



Launch Event Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductory Remarks – at noon**
MarySue Barrett, President, Metropolitan Planning Council
Mayor Kevin Burns, City of Geneva, Environment Committee and Energy Subcommittee Chairman, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
2. **Perspectives of Regional Climate Leadership – 12:05 p.m.**
Mayor Lori Lightfoot, City of Chicago
Representative Bill Foster, U.S. 11th Congressional District
Eero Ailio, Advisor, Energy Transition and Local Governance, European Commission
Don Graves, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce
Richard W. Spinrad, Ph.D., Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Administrator
3. **Presentation of the Climate Action Plan – 12:30 p.m.**
Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
Ned Gardiner, Ph.D., Climate Program Officer (Contractor), NOAA
4. **Panel Discussion With Local Climate Leaders – 12:40 p.m.**
Alex Minnella, Senior Planner, Mayor's Office of Economic Development, City of Aurora
Kim Stone, Council Member, City of Highland Park
Representative Sean Casten, U.S. 6th Congressional District
Maya Dutta, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Waukegan

Moderator: **Mayor Kevin Burns**, City of Geneva, Environment Committee and Energy Subcommittee Chairman, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
Co-Moderator: **Edith Makra**, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
5. **Audience Q&A for Panelists – 1:08 p.m.**
6. **Closing and Next Steps – 1:25 p.m.**
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