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**HISPANIC ELECTED LOCAL OFFICIALS (HELO)  
HONOR CONFERENCE OF MAYORS PRESIDENT  
MIAMI MAYOR MANNY DIAZ  
AT THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES' (NLC) MEETING IN  
ORLANDO**

**DIAZ WILL JOIN THOUSANDS OF OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS TO  
URGE SUPPORT FOR MAYORS' MAINSTREET STIMULUS PLAN**

Miami, FL - U.S. Conference of Mayors President Miami Mayor Manny Diaz will be recognized by Hispanic Elected Local Officials (HELO), the organization with the largest group of locally elected Latino leaders in the United States, at The National League of Cities (NLC) meeting in Orlando, on Friday, November 14.

Diaz will receive the 2008 Municipal Leader of the Year Award for having been one of the nation's most accomplished and influential leaders who has made achievements in strengthening the quality of life and economic vitality of our nation's cities and towns.

"I would like to thank the National League of Cities and HELO for this profound honor", said Mayor Diaz. "Together, the National League of Cities and The United States Conference of Mayors represent all cities – small, medium and large – in our great nation. Our history shows that if we work together, we can accomplish great things. This is a defining moment for all of us. Let's stand together, united, for the American people we all serve".

This national award from HELO will be given during the post 2008 Presidential transition period, as other national Latino leaders are strongly recommending to President-elect Obama that Mayor Diaz be chosen for a Cabinet position in the Obama Administration.

While in Orlando, Mayor Diaz will also urge NLC members to support The USCM MainStreet Jobs and Infrastructure Stimulus plan totaling \$89.8 billion that includes funding in the sectors of transit and roads, green jobs, school modernization, and community development. The mayors presented this plan in testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in October.

Diaz will address thousands of other elected leaders on how municipalities can work with the new Congress and Administration in the upcoming year to address the economic and social challenges facing the nation.

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