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Mayor Benjamin Elected to US Conference of Mayors Advisory Board

COLUMBIA, SC – Mayors from across the country gathering at the 79th Annual Meeting of The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) today called on Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin to serve in a major leadership role by electing him to the USCM Advisory Board.

“I am humbled and honored to be chosen by my fellow mayors to serve,” Mayor Benjamin said. “I look forward to using this incredible opportunity to share new ideas, build new initiatives, and position Columbia as a national model for leadership and innovation.”

Founded in 1932, the U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,210 such cities in the country today. Each city is represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the mayor.

The primary roles of The U.S. Conference of Mayors are to:

- Promote the development of effective national urban/suburban policy;
- Strengthen federal-city relationships;
- Ensure that federal policy meets urban needs;
- Provide mayors with leadership and management tools; and
- Create a forum in which mayors can share ideas and information.

In addition to Mayor Benjamin, Advisory Board members include:

- Mayor Ardell F. Brede (Rochester, MN)
- Mayor Christopher L. Cabaldon (West Sacramento, CA)
- Mayor Anthony R. Foxx (Charlotte, NC)
- Mayor William P. Kenoi (Hilo, HI)
- Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu (New Orleans, LA)
- Mayor Kim McMillan (Clarksville, TN)
- Mayor Kenneth D. Miyagishima (Las Cruces, NM)
- Mayor Pedro E. Segarra (Hartford, CT)
- Mayor Mark Stodola (Little Rock, AR)

For more information about the Advisory Board or the USCM, please visit their website at www.usmayors.org.