



REGULAR MEETING – AD HOC SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

JUNE 11, 2025, 6:00 PM
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- IV. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - A. AD HOC SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING 5:00 PM, MAY 14, 2025
- V. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Community Task Force Structure Discussion**
 - B. **Global Covenant of Mayors Commitment**
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

GCoM: Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

Norwalk Commitment



Overview

- What is GCoM?
- What is the commitment?
- Why should Norwalk Join?



What is GCoM?



- *“The largest global alliance for city climate leadership across the globe.”*
- The cities and partners of GCoM share a long-term **vision** of supporting **voluntary action** to **combat climate change** and shift towards a **resilient and low-emission society**.
- GCoM serves cities and local governments by mobilizing and supporting **ambitious, measurable, planned climate action**.

13712

CITIES

1.273 BN

PEOPLE

24 BN

TONS CO2 E BY 2030

100+

GLOBAL PARTNERS

Norwalk Aligns:

*Cities are on the front line of climate change, but they also are uniquely positioned to lower emissions. **Mayors around the world are eager to lead** and the **Global Covenant of Mayors** helps them to take action.*

Former New York City Mayor and Co-Chair Global
Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy





GCoM History



Michael
BLOOMBERG



Maroš
ŠEFCOVIČ

THEY PROVIDE STRATEGIC DIRECTION

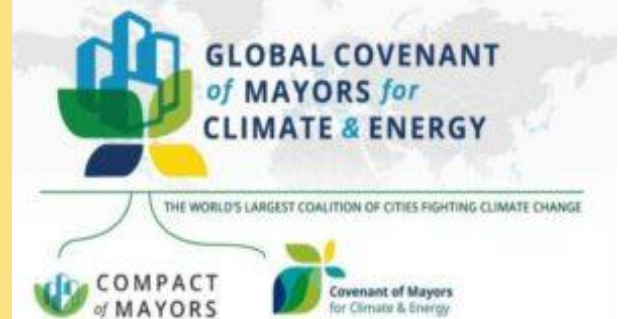
CO-CHAIRS

The Board is co-chaired by former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and the Executive Vice President for the European Green Deal Maroš Šefčovič. Ex-Officio Members include UNFCCC Executive Secretary, UN-Habitat Executive Director, and the Co-Managing Directors of the Global Covenant of Mayors.

2008: The **Covenant of Mayors** was created with the support of the **European Commission** and inspired the set-up of many of the existing Regional/National Covenants worldwide.

2014: The **Compact of Mayors** was a global cooperative effort, launched by *Ban Ki-moon* and *Mike Bloomberg* at the *UN Climate Summit*, among mayors and city officials to pledge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, track progress and prepare for the impacts of climate change.

2017: The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy formally brings together the European Union's Covenant of Mayors and the Compact of Mayors – the world's two primary initiatives of cities and local governments – to advance city-level transition to a low emission and climate-resilient economy, and to demonstrate the global impact of local action.



Global City Networks & Partners

GCoM Leadership



GCoM ensures that signatories are continuously supported in their efforts. Cities receive step-by-step guidance and have access to tools, materials, and a dedicated regional/national helpdesk through leadership partners.

- [C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group](#) (US - Bloomberg)
- [ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability \(Global\)](#)
- [United Cities and Local Governments](#) (EU)
- [UN Habitat](#) (Global)
- [United Nations](#) (Global)

GCoM Programs

1. **Data4Cities:** *ClimateView/ClearPath*
2. **Innovate4Cities:** Innovate4Cities – the Urban Transitions Mission
3. **Invest4Cities:** *Funding* & International Coalition for Sustainable Infrastructure (ICSI)



“ Enable GCoM cities, local governments, and the networks that support them in bridging the gap from climate ambition to action delivery. ”

GCoM Mission

Norwalk Understands:

In the urgent and collective pursuit of global climate resilience, the role of subnational actors in shaping the trajectory of climate action is undeniable. The indispensable contribution of subnational governments, cities, towns, states, and regions fortifies the global response to climate change.

Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ

Executive Vice President for the European Green Deal
and Co-Chair of the Global Covenant of Mayors for
Climate & Energy





GCoM cities and local governments are **united in their shared goals to:**

- Increase access to secure, affordable, and **sustainable** energy
- Ensure communities live in **healthy environments**
- Raise awareness to **accelerate the response** to climate change

The Commitment

CITY JOURNEY

1. COMMIT
2. ASSESS
3. SET GOALS
4. PLAN
5. IMPLEMENT
6. MONITOR & REPORT
7. VALIDATE
8. UPDATE



All experiences are different! This is a path of reference that you can adapt to your own situation.

