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Westland Mayor Kevin Coleman Selected Alongside 29 Newly Elected Mayors to Participate in Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard, Program for New Mayors: First 100 Days

Westland, MI, December 6, 2023 – As new mayors prepare to take the reins in city halls across the country, Mayor Coleman today announced being selected as one of the 29 newly-elected U.S. mayors participating in the Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University's Program for New Mayors: First 100 Days, delivered in collaboration with the Institute of Politics at Harvard Kennedy School, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and Bloomberg Philanthropies. As a participant in the Program for New Mayors, the mayor will receive world-class training from Harvard faculty, urban innovation and management experts, and other mayors on how to set strategic citywide priorities, build effective city hall organizations, and deliver for residents. Together, the new class of the Program for New Mayors hails from 21 states and represents more than 9.5 million residents nationwide.

"Effective mayors build strong city teams and robust citywide coalitions that move communities forward," said Mayor Coleman of Westland. "I am proud to be selected to join the Program for New Mayors: First 100 Days at the Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University, and learn alongside other U.S. mayors and global experts to strengthen the capabilities our city needs to lead and deliver on residents' most pressing challenges and opportunities."

As cities find themselves on the frontlines of addressing increasingly global challenges, the Program for New Mayors: First 100 Days is designed to help new mayors make the most of their roles. Through the Program for New Mayors, mayors gain strategic insights for strengthening critical leadership and management skills, leading teams to work across departments and sectors, and building out their city hall organizations in their first days and months in office.

To kick off participation, the Mayor will join 28 other newly-elected U.S. mayors for a three-day immersive classroom experience at Harvard University. In addition to the core coursework and connection with peers, the Program for New Mayors provides opportunities for new mayors to share strategies with other mayors through the Bloomberg Center for Cities' vast mayoral leadership network, and learn about interventions that are already working effectively to better resident lives in other cities.

The Program for New Mayors is housed at the Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University, home to a fast-growing global community committed to improving public management, leadership, and governance. The Center's cross-Harvard collaboration unites expertise focused on cities across disciplines and schools to produce research, train leaders, and develop resources for global use. The Center is designed to have a widespread impact on the future of cities, where more than half of the world's people now live, by informing and inspiring local government leaders, scholars, students, and others who work to improve the lives of residents around the world.

The Program for New Mayors builds on the longstanding tradition of a seminar for new mayors that originated at the Institute of Politics in 1975.

For more information and the full list of 29 new participating mayors, visit cityleadership.harvard.edu/program/program-for-new-mayors.

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