
GLOBAL DECLARATION *of* MAYORS *for* DEMOCRACY

PREAMBLE

In recognition of the critical role cities play in strengthening, advancing, and adapting democracy on-the-ground every day;

Inspired by the robust initiative and cooperation of the mayors of Budapest, Bratislava, Prague, and Warsaw, who saw the growth of illiberal forces eroding democracy in their respective countries, and came together to develop and sign the Pact of Free Cities in 2019, committing themselves to govern in steady alignment with the values of democracy;

In solidarity with cities around the world, including in Ukraine, who are defending the rights of individuals, communities, cities, and nations to determine their own democratic futures;

In recognition of the essential role of democratic transformation to encourage sustainable development, address the climate emergency and deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals; and

In appreciation for the global Summit for Democracy (December 2021) and emanating from the commitments of mayors at its Mayors Delivering Democracy Daily event, and to propel this year-of-action forward to the next Summit for Democracy;

In a collaborative effort with the Global Parliament of Mayors, GMF Cities, and the Pact of Free Cities;

Today, we mayors join together to advance the following Global Declaration of Mayors for Democracy.

DECLARATION

Drawing from our cities' shared history and identity as champions and centers of enfranchisement and democratic development;

Respecting our cities' diverse histories, geographies, economies, and cultural heritage;

Reaffirming the need for protection of any individual or social, ethnic, racial, or other groups from discrimination;

Taking note of our cities' regional role in driving innovation, economic growth, sustainable development, and welfare;

Acknowledging the challenges our cities face, especially the climate crisis, poverty, growing inequality, an aging population, housing and health crises, migration, social stratification, and political tribalism;

Recognizing the growing role and added value of our cities and its residents in tackling these global challenges;

Recognizing the importance of subsidiarity and self-governance as guarantees for local communities to best serve their population;

Reflecting on mounting concerns over the resilience of democratic systems worldwide and the rise of authoritarianism; and

Recognizing the responsibility of cities in protecting and promoting our common values of freedom, human dignity, democracy, equality, human and civil rights, rule of law, freedom of the media, social justice, tolerance, and cultural diversity;

We, the mayors of the undersigned cities hereby declare our commitment to:

Rebuild and reinforce democracy, stand as a bulwark against the erosion of the rule of law, and fight corruption, state capture, racism, and populist nationalism;

Stand up for free and fair elections and democratic movements worldwide, push back against electoral fraud, unfair electoral practices, attacks on free expression and civic space, malicious cyber activity, and dis- and misinformation campaigns aimed to undermine electoral processes;

Facilitate the democratic participation of all residents, especially marginalized communities;

Combat human rights abuses, xenophobia, antisemitism, anti-feminism, racism, islamophobia, anti-LGBTQI+ rhetoric and action, attacks on civil society organizations, and any other discriminatory practices designed to alienate and exclude from the democratic process;

Address urban challenges through the lens of democracy and democratic values, share our best practices in inclusive governance, transparency, and smart, evidence-based, participatory, and socially aware city management, for example in the fields of sustainable city planning, climate protection, education, social inclusion, housing, transportation, the media, the digital agenda, and any other field of common interest;

Engage in dialogue and action to help bridge the growing geographic, generational, social, economic, and political divides that have the potential to undermine democratic societies; and

Keep our cooperation informal, open, and on a voluntary basis, and our work at home steadfastly focused on fortifying democracy.

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Signatories as of 24 March 2023 (ordered alphabetically by city):

- 1. Isaam Bahnam Matti**
Mayor of Al-Hamdanyia district, Iraq
- 2. Femke Halsema**
Mayor of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- 3. Honoré Gabriel Rasamimanana**
Mayor of Antsirabe, Madagascar
- 4. Konstantinos Bakogiannis**
Mayor of Athens, Greece
- 5. Steve Patterson**
Mayor of Athens, USA
- 6. Kyriakos Kareklas**
Mayor of Athienou, Cyprus
- 7. Andre Dickens**
Mayor of Atlanta, USA
- 8. Ngwakongoh Lawrence**
Mayor of Bafut, Cameroon
- 9. Sergiiy Mazur**
Mayor of Balta, Ukraine
- 10. Rohey Malick Lowe**
Mayor of Banjul, The Gambia
- 11. Volodymyr Savoliuk**
Mayor of Bar, Ukraine
- 12. Ada Colau Ballano**
Mayor of Barcelona, Spain

