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## MILLENNIAL MAYORS CONGRESS CONVENES JUNE 6 *New Regional Initiative Engages Young Leaders as Partners*

DETROIT – The Millennial Mayors Congress, a new partnership that pairs southeast Michigan city officials and young leaders to tackle regional challenges, convenes for its inaugural meeting on June 6, 2009.

“The Millennial Mayors Congress engages established and emerging civic leaders as partners in developing solutions that have long-term impacts on our region,” said Sharon Carney, Project Director. “These leaders understand that their communities share a collective future, and they are ready to combine their ideas, experience and complementary skill sets to make that future brighter.”

Leaders representing more than twenty cities will take part in the full-day inauguration. Each participating city will send a two-person delegation to serve on the Millennial Mayors Congress: its mayor and an 18-35 year old resident. All representatives will work together over 12 months to develop shared goals addressing an issue of regional significance. Implementation will be pursued at the local level.

Morning activities of the inaugural meeting are open to the public. They including a keynote address by Memphian Eric Robertson; talkback sessions where participants can converse with representatives; and a multi-disciplinary panel about how the Millennial Mayors Congress could help “green” metro Detroit.

Following lunch, representatives will convene for a private discussion, where they will elect an executive committee and select their first-year focus issue, which they will decide by consensus.

Participating cities include Dearborn Heights, Eastpointe, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Grosse Pointe Woods, Hamtramck, Hazel Park, Highland Park, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Lincoln Park, Madison Heights, Melvindale, Mount Clemens, Pleasant Ridge, Roseville, Royal Oak Township, Southfield, Southgate, Sterling Heights, Wayne and Westland.

“We need to make metro Detroit a place where talent wants to be,” said Lincoln Park Mayor Frank Vaslo. “What better way to do that than engage the next generation of leaders as partners in creating the kinds of places and opportunities that will keep them here?”



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Registration for the Millennial Mayors Congress Inaugural Meeting is required and can be completed online at [www.millennialmayors.org](http://www.millennialmayors.org).

- WHAT:** Millennial Mayors Congress Inaugural Meeting
- WHY:** To launch a partnership of established and emerging civic leaders who will work together to make positive change in metro Detroit.
- WHO:** City officials, rising leaders and anyone interested in being part of the launch of a unique intergenerational partnership.
- WHEN:** Saturday, June 6, 2009. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Public Portion)
- WHERE:** Detroit Regional Chamber  
One Woodward Avenue, 19th Floor  
Detroit, MI 48226

The Millennial Mayors Congress Inaugural Meeting is preceded by a reception and the Michigan Suburbs Alliance Annual Meeting on Friday, June 5 in downtown Detroit. The Annual Meeting takes place 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. at One Kennedy Square, and the reception immediately follows at Hard Rock Café. See [www.millennialmayors.org](http://www.millennialmayors.org) for details and registration for all three events.

Event sponsors and project partners include Miller Canfield, Michigan First Credit Union, Giffels Webster Engineers, Fusion, Great Lakes Urban Exchange, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, People and Land, Leadership Next and One D.

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