A mayor or local government official registers their city's commitment to GCoM, & they **pledge to:**

- 1. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions**
- 2. Enhance resilience to climate change**
- 3. Track their progress transparently**

The Commitment

Commit

Assess

Set Goals And
Targets

Develop
Action Plan

Implement

Monitor And
Report

Validate

Update

CITY OF NORWALK SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE PLAN

MARCH 2024



Norwalk is *already* on the path

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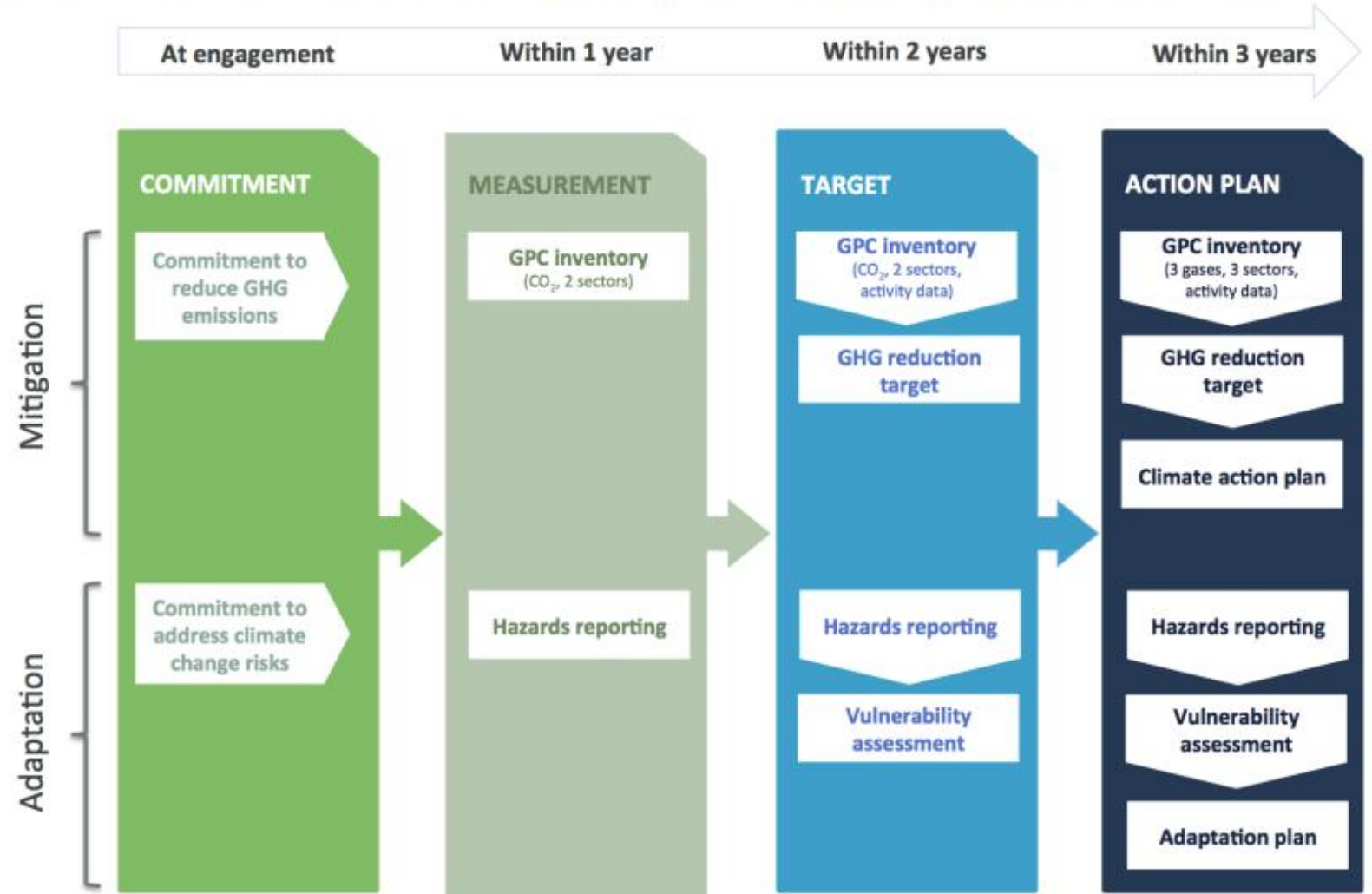


Compliance

REPORTING:

COMPACT OF MAYORS: DEFINITION OF COMPLIANCE

The Compact of Mayors offers cities¹ the opportunity to be recognized as leaders in local climate change. In order to do so, they must comply with the reporting requirements set out below:



This document provides further detail on the Compact of Mayors compliance requirements, with regards to mitigation (Part I) and adaptation (Part II).

