



# SUNDANCE SUMMIT

## A Mayors' Gathering on Climate Protection

### Mayors' Commitment to Action

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*Meaningful commitment to climate protection involves long-term leadership supported by shorter-term, measurable actions. The Sundance Summit provides mayors with a structure for effective leadership and the tools necessary to take action and measure greenhouse gas reductions. Upon conclusion of the Sundance Summit, ICLEI will work with mayors to facilitate implementation of their commitments and produce an annual progress report. The following list of actions will be a guide for the facilitated commitment session on Tuesday, July 12, 2005, beginning at 3:30 pm. ICLEI appreciates and wishes to acknowledge the contribution of the graduate students and Professor Richard Green of the Public Administration Program at the University of Utah for their support of the actions and commitments session.*

*\*\* For those mayors leaving early, please be sure to mark the boxes of the items listed on this document that you are willing to commit to and submit, with your signature, to Michelle Wyman, Executive Director of ICLEI USA, before departing.*

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#### **I. ESTABLISH LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO ACTION**

- Sponsor your city's joining ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection™ Campaign
- Sign the Urban Environmental Accords established at World Environment Day 2005
- Institutionalize climate protection in your community by integrating greenhouse gas emission reduction policies into general plans and economic development strategies
- Actively engage in state level climate protection efforts
- Prepare for carbon emissions trading by registering with carbon registries and signing up with trading mechanisms, such as the Chicago Carbon Exchange
- Sign on to the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement
  
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#### **II. ACHIEVE QUANTIFIABLE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTIONS IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

- Switch to LED traffic lights and compact fluorescents
- Implement/augment recycling programs
- Institute a "Green Fleets" program including alternative fuel and downsizing within municipal fleet

- ❑ Develop green building standards and/or incentives in local building ordinances
- ❑ Increase the renewable energy component of electricity portfolio through straight purchasing and negotiation of franchise agreement
- ❑ Implement a municipal green purchasing program
- ❑ Develop urban heat island mitigation strategies
- ❑ Engage businesses in your community to initiate greenhouse gas reduction programs to increase efficiency and improve their bottom line
- ❑ Expand public transit opportunities
- ❑ Expand urban forestry program
  
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**III. CREATE THE PUBLIC MANDATE FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION**

- ❑ Meet with editorial staff of local newspapers to discuss coverage of global warming and the city’s climate protection activities
- ❑ Produce op-ed pieces for the local news media
- ❑ Convene town hall meetings on climate protection
- ❑ Meet with local news station meteorologists to discuss inclusion of global warming information in weather reports
- ❑ Work with school district to develop a global warming curriculum
- ❑ Establish a public recognition program for top performing businesses, schools and community groups
  
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**IV. DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP BEYOND YOUR COMMUNITY**

- ❑ Present on global warming and your city’s climate protection activities to your regional government association
- ❑ Meet with your state and federal representatives to discuss climate protection options at the state and federal levels, and your city’s own commitments to climate protection
- ❑ Collaborate with business trade associations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- ❑ Support climate protection through your pension fund investments
  
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THANK YOU.