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CO-CHAIR AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Jim Hovland welcomed everyone to the November 9th, 2020 RCM meeting. He offered congratulations to all re-elected mayors. He also reported that Mayor Jeffrey Lunde won Hennepin County Commissioner District 1 and Mayor Mary Hamann-Roland won Dakota County Commissioner District 7.
- Caren Dewar thanked the RCM sponsors: Target, Comcast, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN, and Dorsey & Whitney.
- Dewar offered congratulations on successful reelection for the following Mayors: Mayor Jim Hovland, Edina; Mayor Elizabeth Kautz, Burnsville; Mayor Rhonda Pownell, Northfield; Mayor Janet Williams, Savage; Mayor Marylee Abrams, Maplewood; Mayor Jim Adams, Crystal; Mayor Kirt Briggs, Prior Lake; Mayor Kathi Hemken, New Hope; Mayor Joe Julius, Elko New Market; Mayor Julie Maas-Kusske, Maple Plain; Mayor Sandy Martin, Shoreview; Mayor Duane Poppe, Osseo; Mayor Lisa Whalen, Minnetrista; Mayor Mary Gaasch, Lauderdale.
- Dewar encouraged mayors to relay the value of the RCM to their mayoral colleagues and to invite them to an upcoming RCM meeting. At the December meeting, the RCM will be discussing priorities for 2021 to help guide agenda setting. Dewar encouraged Mayors to reach out with their ideas for topics and speakers.

Upcoming RCM Meetings:

- December 14th: Jack Uldrich, Futurist
- January 11, 2021: Joint meeting with RCM and ULI Minnesota leadership.
 - Peter Frosch with GREATER MSP
 - Itasca Project

ELECTION ANALYSIS – DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR DAVID SCHULTZ, HAMLINE UNIVERSITY

Mayor Doug Anderson welcomed Distinguished Professor David Schultz, Hamline University:

[LINK TO DAVID'S BIO](#)

David Schultz is a Hamline University Professor of Political Science who teaches across a wide range of American politics, including public policy and administration, campaigns and elections, and government ethics. Schultz is also a professor in the Hamline and University of Minnesota Schools of Law where he teaches election law. Schultz is the author of 30 books and 100+ articles on various aspects of American politics, election law, and the media and politic

Five Themes for this presentation:

1. **Division / a divided country**
2. **The election was predictable**
3. **The election is not quite over.**
4. **Legal options**
5. **Where do we go from here?**

1. Divided Country

Came in divided and came out divided
Clear regional patterns
Rural vs urban vs suburban

2. Predictable:

- December 2019 - *Presidential Swing States Second Edition* – election probably already over in 43 states.
 - Not much cross-party voting
 - Predicted in all but 7 states: AZ, FL, MI, MN, NC, PA, WI; maybe Ohio, maybe Georgia, maybe Nebraska

- COVID/Economy/George Floyd – changed everything, but also changed nothing.
 - Partisan Divide – no serious change
 - COVID was a surrogate issue.
 - It is natural for the election to be about the incumbent.
 - Changed landscape in one critical way – more early voting.
 - Record voting turn out.
 - Within each swing state – a small number of counties determined the outcome.
 - Well under 100,000 votes mattered.
 - Moved down to 3 or 4 states, and 1 – 2 counties: MI, WI, PA.

 - Georgia was a surprise,
 - Polling not as accurate as it was predicted to be. Difficulty getting accurate polling done – nobody answers their phones.

3. The election is not quite over.

- Sort of have a winner right now.
- It is not over till it's over.

Hard deadlines:

- December 8, 2020 – “Safe Harbor” Deadline. Date by which states resolve all controversies.
 - December 14, 2020 – Electors Vote in Their States
 - January 6, 2021 – Joint Session of Congress to Count Electoral Votes / Declare Election Results
 - January 20, 2021 at Noon – exiting president term expires, Presidential Inauguration
- [Link to these dates from Congress.gov](#)

4. Legal Options

- Litigation must be done by December 8th.
- Little chance of being able to overturn the outcome – would have to overturn 3 states GA, PA and one other state.
- The case: it is federal law – uniform day for federal elections: Absentee ballots – cast before, but counted after violating that provision; argue widespread voter fraud: not having access to counting
- Recounts – Wisconsin and Georgia

Last comment: Watch the 2022 and 2024 election cycle: Millennials, Gen Z – unaffiliated with a single party.

COMPASSIONATE LEADERSHIP, ACROSS DIFFERENGE

MAYOR GREG FISHER, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Mayor Elizabeth Kautz welcomed Mayor Greg Fisher, Louisville, Kentucky.

[LINK TO MAYOR FISHER'S BIO](#)

- About Mayor Greg Fisher: Committed to growing jobs and creating a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship, Greg Fisher was elected Louisville's 50th mayor in 2010 -- and was sworn in for a third four-year term on January 7, 2019.

