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Mayor Eddie Melton of Gary, IN, Joins the Cities Initiative's Mayors Commission on Economic Transformation

This important regional leadership forum will help bring clean economic development and jobs to Gary, IN

Chicago, IL – February 24, 2025 – The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is pleased to announce that Mayor Eddie Melton has joined the organization's Mayors Commission on Economic Transformation, bringing his ongoing leadership on encouraging the growth of clean economic development and jobs in Gary, Indiana, to the regional level.

The Mayors Commission on Economic Transformation's mission is to foster the creation of a clean economic corridor across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Region, supporting the region's continued prosperity by increasingly bringing clean industries and jobs to local communities – all while safeguarding our region's precious freshwater resources.

"I am proud to work closely with the Cities Initiative and with my colleagues across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Region to bolster clean economic development here in Gary," said Mayor Eddie Melton of Gary, IN. "Encouraging clean industries to invest in our city creates jobs, drives sustainable economic growth, and makes our region more competitive."

The Cities Initiative is proud to work with mayors from both sides of the border to advance the interests of the Mayors Commission on Economic Transformation. The forum is led by Mayor Brandon Johnson of Chicago, IL; Mayor Valerie Plante of Montreal, QC; Mayor Roger Reinert of Duluth, MN; Mayor Bruno Marchand of Quebec City, QC; Mayor Cory Mason of Racine, WI; and Mayor Lucas Cleveland of Cobourg, ON.

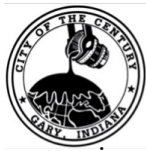
The Commission is currently developing a 10-year action plan to transform the region's industry, energy, transportation, and waterfront sectors, which will be released in September 2025.

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Region is the 3rd largest economy in the world, home to approximately 21 percent of the world's surface freshwater. Increasingly attracting clean industries and jobs will help the region grow its status as an economic powerhouse and remain a vibrant place to live, work, invest, and play.

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About the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is a multinational coalition of municipal and Indigenous government executives representing communities in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Region who



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are working to promote economic prosperity in our communities and protect our fresh water for the benefit of current and future generations. With more than 270 member communities, the Cities Initiative is leading the way in advancing the environmental, economic, and social health of the region by addressing issues impacting its residents.

About the City of Gary, Indiana

The City of Gary, Indiana, steeped in a rich legacy of industry and musical culture, is dedicated to improving the quality of life for every citizen through transparent, efficient, and fiscally responsible leadership. Guided by our mission to thoughtfully grow as a safe community, we continuously strive to improve the services we provide to our citizens and businesses. Our vision is to create a vibrant, sustainable urban environment that honors and respects our past while paving the way for a prosperous future. We are committed to meeting the diverse needs of our growing community with integrity, service, excellence, responsiveness, vision, and empathy.

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