NEW HAVEN, CT



2017 REGION



The Global Covenant of Mayors uses maps that are consistent with the latest United Nations-recognized boundaries and delineations. The maps do not express opinions of GCoM on the legal status of any country, territory, city, or area, nor its authorities or boundaries.

COUNTRY
UNITED STATES

POPULATION
130,418

ANNUAL GHG EMISSIONS (MTCO₂e)
1,058,369

MAYOR
JUSTIN ELICKER

Badge Phases: 2 completed out of 9

MITIGATION	Inventory	Target	Plan
ADAPTATION	Assessment	Goal	Plan
ENERGY ACCESS & POVERTY	Assessment	Target	Plan



[Resources for Cities](#)

EMISSIONS INVENTORY

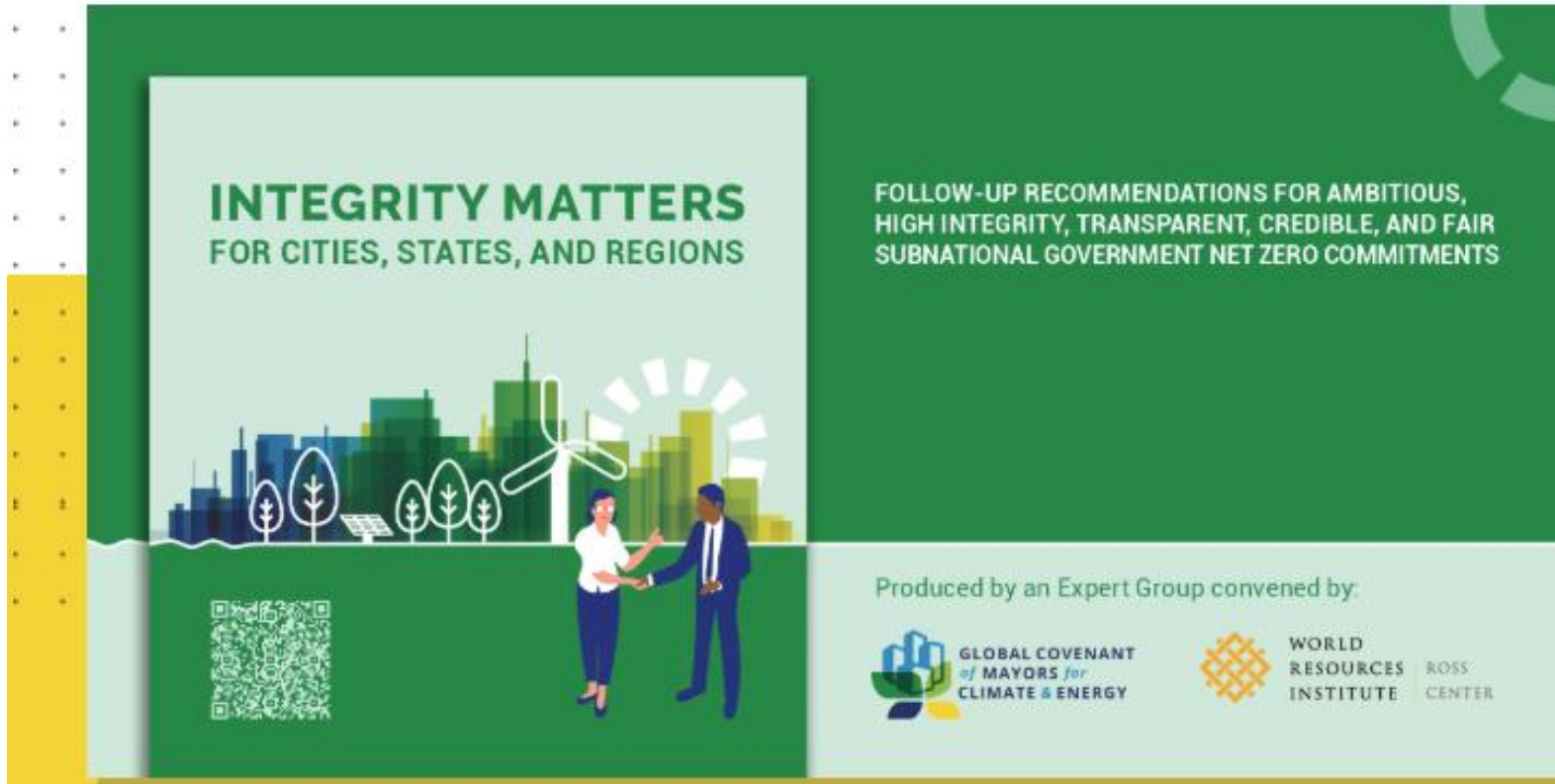


Join 188 other US Cities

Bridgeport, CT	CT	8/18/2015
New Haven, CT	CT	2/2/2017

Why Join?

