create a green economy that works for everyone.”

As a Climate Mayors member city, Beverly has committed to bold climate action and has followed through on it by:

- Acting to host well over 10 megawatts of clean renewable solar energy.
- Beginning to transition our municipal fleet with our first three electric vehicles.
- Building a near net zero energy police station powered by geothermal and solar energy.
- Writing both a new Master Plan and a Climate Action Plan to create a sustainable city by significantly decreasing our greenhouse gas emissions.

“The Climate Mayors network is more than four hundred strong, and counting,” **said James Ritchotte, Director of Climate Mayors.** “We’re excited to have these 24 mayors lead us in showcasing the important work of cities and maximizing the collective impact of Climate Mayors across the country who are fighting climate change in their communities.”

The following mayors are members of the Climate Mayors Steering Committee:

1. Steve Adler (Austin, TX)
2. Ethan Berkowitz (Anchorage, AK)
3. Jim Brainard (Carmel, IN)
4. Michael Cahill (Beverly, MA)
5. Kirk Caldwell (Honolulu, HI)
6. LaToya Cantrell (New Orleans, LA)
7. Melvin Carter (Saint Paul, MN)
8. Jane Castor (Tampa, FL)
9. Frank Cownie (Des Moines, IA)
10. Bill de Blasio (New York City)
11. Mike Duggan (Detroit, MI)
12. Buddy Dyer (Orlando, FL)
13. Kevin Faulconer (San Diego, CA)
14. Greg Fischer (Louisville, KY)
15. Kate Gallego (Phoenix, AZ)
16. Michael Hancock (Denver, CO)
17. James Hovland (Edina, MN)
18. Eric Johnson (Dallas, TX)
19. Lioneld Jordan (Fayetteville, AR)
20. Tim Keller (Albuquerque, NM)
21. Ron Nirenberg (San Antonio, TX)
22. Bill Peduto (Pittsburgh, PA)
23. Satya Rhodes-Conway (Madison, WI)
24. Lucy Vinis (Eugene, OR)

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**About Climate Mayors**

Climate Mayors, founded in 2014, is a diverse network of U.S. city leaders who have committed to fighting climate change. In response to the Trump administration's withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, the network's ranks swelled to more than 400 U.S. mayors from across the country who have committed to taking ambitious action to meet each of their cities' current climate goals, while working together towards achieving our national Paris targets. Climate Mayors is founded and Chaired by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, and Co-Chaired by Mayors Madeline Rogero (Knoxville), Sylvester Turner (Houston) and Martin J. Walsh (Boston). For more information, please visit [www.climatemayors.org](http://www.climatemayors.org).