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**Environment - Sustainable
Communities**

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The Brookings Institution
National Issues Forum

Forging Metropolitan Solutions to Urban and Regional Problems

Wednesday, May 28, 1997

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
as of May 15, 1997

9:30 - 10:00 Welcome and Introductory Remarks

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- ❖ Bruce Katz, Director, Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

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- ❖ Mayor Madeline Cain, Mayor of Lakewood, Ohio
- ❖ Sam Fulwood, Health and Human Services and Congress staff writer for the *Los Angeles Times* (moderator)
- ❖ Elmer W. Johnson, Kirkland & Ellis, Project Director, Metropolis Project, Commercial Club of Chicago, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
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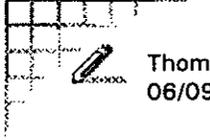
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To: Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP, WEINSTEIN_P @ A1 @ CD @ LNGTWY, Jonathan Prince/WHO/EOP

cc:

Subject: State of Cities

re; Cuomo's draft outline for State of the Cities.

FYI. There is a lot of good stuff to expand on regarding city/suburbs interrelationships. The theme is that cities effect everyone, the whole region's economy is tied together. Several areas have notable governmental efforts going on in this arena: Portland, St. Louis, Miami. And there is a lot of good research going in this direction.

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Katie is now trying to make this a part of the race initiative!
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Bruce -

yes, everybody's

Elene

1) Do you and/or David get this report? It's a useful way to keep up with what's happening over at CEQ. Katie sends it to Jack - I don't know to whom else.

2) Do you know about ^{NO} The McIntyre/Tymethat noted below? Should we want to play a role - or does it look irrelevant?
MAYBE Elene YES



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

Handwritten signature/initials

December 20, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KATHLEEN A. McGINTY *KAM*
CC: LEON PANETTA
ERSKINE BOWLES
RE: CEQ WEEKLY REPORT

HEADWATERS

Charles Hurwitz's attorneys have responded to our proposed list of federal assets to be traded for Headwaters forest. While they are concerned that we have not yet provided valuations and other information on the assets, the letter indicates a clear desire on Mr. Hurwitz's part to continue with implementation of the agreement. We are in the process of submitting more information and have kept in close contact with Mr. Hurwitz's key representatives.

Media coverage continues to be fairly positive, despite reports that Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) has been critical of the properties offered by the State and wants a cash deal. We have been assured by her office that she nevertheless supports the agreement and wants it implemented.

THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (PCSD)

The PCSD held its final meeting of 1996 in Washington last week. The Vice President spoke to the Council at lunch. He strongly encouraged them to continue their efforts in 1997 to implement recommendations contained in their March report. He also asked them to take on several new tasks next year, including discussions of: (1) climate change; (2) a new environmental management system; and (3) metropolitan approaches to sustainable development.

I joined Mayor Norm Rice and Councilman Michael Hightower, Chair of the National Association of Counties, to launch the Joint Center on Sustainable Communities. This initiative represents the first time in history that the mayors and the counties have formed a relationship on a national level. Traditionally seeing their interests to be at odds, they now recognize that they have similar interests (i.e. that the health of the counties depends on the health of the cities and vice versa). They now look to us to offer them a coordinated policy front that ties together issues such as brownfields, welfare-to-work, the highway reauthorization bill, etc. To that end, I have been co-chairing an interagency sustainable communities effort with Laura Tyson.