- 13. Alec von Graffenried**
Mayor of Bern, Switzerland
- 14. Zvonko Pekevski**
Mayor of Municipality of Berovo, North Macedonia
- 15. Juan Mari Aburto**
Mayor of Bilbao, Spain
- 16. Vitalii Hrazhdan**
Mayor of the Bilhorod-Dnistrovskyi, Ukraine
- 17. YURII ZARKO**
Mayor of Bilopillya, Ukraine
- 18. David Sherazadishvili**
Mayor of Bolnisi, Georgia
- 19. Ricardo Rio**
Mayor of Braga, Portugal
- 20. Matus Vallo**
Mayor of Bratislava, Slovakia
- 21. Marvin Rees**
Mayor of Bristol, UK
- 22. Philippe Close**
Mayor of Brussels, Belgium
- 23. Gergely Karácsony**
Mayor of Budapest, Hungary
- 24. José Bernardino Rojas Méndez**
Mayor of the Municipality of Buenos Aires, Costa Rica.
- 25. Horacio Rodríguez Larreta**
Mayor of Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 26. Meschac Bilubi Ulengabo**
Mayor of Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- 27. Amin Sadik**
Mayor of Busia, Uganda

- 28. Geordin Gwyn Hill-Lewis**
Mayor of Cape Town, South Africa

- 29. Vi Alexander Lyles**
Mayor of Charlotte, USA

- 30. Anatolii Vasyliovych Bondarenko**
Mayor of Cherkasy, Ukraine

- 31. Andriy Zalivskyy**
Mayor of Chervonograd, Ukraine

- 32. Davit Sharashidze**
Mayor of Chokhatauri Municipality, Georgia

- 33. Gustavo Antonio Mejía Escobar**
Mayor of Choloma, Honduras

- 34. Kahlil Seren**
Mayor of Cleveland Heights, USA

- 35. Amilcar Paz Mejia**
Mayor of Corquin Copan, Honduras

- 36. Jochen Partsch**
Lord Mayor of Darmstadt, Germany

- 37. Hekuran Duka**
Mayor of Debar/Dibër Municipality, North Macedonia

- 38. Michael B. Hancock**
Mayor of Denver, USA

- 39. Koba Muradashvili**
Mayor of Dmanisi Municipality

- 40. Borys Albertovych Filatov**
Mayor of Dnipro, Ukraine

- 41. Thomas Westphal**
Mayor of Dortmund, Germany

- 42. Taras Kuchma**
Mayor of Drohobych, Ukraine

- 43. Alison Gilliland**
Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland
- 44. Dr. Stephan Keller**
Mayor of Düsseldorf, Germany
- 45. Fabrice Brad Rulinda**
Mayor of Entebbe, Uganda
- 46. Ndongo Boune Martin**
Mayor of Esse, Cameroon
- 47. Mykhailo NETIAZHUK**
Mayor of Fastiv, Ukraine
- 48. Dario Nardella**
Mayor of Florence, Italy
- 49. Rember Isaias Cuestas Valle**
Mayor of Florida Copan, Honduras
- 50. Jeni Arndt**
Mayor of Fort Collins, USA
- 51. Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr**
Mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone
- 52. Aleksandra Dulkiewicz**
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- 53. Ubraj Narine**
Mayor of the City of Georgetown, Guyana
- 54. Mathias De Clercq**
Mayor of Ghent, Belgium
- 55. Ardian Gjini**
Mayor of the Municipality of Gjakova, Kosovo
- 56. Alban Hyseni**
Mayor of Municipality of Gjilan, Kosovo
- 57. Mayor Andy Burnham**
Mayor of Greater Manchester, UK

58. Mrs Marianne Schuurmans - Wijdeven
Mayor of Haarlemmermeer, The Netherlands

59. Taysir Abu Snienah
Mayor of Hebron, Palestine

60. Juhana Vartiainen
Mayor of Helsinki, Finland

61. Amir Kochavi
Mayor of Hod - Hasharon, Israel

62. Dmytro Bykov
Mayor of Horishni Plavni, Ukraine

63. Andrii Bohdan
Mayor of Horodnya, Ukraine

64. Bamulanzeki Derrick
Mayor of Iganga, Uganda

65. Chokwe Antar Lumumba
Mayor of Jackson, USA

66. Kasolo Peter
Mayor of Jinja, Uganda

67. Oscar Arnulfo Ayala Bautista
Mayor of Jutiapa, Honduras

68. Olga Ditsie
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69. Rakeeb Aboobucker
Mayor of Kalmunai, Sri Lanka

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Mayor of Kalush, Ukraine

71. Andrii Bilousov
The mayor of Kamianske, Ukraine

72. Dr. Emmanuel Serunjoji
Mayor of Kawempe Division, Uganda

73. Talib Ahmed Bensouda
Mayor of Kanifing Municipal Council, The Gambia

74. Ihor Renkas
Mayor of Kaniv, Ukraine

75. Quinton Lucas
Mayor of Kansas City, USA

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Mayor of Kaohsiung, Taiwan

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Mayor of Karbinci, North Macedonia

78. Dr. Frank Mentrup
Mayor of Karlsruhe, Germany

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Mayor of Katowice, Poland

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Mayor of Kavadarci, North Macedonia

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Mayor of Klina, Kosovo

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Mayor of Konotop, Ukraine

85. Jacek Majchrowski
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88. Saihou Jawara
Mayor of Kuntaur Area Council, THE GAMBIA

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