Since taking office, Mayor Fischer has pursued three top goals: making Louisville a city of lifelong learning, a much healthier city and an even more compassionate community. These are the three pillars of his administration as President of the [US Conference of Mayors](#)

Won International Model City of Compassion Award: 4 times

US Conference of Mayors Agenda: value of compassion

- Human value is very critical
- Interdependence – we are all in this together.
- Mayor's Give a Week of Service
- [Compassionate Schools Project](#)
- Interfaith relations
- Aspirational vision and seeing how far we have come.
 - George Floyd and Breonna Taylor
 - Continue to experience protest
 - Suffered from institutional racism
 - Glad to see people coming together
 - Channel that protest into action
 - [Breonna's Law](#)
 - Police Reform
 - Integrate social workers into the police force: mental health, domestic abuse, substance abuse.
 - Working with business community to invest in historically under invested communities.
 - We are in the equity business.
 - National model – center for compassionate and equitable cities.
 - Making sure that compassion is action oriented.
 - **"Impossible is just a word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they've been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing." – Muhammad Ali**

Please feel free to reach out to Janice Cates for information about Mayor Fischer's Give A Day initiative:
502-574-8135 or Janice.cates@louisvilleky.gov

PROVIDED LINKS:

[Mayor's Give a Day / Week of Service 2020 Flyer](#) - pdf

[USCM Inclusive City – Mayor's Give a Day Week of Service](#) - pdf

[Mayor's Give a Day Memo](#) – pdf

[TEDx, compassion & data are transforming my city](#) – youtube video

[Stanford – The Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education](#) – webpage

[The Charter for Compassion](#) – youtube video

[The Charter for Compassion](#) – webpage video

OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION

- How do we engage younger people – connect with them.
- How do we patch the divide. Cities are largely non-partisan and we have a place for the disaffected.
- Service and connecting with people.
- Solve the problem from the bottom up.
- Compassionate Cities – a different way to describe the work. RCM/MMT – focus shift to compassion?
- Civility – proper level of discourse, proper level of respect... words matter.
- Mayor Maguire – we'll want to facilitate a conversation about goals. We've had priorities that remain stable from year to year. Big ideas and big hopes. As we look forward in goal setting – combination of tumultuous event – race and equity, civility and politics, pandemic – look to maybe being focused on goals more tied to the times we are in. If everything is a priority – nothing is a priority. What in this time is most needed?
- Mayor Pownell – love the focus on compassionate cities. She challenged the notion that we are deeply divided. Far more purple than red or blue. Look at what you have in common. We need additional analysis. Look at the positive. We as Mayors have a strategic role in how we talk about the election. We need to bring our communities together.
- Mayor Wiersum – Extremes drive change and the middle governs. Where are we failing our residents? Break our arms patting ourselves on our backs. 80-90% good rating. Ask the question where we are failing – help us be more compassionate. How we evaluate our performance.
- Mayor Willcox: too much - all about me. Their lens as the only lens. Focus on what is best for everybody in the community. Where do we want to go in aggregate as a community.

Chat room notes:

- From Courtney Johnson - Carver to Everyone: 01:10 PM
I love the idea of this group working on a compassionate cities model!
- From Mike Maguire to Everyone: 01:18 PM
I actually wonder if our communities are divided. within communities we are fairly homogenous. there is DIFFERENCE between different communities and too often we take that as division

ATTENDANCE

MAYORS

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| James Hovland | City of Edina (co-chair) |
| Doug Anderson | City of Lakeville (co-chair) |
| Rite Albrecht | City of Bemidji |
| Tracy Bertram | City of Becker |
| Kirt Briggs | City of Prior Lake |
| Anne Burt | City of Woodbury |
| Tim Busse | City of Bloomington |
| Melvin Carter | City of Saint Paul |
| Ron Case | City of Eden Prairie |
| Sean Dowse | City of Red Wing |
| Jacob Frey | City of Minneapolis |
| Mary Gaasch | City of Lauderdale |
| Jason Gadd | City of Hopkins |
| Shep Harris | City of Golden Valley |
| Kathi Hemken | City of New Hope |
| Courtney Johnson | City of Carver |
| Marvin Johnson | City of Independence |
| Elizabeth Kautz | City of Burnsville |
| John Keis | City of Little Canada |
| Mike Maguire | City of Eagan |
| Sandy Martin | City of Shoreview |
| Tim McNeil | City of Dayton |
| Julie Maas-Kusske | City of Maple Plain |
| Rhonda Pownell | City of Northfield |
| David Smiglewski | City of Granite Falls |
| Mark Steffenson | City of Maple Grove |
| Brad Wiersum | City of Minnetonka |
| Ken Willcox | City of Wayzata |
| Janet Williams | City of Savage |

GUESTS

Distinguished Professor David Schultz, Hamline University
Mayor Greg Fisher, Louisville, Kentucky

Janice Cates, City of Louisville, Office of Mayor Greg Fisher;
Al Cornish, Target; Molly Cummings, Metropolitan Council;
Katie Dailinger, City of Louisville, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of
Mayor Greg Fisher; Andrea Inouye, City of Minneapolis, Office of
Mayor Jacob Frey; Curt Johnson; Andrea Kajer, Comcast;
Alyssa Wetzels-Moore, Minnesota Housing; ThaoMee Xiong,
Office of Mayor Melvin Carter, City of Saint Paul;

ULI MINNESOTA

Stephanie Brown, Caren Dewar, Rachel Keenan, Cathy Bennett

NEXT MEETING

Monday, December 14th, 2020: Jack Uldrich, Futurist – Looking Forward!
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Zoom meeting, by invitation.