

# CITIES OF SERVICE

# DECLARATION OF SERVICE

**WHEREAS** Cities of Service brings together and supports mayors and city leaders to harness and focus the energies of our citizens to solve pressing public problems and build stronger communities;

**WHEREAS** cities, home to many of the world's most persistent challenges, are well-positioned to bring leadership, energy and innovation to tackle pressing public problems;

**WHEREAS** local government works better when it is open to the ideas and talents of citizens and engages them to help identify and solve public problems;

**WHEREAS** citizen contributions can take many forms, from defining and prioritizing problems to generating ideas and volunteering their time, creativity, and expertise;

**WHEREAS** citizens have deep expertise in their own lives and in what's best for their families and communities — and this expertise can be leveraged to deliver better services and solve public problems;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** we resolve to advance a coalition of mayors and city leaders from cities large and small to harness and focus the energies of our citizens. Cities of Service coalition members work together to increase authentic and robust opportunities for citizens to take action in our cities by:

- Developing comprehensive strategies focused on engaging citizens and established community partners to the areas of greatest local need to help create safer, healthier, thriving cities;
- Working with mayors and city leaders in other cities to spread best practices that accelerate citizen engagement, produce real and measurable results, and improve quality of life; and
- Calling on other mayors and city leaders to join this global movement to build stronger cities by changing the way local government and citizens work together.

Citizens are residents who actively participate in their community and who see themselves as integral partners in tackling emerging challenges and creating better places to live, work, and play.

MAYOR'S SIGNATURE

MAYOR'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

TODAY'S DATE

MAYOR'S OFFICE ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

MAYOR'S EMAIL ADDRESS

MAYOR'S TELEPHONE

STAFF CONTACT NAME

STAFF CONTACT TITLE

STAFF CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS

STAFF CONTACT TELEPHONE



## TO JOIN CITIES OF SERVICE

Please read and sign the Declaration of Service. Return the completed form to Cities of Service by email or fax: [info@citiesofservice.org](mailto:info@citiesofservice.org) / (888) 335-3886