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Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch of Michigan City Joins the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

Chicago, IL – January 27, 2025 – The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is pleased to welcome Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch and Michigan City, IN to its growing coalition of more than 260 mayors and top elected local leaders working to advance the socioeconomic and environmental health of communities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin.

As a member of the Cities Initiative, Mayor Nelson Deutch will work collaboratively with member mayors across the basin in the United States and Canada to: support ecosystem and source water protection; ensure that every resident has access to clean, safe, and affordable water; better prepare communities for the impacts of climate change; and, set the path for the basin's economic transformation into a world-leading blue-green economic corridor.

"The health of our water supply directly impacts all our residents, visitors, businesses and industries," Mayor Angie Nelson Deutch said. "So, it's imperative that we collaborate with other communities along Lake Michigan and the other Great Lakes to help protect and provide access to this amazing natural resource. I look forward to working with the Cities Initiative to ensure the long-term success of our community."

Lake Michigan has driven economic development and enhanced the overall quality of life in Michigan City, Indiana since before it was incorporated nearly 200 years ago. Situated along the southern shore of the lake and eastern border of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, this popular tourist and vacation destination is just a short train ride from Chicago. With a population of around 32,000 and growing, Michigan City boasts low housing costs and a strong but quiet standard of living that make it an attractive alternative to residing in the big city.

"We are delighted to welcome Mayor Nelson Deutch and Michigan City to our team," said Ryan Sorenson, Mayor of Sheboygan, WI and U.S. Co-Chair of the Cities Initiative. "Now more than ever, cities and local governments need to come together to ensure that our communities are positioned to emerge stronger from the global challenges we are facing. The Cities Initiative is charting a path for economic transformation for our region and works tirelessly to ensure that we don't face the water crises impacting other regions of North America and the world."

Every new member of the Cities Initiative is a testament to the importance that local governments in this globally significant basin place on preserving our freshwater resources, preparing our communities for the impacts of climate change, improving our aging water infrastructure and building sustainable local economies that attract new blue and green industries and good jobs.

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About the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative



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The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is a binational, mayor-led coalition of U.S. and Canadian cities dedicated to the environmental and socioeconomic health of communities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin. With more than 260 member cities, the Cities Initiative is the largest municipally driven organization in the basin focused on issues impacting their residents.

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