

Resilient Communities for America Agreement

We, the mayors and local leaders of America, will lead the creation of more resilient cities, towns, and counties, built to overcome our nation's CLIMATE, ENERGY, and ECONOMIC challenges.

A CALL TO ACTION

Communities across the country are on the front lines of three related challenges: record-breaking extreme weather, reliance on costly foreign energy, and ongoing economic uncertainty. As the pace of change quickens, city and county governments must work to make communities more “resilient”: able to bounce back from disruptions in a sustainable way and maintain a good quality of life for all. As local elected officials:

- 1. We urge state and federal leaders to support our local resilience initiatives and to take meaningful steps to build resilience and security throughout the nation.**
- 2. We commit to building community resilience through our own local actions, such as the paths to resilience described below.**
- 3. We commit to sharing our annual progress, solutions, and success stories with other local governments through the Resilient Communities for America online platform.**

PATHS TO RESILIENCE

CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS

- Evaluating local vulnerabilities to extreme weather and a changing climate, from heat waves and air pollution to droughts and floods.
- Adopting and implementing preparedness policies that protect vulnerable populations and natural resources from extreme weather and other climate impacts.
- Reducing the community's carbon footprint to help reverse climate change and avoid the costs of adapting to more severe climate impacts.

ENERGY SECURITY

- Transitioning to a renewable energy future to achieve greater energy independence, protect communities from price spikes, and ensure more reliable power during heat waves and other disruptions.
- Implementing energy efficiency programs that help residents, businesses, and municipal government save money and energy, lower carbon emissions, and reduce demand on the grid during severe weather events.

INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

- Investing in upgrades to community facilities to safely serve the needs of changing communities decades into the future.
- Creating new models to finance improvements and manage risks to community assets through engagement with the private sector.
- Harnessing innovations in information technology and green infrastructure to optimize performance and reduce costs through more efficient operation.

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

- Retaining and attracting investment by safeguarding businesses from extreme weather and ensuring reliable access to energy, water, and other key resources.
- Supporting the private sector in creating more diversified local economies that are more resilient to economic downturn, through job creation in sectors such as clean energy, advanced manufacturing, and local agriculture.

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For Local Elected Official Signatories:

As a local elected official, I support the Resilient Communities for America Agreement.

Date: _____

Elected Official Name & Title: _____

Signature: _____

Jurisdiction: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Elected Official's E-mail: _____

Staff Contact Name & Title: _____

Staff Phone: _____ Staff E-mail: _____

As an advocate for strong communities, I will assist the campaign in recruiting another five local elected officials as signatories. Please contact me at the e-mail address above.

For Other Government & Civic Leader Endorsers:

(Current and former governors, Congressional leaders, former local elected officials, federal agency leaders, military leaders, etc.)

As a civic leader, I endorse the Resilient Communities for America Agreement.

Date: _____

Name & Title: _____

Signature: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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