

PRESS RELEASE

City of Douglas Mayor Presenting at First North American Meeting of Mayors in June

DOUGLAS, AZ (May 29, 2019) —Mexico's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has taken the initiative to convene the first North American Meeting of Mayors and the City of Douglas will be represented. Among the objectives is to generate a dialogue between mayors of North America in an effort to strengthen the regional cooperation at the municipal level. Panel discussions will focus on resilient cities, tax collection for infrastructure financing, environment and climate change, sustainable tourism, innovation, and economic integration in sharing best practices and solutions to common problems in program implementation. It is anticipated that sharing such information will help to identify local benefits in dialogue among the parties to the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

Mayor Robert Uribe has been asked to participate on one of nearly a dozen panels or master sessions with other mayors and leaders in government from the three countries, along with academic experts, Mexican state-level secretaries of economic development and leaders in industry such as Google and LinkedIn. "I am privileged to represent the City of Douglas among this body of leaders to talk about the value of city-to-city cooperation and the challenges in the implementation of public policies that promote governance and resilience in cities," stated Mayor Uribe. "It is exciting and humbling to be part of such a diverse group of individuals bringing their experience, ideas and solutions into this conference. Remarks by President of Mexico, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and his counterparts from Canada and Mexico, as well a Nobel Prize Winner in Chemistry, an Olympic Medalist, an international chef and the President of the US Conference of Mayors are scheduled speakers."

Dates for the conference are June 6-8, 2019 in Los Cabos, Baja California Sur. Conference attendees will be guests of the Mexican government where all meals and lodging will be underwritten by the host government, a very generous gesture signifying the importance placed on this gathering when attendees are only paying for their transportation costs. For more information about the conference, contact Deputy City Clerk, Alma Andrade, 520-417-7302.

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