Draft Agenda
2018 U.S.-Mexico Border Mayors Summit
Border Mayors Association
Thursday, September 20 – Saturday, September 22, 2018

Thursday, Sep 20
Dinner hosted by the City of San Antonio and organized by the San Antonio Mexico Friendship Council. Mayors and speakers are invited to attend as guests of Mayor Nirenberg; additional tickets available here.

6:00 pm – Registration and Reception
7:00 pm – Welcoming Remarks and Fashion Show
7:30 pm – Dinner Served
8:00pm – Program
  • Remarks
    o Ron Nirenberg, Mayor of San Antonio
    o Kevin Faulconer, Mayor of San Diego and Co-Chair Border Mayors Association
    o Juan Manuel Gastelm, Mayor of Tijuana and Co-Chair Border Mayors Association
    o Reyna Torres, Mexican Consul General in San Antonio
    o Marcela Gonzalez Sada, Secretary of Culture of the State of Mexico
    o Carlos Sada, Mexico’s Undersecretary for North American Affairs
  • Presentation of Awards
    o Amistad Award – Cortez Family
    o Ohtli Award – Carlos Alvarez

Friday, Sep 21
Mayors, city delegations, speakers and sponsors are invited to join us for the day. Others interested in participating can contact veronicad@sahcc.org or mfloca@ucsd.edu for more information.

8:00 am – Breakfast and Registration at Convention Center

8:45 am – Welcome
  • Ron Nirenberg, Mayor of San Antonio and Host of Summit
  • Kevin Faulconer, Mayor of San Diego and Co-Chair of Border Mayors Association
  • Juan Manuel Gastelm, Mayor of Tijuana and Co-Chair of Border Mayors Association
  • Rafael Fernandez de Castro, Director, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UC San Diego
  • John Cook, Executive Director, Border Mayors Association
9:10 am – Keynote Address on the Current State of U.S.-Mexico Relations
- Arturo Sarukhan, Former Mexican Ambassador to the U.S.
- Tony Wayne, Former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico

9:45 am – U.S.-Mexico Trade: The Border Perspective
- Rolando Pablos, Secretary of State, Texas
- Jesus Seade, Head of the Trade and NAFTA Office (designee), Ministry of the Economy, Mexico*
- Gustavo Sanchez, Mayor of Mexicali
- Dee Margo, Mayor of El Paso

10:30 am – Coffee Break Mixer: NADBANK Border Environmental Infrastructure Showcase
- Douglas, Arizona
- El Centro, California*
- Sunland Park, New Mexico
- Brownsville, Texas*
- Del Rio, Texas*
- Ensenada, Baja California*
- Tecate, Baja California*
- Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua*
- Monterrey, Nuevo Leon*
- Saltillo, Coahuila*
- San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora
- Matamoros, Tamaulipas

11:30 am – Border Kids Count
- Laura Speer, Associate Director, Annie E. Casey Foundation

11:45 am – Transportation Networks and Border Crossings
- Alex Hinojosa, Managing Director, North American Development Bank
- Martín Sánchez Valles, Mayor of Ojinaga
- Jim Darling, Mayor of McAllen
- Ben Rohrbough, Former Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

*To be confirmed
12:30 pm – Luncheon on Impacts of Immigration in Border Communities
  • Opening Remarks, Reyna Torres, Mexican Consul General in San Antonio
  • Keynote, Andrew Selee, President, Migration Policy Institute
  • Closing Remarks, Rafael Fernandez de Castro, Director, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UC San Diego

1:30 pm – Border Messaging and Advocacy – Lightening Round
  o Andy Carey, Border Philanthropy Partnership
  o Paola Avila, Border Trade Alliance
  o Jon Barela, Borderplex Alliance
  o Sean Strawbridge, Port of Corpus Christi
  o John Carlson, Bordernomics Alliance

2:15 pm – Private Meeting of Mayors
  • 2:15 pm – Opening Remarks
    o Kevin Faulconer, Mayor of San Diego
    o Juan Manuel Gastelum, Mayor of Tijuana
  • 2:30 pm – Group Discussion moderated by Ron Nirenberg, Mayor of San Antonio
  • 3:30 pm – Adjourn

6:00 pm – River Barges depart Hilton Hotel (Riverwalk level)
6:30 pm – VIP Reception at IBC Bank
7:30 pm – Reception, Riverside Plaza of IBC Bank

Saturday, Sep 22
8:30 am – Depart Hilton Hotel for San Antonio Economic Development Showcase at Port San Antonio
  • 9:00 am – Breakfast and Port San Antonio Presentation
  • 10:00 am – Armchair Conversation
    o Dale Eppler, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State
    o Carlos Sada, Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
  • 11:00 am – Closing Remarks
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Optional Program to visit San Antonio River and Missions