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**Mayor Quan Leads International Affairs Discussion
at US Conference of Mayors in Washington, DC**

Oakland, CA---Oakland Mayor Jean Quan joins mayors from 250 US cities at the 80th Winter meeting of the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) in Washington, DC. They will meet with Administration officials Wednesday, January 18 through Friday, January 20 to push for a bipartisan agenda that confronts the double-digit unemployment plaguing much of Main Street America and challenge Congress to act on job creation, transportation and public safety.

Mayor Quan, as chair of the International Affairs Committee, will lead her committee of almost 100 member mayors on Friday morning. The committee will focus on U.S. trade and investment, and its agenda includes the Administration's point person on U.S. trade -- U.S. Trade Representative, Ambassador Ron Kirk, member of the President's Cabinet.

Other key speakers at the conference include Presidential Senior Advisor David Plouffe, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster, Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson, and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, President of the Conference of Mayors.

The mayors represent cities of 30,000 population and higher, ranging from smaller cities to the largest cities in the country. At the meeting the mayors will express disappointment that Washington is not listening to the needs of the nation's Metro regions, which have thus far been absent from the presidential debates, and will call upon candidates to recognize their central importance to the national economy.

Highlighting the conference will be the release of an economic report with 2012 employment forecasts, an official address from USCM President Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa on The State of America's Cities, and a reception at the White House.

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