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## The Caucus: **A Forum for Discussion. A Force for Change.**

Several years ago, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley recognized the need for a new spirit of cooperation between the Chicago area's municipalities. His vision was to unite Mayors from the six-county region in a common cause — to push beyond the boundaries of local interests in order to serve the greater interests of us all. In 1997, Mayor Daley invited Mayors from nine suburban municipal associations to talk about this vision. The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus was formed out of that discussion. Today, it is an active collaboration between Chicago and the suburban associations. It is a forum for independent thinking and discussion regarding important public policy issues. And, when there is consensus, it is also a powerful voice and force for change, creating programs and supporting legislation that improves our well-being and overall quality of life. Much has been accomplished to date. More will be done tomorrow, not just for a few, but for the 8 million people in 273 municipalities that the Caucus proudly serves.



### Message from Founding Chairman:

**Richard M. Daley**  
Mayor, City of Chicago

The 273 Mayors who make up the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus understand that Chicago and its surrounding municipalities have much in common. We know that the metropolitan areas that work together will be the ones that succeed in the global economy of the 21st Century.

Since the Caucus was founded in 1997, we've achieved notable successes in the areas of economic development, electrical service reliability, workforce development, affordable housing, infrastructure, the environment and emergency preparedness. In seeking new industries, we try to compete against other regions and other countries, not against each other. On many area-wide issues, we now speak with a unified voice in the legislative chambers in Springfield and Washington. We expect to achieve even more in the future — working through the Caucus toward the common vision of a better quality of life for all of us who live and work in the metropolitan Chicago region.



### Welcome from the Caucus' 2008-2009 Chair

**Jeffrey Sherwin**  
Mayor, City of Northlake

Welcome to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' website on behalf of the Chicago Region's 273 Mayors and Village Presidents!

The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus brings our region's leaders together to develop consensus and meet the many challenges and opportunities we face collectively as municipalities. By uniting regionally and working with the Illinois General Assembly, we are able to address topical issues and promote our constituencies' interests across the state and nationally.

Our committees and task forces meet regularly to craft policy and act on current needs and issues. Guided by Mayors, they provide information, technical assistance, programs, and support to communities across the region.

This website will provide you with information regarding our work, and we hope that you find it useful.

### The News Room

Last Updated: July 13, 2009

- Invent the Future phase of GO TO 2040 begins**  
 To coincide with the **Burnham Centennial**, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's GO TO 2040 campaign has entered an important new phase called **"Invent the Future."** Web tools developed by CMAP and MetroQuest (sponsored in part by The Chicago Community Trust) let you create your own future scenarios. CMAP is encouraging elected officials, public officials and residents to attend one of 50 "Invent the Future" GO TO 2040 **scenario workshops** that CMAP is holding with partners across the seven counties. Register **online**, by **email** or call 312-386-8814. Registration is requested, but not required. For more information, please contact Joey-Lin Silberhorn at 312-386-8814 or [jsilberhorn@cmapp.illinois.gov](mailto:jsilberhorn@cmapp.illinois.gov). And visit [www.goto2040.org](http://www.goto2040.org).
- Greenest Region Compact**  
 On July 9, 2007, member mayors attending the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus's business meeting unanimously approved a motion to recommend the region's nine Councils of Government and the City of Chicago approve adoption of the Caucus's Greenest Region Compact. The Compact is a voluntary initiative to improve the region's air, water and land, reduce greenhouse gases, minimize waste, and reduce energy consumption through a series of environmental actions. Three priority strategies have been identified: residential water conservation education and regulation, e-waste recycling, and CFL bulb distribution. It is our goal that all our municipalities join onto the Compact and implement the priority strategies as a first step. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Kate Agasie at (312) 201-4508.
- New Economic Development Workbook**  
 The Caucus and its partners have produced Retail 1-2-3.

a toolkit for local elected and appointed officials, citizen leaders, and the development community as they work to attract and retain businesses. For more information, please go to the [Economic Development](#) page.

- [Learn about Local Housing Best Practices!](#)  
The Caucus recently released Home Grown: Local Housing Strategies in Action, a compilation of housing-related best practices from the Chicago region. To download a copy, or for more information, please check out the [Housing](#) page.
- [Video Programming/Internet Protocol Service Tool Kit](#)  
Updated information on the Telecommunications Task Force, including a Video Programming and Internet Protocol Service [Tool Kit](#) is available to assist our member municipalities with potential changes in the cable television/video services industry.

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*Last Updated: June 25, 2009*

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[DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference](#)

[Illinois General Assembly](#)

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[South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association](#)

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Meeting Agendas

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Executive Board meeting  
Monday, December 2, 2002  
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