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Oklahoma Mayors Gather at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple For the 6th Annual Congress of Mayors

(January 19, 2016) Mayors, City Managers and City Council Members from across Oklahoma will meet at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple on January 22 to debate issues facing municipalities and craft a legislative agenda for the 2016 legislative session.

The Oklahoma Congress of Mayors is sponsored by the Mayors Council of Oklahoma (MCO) and the Oklahoma Municipal League (OML). Congress delegates will attend the one-day mock legislative session to discuss municipal issues, participate in the legislative process, and ratify resolutions that will be presented to the governor and legislative leaders.

Former State Rep. Joe Dorman who has been serving as parliamentarian since the Congress of Mayors began five years ago, has agreed to do so once again. "I am delighted to serve these municipalities in formulating their agenda for the upcoming legislative session," Dorman, said. "The Congress of Mayors is an important annual event that helps municipal officials and lawmakers work closely together to serve their constituents. I am honored to be a part of this annual event."

Guymon Mayor Kim Peterson said "It is my privilege as President of the Mayors Council of Oklahoma to invite you to attend and participate in this event. Mayors from across the state will converge on the first capital of Oklahoma for a day of discussion, networking and making new associations. In the upcoming legislative year cities and towns are going to experience a continued effort to weaken local control and sales tax issues are among the issues in the crosshairs for the next year. Join us to become informed, involved and to exercise the power of local government in the legislature."

Weatherford's Mayor and Oklahoma Municipal League's Board President Mike Brown said, "This is a great opportunity for Mayors from across the state to come together as 'one voice'! I encourage all Mayors and Vice Mayors to attend the Congress of Mayors and be a part of the process."

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