

Dear Mayor Gilliland –

In our work on the Cities Fortifying Democracy project, the White House and U.S. Government have asked GMF's assistance with broadening the effort of strengthening local democracy worldwide.

Along with two other organizations, we decided to craft a "Global Declaration of Mayors for Democracy." It is entirely derived from the Pact of Free Cities declaration started by the mayors of Warsaw and Budapest, but now slightly modified to be applicable to cities throughout the world.

We intend to announce this effort publicly at the end of June but would like a sizable group (up to

100) of prominent mayors to sign on early and be listed when it goes public. Because you and Dublin have been so engaged in the Cities Fortifying Democracy project, we hoped you would sign on early (like now).

Here are the details:

In a collaborative effort with the Global Parliament of Mayor and the Pact of Free Cities, GMF Cities is asking mayors from around the world to endorse the Global Declaration of Mayor for Democracy.

(also attached). Mayors who wish to be signatories of this declaration (or staff members who have explicit authorization to complete the form on their behalf) can do so using this link: <https://ncv.microsoft.com/4USLHPzhet>.

Signatures will be added on a rolling basis, but the first major public announcement of this declaration is planned for 28 June 2022 at the World Urban Forum and GMF's Brussels Forum. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get back to me.

Best regards.

Steven Bosacker

On behalf of the Global Parliament of Mayors, GMF Cities, and the Pact of Free Cities

P.S. We believe all the Pact cities (about 35) will sign on immediately, and it is an impressive list of cities and mayors, including London from the U.K. Let me know if you have questions!

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