



Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

Commitment of City of Aurora, Illinois



I, **Richard C. Irvine, Mayor** of the **city of Aurora, Illinois** commit to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, joining thousands of other cities and local governments around the world currently engaged in climate leadership.

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy 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 the Global Covenant stand ready to take concrete measures with long-term impact to tackle the interconnected challenges of climate change mitigation, adaptation, and access to sustainable energy.

To implement this vision, the **city of Aurora, Illinois** pledges to implement policies and undertake measures to (i) reduce / limit greenhouse gas emissions, (ii) prepare for the impacts of climate change, (iii) increase access to sustainable energy, and (iv) track progress toward these objectives. Specifically, within no more than three years of this commitment, we pledge to develop, formally adopt and report on the following:

- A community-scale greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventory;
- An assessment of climate hazards and vulnerabilities;
- Ambitious, measurable and time-bound target(s) to reduce/limit greenhouse gas emissions;
- Ambitious adaptation vision and goals, based on quantified scientific evidence when possible, to increase local resilience to climate change;
- Ambitious and just goal to improve access to sustainable energy; and
- Plan(s) to address climate change mitigation / low emission development, climate resilience and adaptation, and access to sustainable energy, including provisions for regular (annual or biennial) progress reports.

The targets and action plans for mitigation / low emission development must be quantified and consistent with or exceed relevant national commitments defined through the relevant UNFCCC (Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)).

We acknowledge that there may be additional region- or country-specific commitments for us to adhere to, agreed through our local membership networks or through our direct engagement with local Global Covenant of Mayors partners.

The **city of Aurora, Illinois** acknowledges that continued membership in the Global Covenant of Mayors and associated local chapters or “Regional Covenants” as established, is contingent on complying with the above requirements within established timeframes.

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200,965 Inhabitants, **45.95** sq. miles

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OFFICIAL SIGNATURE

Mandated by the **[Responsible officer or municipal council]** on **[DATE]**.