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To: THE MAYOR

From: Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director

Below please find the letter from Past President Donald L. Plusquellic, Mayor of Akron and Vice President of Mayors for Peace, and thirteen other mayors encouraging you to become a member of Mayors for Peace.

The letter provides information about the organization and the 176 U.S. mayors and their cities who are already members.

For further information, please contact Mayors for Peace directly. The Mayors for Peace North American Coordinator is Jackie Cabasso at (510) 306-0119, jackie@2020visioncampaign.org.

"When we tried to break the global deadlock in negotiations on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, who was by our side? The U.S. Conference of Mayors and Mayors for Peace.... I welcome the resolution you will adopt at this conference, in particular its reiteration of support for my five-point plan." – UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, addressing the 79th USCM Annual Meeting, June 19, 2011

Dear Fellow Mayor,

On August 6, the new Mayor of Hiroshima, Japan will deliver the annual Peace Day Declaration before the world's press. If you want your city to be counted among the 5,000 members of Mayors for Peace that will be announced on that historic day, we are asking you to register online before August 5.

Since 2004, Mayors for Peace members have been active in shaping USCM policy on eliminating the nuclear threat to cities, and our resolutions have inspired international action. The latest resolution, after receiving a live endorsement from UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in Baltimore, was unanimously adopted. [In that resolution](#) (p. 112), the USCM pledged to help Mayors for Peace reach the 5,000 members goal - the point at which the organization will represent over one billion people worldwide.

This year marks the 66th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. We learned much from our good friend Mayor Akiba who has retired, but we are impressed by the way Mayor Matsui has moved decisively into the Presidency of Mayors for Peace. The prospects for continuing cooperation between Mayor for Peace, which is now in 151 countries worldwide, and the USCM remain excellent.

Currently 176 US cities - large and small - are in Mayors for Peace. A random sampling includes Akron, Atlanta, Baltimore, Binghamton and Lake George, NY, Boulder and Denver, CO, Clinton, Des Moines, and Fairfield, IA, Detroit, Eugene, Hallandale Beach, North Miami, and Pembroke Pines, FL, Madison and Milwaukee, WI, Berkeley, Oakland, Richmond, San Francisco, San

Leandro and Santa Barbara, CA, Minneapolis and Rochester, MN, Seattle, Chicago and Urbana, IL, Wilmington, Boston and Worcester, MA, Houston, New Orleans, Santa Fe, Honolulu and Philadelphia.

By reaching the 200 mark in the United States, we will be doing our part to ensure that Mayor Matsui can announce on August 6th that the Mayors for Peace global network has indeed passed the 5,000 members/1 billion people mark. Please take a few minutes today to fill out the membership form and return it to the Hiroshima Secretariat. Since there are no financial implications, most mayors can submit it on their own authority; if you can arrange for your City Council to endorse it before August 5th, so much the better.

[You can find the simple Registration Form here.](#) You can find a complete list of member cities [here.](#) Extensive information about Mayors for Peace and its 2020 Vision Campaign to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons is at www.mayorsforpeace.org and www.2020visioncampaign.org. If you have additional questions or need assistance, please contact Mayors for Peace North American Coordinator, Jackie Cabasso, at (510) 306-0119; jackie@2020visioncampaign.org.

Many thanks for your timely response.

Sincerely,

Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic, Akron, Ohio

Vice-President, Mayors for Peace; Past President, U.S. Conference of Mayors

Mayor Jean Quan, Oakland, California

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