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Mayor Lerner to participate in U.S. - China Climate-Smart/Low-Carbon Cities Summit

Pinecrest, Fla. – Mayor Cindy Lerner has announced her participation in the second U.S. - China Climate-Smart/Low-Carbon Cities Summit in Beijing, during the first week in June, to demonstrate a commitment to climate action following the Paris Agreement and share experiences in building low-carbon, climate-resilient communities with U.S. and Chinese state and local government, private sector, and civil society leaders. All attending leaders are already engaged in strong city-to-city collaboration through initiatives such as Compact of Mayors and the Alliance of Peaking Pioneer Cities (APPC).

“As nations of the world committed to climate action through the Paris Agreement in December 2015, our city was already making strides in planning for a low-carbon future. The United States and China are the two largest contributors to carbon emissions globally, but we are also coming together to become contributors to the solution. Our work as cities will help enable both countries to meet the ambitious climate targets announced by President Obama and President Xi in November 2015 and to meet the Paris Agreement climate goals. That’s why local leaders from both countries are convening for the second year in a row, this year in Beijing, to demonstrate the strength of our intentions and our work to form smart cities of the future. By attending and participating in this Summit, we will share successful policies and practices in sectors such as transportation, buildings and waste that we are already implementing in Pinecrest as part of our commitment to the Compact of Mayors, such our Green House Gas Emissions Inventory and Pinecrest’s 2016 Climate Action Plan. Sharing this information will help us strengthen our work and encourage stronger local action in cities across China to create smarter, healthier and more resilient cities,” said Mayor Lerner.

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Mayor Lerner's participation embraces the commitment to local climate action in Pinecrest and the strong commitment of the Compact of Mayors, a global coalition of over 500 mayors and city officials pledging to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions, enhance resilience to climate change, and track their progress transparently, and Pinecrest has been an integral signatory. The pledges made through Compact commitments account for .74 Gt CO₂e annually or more than a total of 9 Gt CO₂e by 2030. Even more incredible, Compact of Mayors member cities and towns have already committed to deliver half of the global urban potential greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions available by 2020. The mayor is also working with other area municipalities and Miami-Dade County to further these goals.

Chinese cities are also working together to curb emissions and fight climate change. The Alliance of Peaking Pioneer Cities (APPC) was first established by 11 Chinese cities in September 2015 at the inaugural U.S.-China Climate-Smart/Low-Carbon Cities Summit in Los Angeles. The Alliance of Peaking Pioneer Cities (APPC), which supports China's national peaking of CO₂ emissions around 2030, includes cities and provinces that have already announced plans to peak carbon dioxide emissions even faster than the national target. We are expecting the APPC to be significantly expanded at this year's Summit.

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