

Mayors Summit

April 16, 2024

7:00-8:30 am

Boardroom • Par-A-Dice Hotel



Summit Chair: The Honorable Gary Manier, Mayor, City of Washington, Illinois

Gary Manier worked at Caterpillar for almost 42 years. He retired in December of 2015 while working as a level 3 Engineer in Global Dealer Solution Network. In 2001, Manier was elected the Mayor of Washington, Illinois, and is currently in his 6th Term (23rd year). He also has served on the Washington Area Community Center Board, is the 2nd Vice President for the Illinois Municipal League, served on the Washington Foundation Board, is on the Peoria EDC Board, is on the Tri-County Regional Board and is on the ICI Executive Board.

On November 17, 2013, Manier's city was hit by an EF4 tornado, which damaged or destroyed 1,108 homes. He worked tirelessly to help rebuild his city. Gary married his high school sweetheart, Lada, 48 years ago and they have been blessed with 2 Children and 7 grandchildren. Gary received several awards including the 2017 Ed Rapp Leadership In Action Award, 2014 Washingtonian Award - Gary & Lada, Eureka College - First Recipient of The President's Servant Leadership Award - 2014, IEMA (Illinois Emergency Management) Distinguished Service Award - 201, Tricon PALM - Unwavering Leadership Award - 2014, Tazewell County Republican of the Year - 2014 and the Red Cross - Hero Award - 2014.

Summit Focus

The mayors summit will convene with legislators and business executives to examine issues and challenges facing mayors and administrators of the Illinois Municipal League and businesses in their communities. The summit will produce recommendations and an action plan to be pursued at future Mayors Summits. Some of the issues identified include

- Restoration of the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF).
- Proposed elimination of the sales tax on groceries and its impact on local governments.
- Legislation that gives municipalities the authority to fulfill public notice mandates electronically.
- Moving Cities Forward' legislative platform, which aims to ensure the long-term success of Illinois' 1,294 cities, villages and towns.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) announced proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI). IML submitted comments (<https://legislative.iml.org/file.cfm?key=26976>) to USEPA regarding the impact the proposed LCRI would have in Illinois.

There will be other issues to be presented by the 24 guests of mayors, business leaders and legislator invited to this summit. Below are the mayors who have already committed to attending this Summit.



Chris Koos
Normal



Rita Ali
Peoria



Mboka Mwilambwe
Bloomington



Jim Ardis
Fmr. Peoria



Mike Inman
Macomb



Michael Phelan
Peoria Heights



Jeff Bergfeld
Henry

The best leader in any community is not the one known for great unfulfilled dreams, or the wealthiest nor the most powerful but the one who serves it most – **Amir Al-Khafaji**

Summit Guests

We expect 10 mayors with 14 business, government and elected leaders to attend our conference and participate in the MAYORS SUMMIT on April 16. These mayors are on the frontline of infrastructure capital investment and business development. Mayor Koos just joined the Amtrak Board and mayor Ali is leading a \$100 million capital investment program and a new passenger rail initiative.