



Mayor Whaley Joins City Leaders From Around the World in Third Class of Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative

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Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley is ready to explore the latest in leadership and management practices, as one of 40 mayors chosen for an intensive education program with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative.

As a member of the Initiative's 2019-2020 cohort, Mayor Whaley is part of a class of mayors participating in a program delivered by faculty from Harvard Business School and Harvard Kennedy School as well as world-class experts from Bloomberg Philanthropies' global network.

The yearlong program launched with a three-day convening for mayors in New York City beginning Sunday, July 14, 2019, which the mayor attended at no cost to the city. Each day of the convening, mayors attended classroom sessions focused on the latest management and leadership practices, using case studies and workshops developed at Harvard.

Collectively, Harvard University and Bloomberg Philanthropies aim to help mayors and their leadership teams manage the complexities of running a city, and to give these leaders opportunities to learn from one another. The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative will connect Mayor Whaley to some of the university's top educators, coaching from experts, a network of peers, and technical assistance. The program provides an opportunity to share practices and learn from fellow mayors about the promising ideas that are already helping to enhance the quality of life in cities around the world.

After the mayors convening, two senior-level city officials nominated by each

mayor will attend a convening in August and attend virtual classes throughout the year. From Dayton, City Manager Shelley Dickstein and Law Director Barbara Doseck will participate in the yearlong program, and help Mayor Whaley and the City Commission translate what they learn into organizational changes that improve life in Dayton.

"It's an honor to be a part of this year's class of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative," said Mayor Whaley. "I found the leadership training at this convening, as well as the opportunities to learn from my peers, incredibly valuable. I'm looking forward to collaborating with staff to begin to implement the best practices we've learned."

Michael R. Bloomberg, founder Bloomberg Philanthropies and three-term mayor of New York City, collaborated with Harvard University leadership to create the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative in 2016.

Mayor Whaley's participation in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, and that of her two senior leaders - including tuition, accommodation, meals, and airfare - is fully funded by the program thanks to Bloomberg Philanthropies.

The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative is a collaboration among Bloomberg Philanthropies, Harvard Business School, and Harvard Kennedy School. Its mission is to inspire and strengthen city leaders as well as equip them with the tools to lead high-performing, innovative cities.

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