DEFINE: “Greenest City”



Report outlines recommendations for subnational governments to **ensure the credibility, accountability, and transparency** of their net zero commitments while acknowledging their *varied capacities and characteristics*.

Aligns with Sustainable CT

BENEFITS

Encouragement & Inspiration

Guidance & Practical Support

Better Financial Opportunities

Resources and Tools

Visibility & Recognition

Shaping the future



Norwalk Knows:

*With our combined knowledge and expertise,
and our collective commitment to climate
action, we can truly make a big difference.*

Abigail BINAY

Mayor of Makati, Philippines and Board Member of the
Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

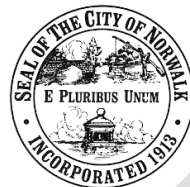


Let's **Do** This





Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy
Commitment of
City of Norwalk, Connecticut
United States of America



I, **Harry Rilling, Mayor** of **the City of Norwalk, Connecticut**, commit to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), joining thousands of other cities and local governments around the world currently engaged in climate leadership.

GCoM envisions a world where committed mayors and local governments – in alliance with partners – accelerate ambitious, measurable climate and energy initiatives that lead to an inclusive, just, low-emission and climate resilient future, helping to meet and exceed the Paris Agreement objectives.

Whatever the size or location, the mayors and local leaders committed to GCoM stand ready to take concrete measures with long-term impact to tackle the interconnected challenges of climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as access to sustainable energy.

To implement this vision, we pledge to implement policies and undertake measures to (i) reduce / avoidⁱ greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, (ii) prepare for the impacts of climate change, (iii) increase access to sustainable energy, and (iv) track progress toward these objectives.

Specifically, within three years of this commitmentⁱⁱ, we pledge to develop, adoptⁱⁱⁱ, use and regularly report on the following:

- A community-scale GHG emission inventory, following the recommended guidance;
- An assessment of climate risks and vulnerabilities;
- Ambitious, measurable and time-bound target(s) to reduce/avoid GHG emissions;
- Ambitious climate change adaptation vision and goals, based on quantified scientific evidence when possible, to increase local resilience to climate change;
- An ambitious and just goal to improve access to secure, sustainable and affordable energy; and
- A formally adopted plan(s) addressing climate change mitigation / low emission development, climate resilience and adaptation, and access to sustainable energy.

The targets and action plans for mitigation / low emission development must be quantified and consistent with or exceed relevant national unconditional^{iv} commitments defined through the UNFCCC (Intended) Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). The targets and action plans should be in line with National Adaptation Plans, where these exist; and should be consistent with the

principles around energy access and urban sustainability embodied in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

We will explore the allocation of adequate staff resources and institutional arrangements. This includes governance processes, municipal structures and budget allocations to deliver on this commitment and secure continuity.

We acknowledge that there may be additional regional- or country-specific commitments or requirements that we commit to follow, and that may be agreed through our city networks or through our direct engagement with local partners of GCoM.

The **city of Norwalk** acknowledges that continued engagement in GCoM and associated Regional or National Covenants, as established, is contingent on complying with the above requirements within established timeframes.

Name and title of person signing this commitment

Mayor Harry Rilling

City of Norwalk

125 East Avenue

Norwalk, CT 06851

<https://norwalkct.gov/>

Mayor Harry Rilling, HRilling@norwalkct.gov (203) 854-7701

92,458 Inhabitants, 36.37 sq. miles

United States of America, <https://norwalkct.gov/>

OFFICIAL SIGNATURE

Mandated by the **City of Norwalk Common Council** on **July 8, 2025**.

ⁱ “Avoid emission” via low emission development

ⁱⁱ Flexibility is allowed to suit differentiated local circumstances and needs.

ⁱⁱⁱ According to the city and local government’s procedures

^{iv} Many countries have submitted two sets of NDC targets: unconditional targets, to be implemented without any explicit external support; and conditional targets. The latter are more ambitious than unconditional targets and require external support for their fulfilment. The cities and local governments committing to the GCoM are required to commit at least to the equivalent of their country’s unconditional targets, but are encouraged to be more ambitious where possible.