



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Governor Jared Polis to welcome attendees at Colorado Municipal League's 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference**

*U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper, Senator Barbara Kirkmeyer, R-Brighton and Senator Rachel Zenzinger, D-Arvada also among list of guests set to speak*

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**DENVER, Colo. – Friday June 23, 2023** – Gov. Jared Polis will welcome members from among CML's 270 member municipalities to the CML 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on Monday, June 26, 2023, at the Gaylord Rockies in Aurora. Polis will appear and deliver opening remarks at the conference's "100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon," sponsored by Xcel Energy, setting the stage for an afternoon of enlightenment and celebration.

The event, starting at noon, promises an inspiring keynote address by Clarence Anthony, chief executive officer and executive director of the National League of Cities, as well as the presentation of the 2023 Sam Mamet Good Governance Awards. These esteemed awards honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to their communities, embodying the spirit of dedication and innovation that defines the Colorado Municipal League.

As the luncheon draws to a close, distinguished guests, Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer, R-Brighton, and Sen. Rachel Zenzinger, D-Arvada, will share closing remarks, offering valuable perspectives on the importance of collaboration and civic engagement.

Former mayor, governor and current U.S. Sen. John Hickenlooper will lend his invaluable insights and experience as part of a panel of seasoned and emerging mayors at the highly anticipated "Meeting of the Minds" session on Tuesday, June 27 at noon. This discussion provides a unique opportunity to delve into the realities of leadership on the local level. The panel represents a diverse range of communities and perspectives, including Aurora Mayor Mike Coffman, Colorado Springs Mayor Yemi Mobolade, Golden Mayor Laura Weinberg and Cortez Mayor Rachel Medina. This forum, sponsored by

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Swire Coca-Cola, will foster meaningful dialogue on the challenges and opportunities that municipal leaders face in the ever-evolving landscape of local governance.

This year's conference holds particular significance as it coincides with the commemoration of the Colorado Municipal League's 100th anniversary. With a century of dedication to fostering strong, vibrant communities, CML looks forward to celebrating this milestone while reinforcing its commitment to serving municipalities throughout Colorado.

CML was established on April 26, 1923, when 35 delegates from 15 Colorado municipalities gathered on the campus of the University of Colorado at Macky Auditorium; eleven founding municipalities voted to form CML. Over the past century, the state's population has increased from about 940,000 to over 5.8 million, and CML's membership has grown from 11 founding cities and towns to 270 members.

CML's Annual Conference is widely recognized as the premier event for municipal officials across the state. Municipal leaders, as well as organizations partnering with municipalities, have the unique opportunity to network, exchange ideas, hear from experts about pressing municipal issues, and discuss shared concerns. Attendees consistently rave about the transformative experience gained from the conference, leaving them inspired to implement newfound knowledge upon returning to their communities.

**PLEASE NOTE:** These are exclusive events restricted to conference attendees and pre-registered guests only. Tickets are no longer available for sale. Members of the media interested in attending either event are required to RSVP by contacting Denise White, CML engagement and communications manager, at [dwhite@cml.org](mailto:dwhite@cml.org) no later than Sunday, June 25 at noon.

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