



Mayor Mims joins Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative

Year-long program provides senior city leaders with world-class executive training

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Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr., is one of 40 mayors selected to participate in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative's intensive leadership and management program.

Mayor Mims joins an accomplished class of mayors who will attend in-person and virtual classes taught by faculty from Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Business School and featuring experts from across the Bloomberg Philanthropies network.

Participants have identified top policy priorities including equitable growth, jobs and economic development, and poverty reduction; affordable housing and homelessness; transportation and infrastructure; and climate, resiliency, and resource management. The mayors expect to grow in their capabilities to lead change and advance equity, innovate to tackle complex problems, build city-wide collaboration, and improve community engagement to inspire action and better serve residents.



Based on teaching cases developed at Harvard, sessions will focus on research-backed management and leadership practices and cover a range of topics from developing new policy and driving government performance to leading civic and resident engagement.

The in-person portion of the program begins Monday, July 18, 2022. Mayor Mims is attending at no cost to the City of Dayton.

"I'm glad to be joining this year's class of mayors to exchange best practices on how to approach the concerns we share," Mayor Mims said. "When it comes to dealing with priority issues for Dayton, such as workforce, housing, and investing in our neighborhoods, my team is invested in using data to diagnose problems, collaborating across sectors, and engaging our citizens to address these challenges in a way that makes the most sense for our community."

Members of the sixth class of mayors to participate in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative are:

Matt Tuerk (Allentown, Pennsylvania); Brian Kulpa (Amherst, New York); Andre Dickens

(Atlanta, Georgia); Rohey Malick Lowe (Banjul, The Gambia); Lacey Beaty (Beaverton, Oregon); Lauren McLean (Boise, Idaho); Michelle Wu (Boston, Massachusetts); Aftab Pureval (Cincinnati, Ohio); Justin Bibb (Cleveland, Ohio); Daniel Rickenmann (Columbia, South Carolina); Emma Sharif (Compton, California); Jeffrey J. Mims (Dayton, Ohio); Abdullah Hammoud (Dearborn, Michigan); Elaine O'Neal (Durham, North Carolina); Joe Schember (Erie, Pennsylvania); Susan Aitken (Glasgow, Scotland); Juhana Vartiainen (Helsinki, Finland); Tyrone Garner (Kansas City, Kansas); Pudence Rubingisa (Kigali, Rwanda); Chilando Chitangala (Lusaka, Zambia); Cavalier Johnson (Milwaukee, Wisconsin); Luis Donaldo Colosio Riojas (Monterrey, Mexico); Jon Mitchell (New Bedford, Massachusetts); Ed Gainey (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania); Malik Evans (Rochester, New York); Darrell Steinberg (Sacramento, California); Todd Gloria (San Diego, California); Benjamina Karić (Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina); Danela Arsovska (Skopje, North Macedonia); Oliver Coppard (South Yorkshire, United Kingdom); Caroline Simmons (Stamford, Connecticut); Kenneth Welch (St. Petersburg, Florida); Larry Klein (Sunnyvale, California); Wade Kapszukiewicz (Toledo, Ohio); Mike Padilla (Topeka, Kansas); Minna Arve (Turku, Finland); Anne McEnerny-Ogle (Vancouver, Washington); Quentin Hart (Waterloo, Iowa); Dan Norris (West of England, United Kingdom); and Tracy Brabin (West Yorkshire, United Kingdom).

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The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative—the flagship program of the Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University—is a collaboration between Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Business School, and Bloomberg Philanthropies to equip mayors and senior city officials to tackle complex challenges in their cities and improve the quality of life of their residents. Launched in 2017, the Initiative has worked with 428 mayors and 1400 senior city officials in 494 cities worldwide. The Initiative has also advanced research and developed new curriculum and teaching tools to help city leaders solve real-world problems. For more information, please visit the [Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative](#).

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