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Mayor Philip Levine to Moderate Climate Change Panel

– Followed By a Walking Tour with New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio on Resiliency Infrastructure Investments in Sunset Harbour –

Miami Beach, FL: As hundreds of Mayors from across the nation descend onto Miami Beach for the 85th Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors, the city will host a resiliency panel this Friday, June 23 at 12 p.m. at the Fontainebleau Hotel (Sparkle Room, Upper Lobby) on one the biggest challenges facing the future of our communities: climate change.

“Across the U.S. and the world, our changing climate is amplifying damage to personal property, destroying infrastructure, disrupting communities’ social fabric and interrupting economic activity,” said Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine. “As the sea level in South Florida is predicted to rise between two to three feet by the year 2060, Miami Beach has been at the forefront of climate change adaptation and mitigation.”

Following the panel conversation at 2:45 p.m., Mayor Levine will be giving New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio a walking tour of Miami Beach’s resiliency efforts in the Sunset Harbour neighborhood. Media is invited to attend. The tour will start from Lucali located at 1930 Bay Road and finish at the Sunset Harbour Boat Ramp.

Neither New York City nor Miami Beach are strangers to rising flood plains and climate change challenges. As both cities are members of the 100 Resilient Cities — Pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation, collaboration is of utmost importance.

The Miami Beach Rising Above: *Our Story of Resilience* panel will focus on how Miami Beach has responded to the threat of sea level rise by investing in upgrades to public infrastructure and adopting policies to build resiliency into the city’s zoning and building regulations.

Miami Beach panelists include moderator Mayor Philip Levine, City Manager Jimmy L. Morales, Assistant City Manager/Chief Resiliency Officer Susy Torriente, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Eric Carpenter, City Engineer Bruce Mowry, Executive Vice President of City/Urban Solutions CH2M Robert W. Bailey and Chief Growth Officer for Global DCS and AECOM’s Global Director of Resilience Josh Sawislak.

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