

AGENDA

WINTER 2026 MEETING WASHINGTON, DC



All conference events are at LiUNA, 905 16th St. NW - 9th Floor

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

1:30 - 3pm	Check-in & Networking LiUNA, 905 16th St. NW - 9th Floor
1:30 - 2:30pm	Mayors Resource Fair Networking hour and resource fair designed to help mayors interact with the vast national network of associations and organizations that provide mayor-focused resources and support.
3 - 3:30pm	Welcome & Introductions Joel Rogers, Director · Mayors Innovation Project & High Road Strategy Center
3:30 - 4:15pm	Leading Under Pressure: Protecting Elected Officials - Katya Spear, Managing Director · Mayors Innovation Project - Shannon Hiller, Executive Director · Bridging Divides Initiative - Isabella Ulloa, Founder & CEO · Public Service Alliance
4:15 - 5:45pm	Leading Through Uncertainty: A Fiscal Playbook for a Thriving Community - Moderator: Joel Rogers, Director · Mayors Innovation Project - Shayne Kavanagh, Senior Manager of Research · Government Finance Officers Association - Matt Posner, Head of Public Finance · The Resiliency Company - Peter Donovan, Mayor · City of Mount Vernon, WA - Jacqueline Guild, Deputy City Manager · City of Annapolis, MD
5:45 - 6:30pm	Innovation Showcase The Innovation Showcase offers mayors the opportunity to present an innovative policy/program idea that they've successfully implemented in 3 minutes or less!
6:30 - 7:30pm	Reception & Networking
7:30 - 8:30pm	Keynote Dinner Dorian Warren, Co-President · Community Change and Community Change Action

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

8 - 9am	Breakfast & Networking
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9 - 10:30am	From Crisis to Community Asset: Building a Supportive Childcare Ecosystem for Families and Workers • Moderator: Sangeetha Rayapati, Mayor · City of Moline, IL • Diane Girouard, State Policy Analyst · Child Care Aware of America • Arunan Arulampalam, Mayor · City of Hartford, CT • Kelly Girtz, Mayor · Athens-Clarke County, GA
10:30 - 10:45am	Break
10:45 - 12:15pm	Building an Age Friendly City: The Imperative of Aging in Place • Moderator: Talisha Searcy, Mayor · City of Takoma Park, MD • Mike Watson, Director · AARP Livable Communities • Justin Bibb, Mayor · City of Cleveland, OH • Alyia Gaskins, Mayor · City of Alexandria, VA • Shelisa Howard-Martinez, Executive Director · Durham Aging Well
12:15 - 12:30pm	Closing Remarks
12:30pm	Adjourn & Lunch
12:45 - 1:30pm	Steering Committee Meeting For Steering Committee Members only

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