

**"Countering Violent Extremism Through Compassion and Kindness:
A Discussion with the Mayors of Louisville, Kentucky and Anaheim, California"**

Dear Members,

IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry is hosting a discussion with **Mr. Greg Fisher, Mayor of Louisville, Kentucky and Mr. Tom Tait, Mayor of Anaheim, California** on **"Countering Violent Extremism Through Compassion and Kindness"**

The details are as follows:

Day & Date : **Friday, February 16, 2018**
Time : **5:00 PM to 6:00 PM**
Venue : **Babubhai Chinai Committee Room, 2nd floor, IMC Building, Churchgate**

The two US mayors are visiting India as a part of a delegation from the Strong Cities Network (SCN), a network of cities around the world, of which Mumbai is the only Indian member.

Launched at the United Nations in September 2015, the Strong Cities Network (SCN) is the first ever global network of mayors, municipal-level policy makers and practitioners united in building social cohesion and community resilience to counter violent extremism in all its forms.

Both Louisville and Anaheim cities in the United States are members of the SCN network. The Mayors from these cities will provide overview of core challenges and approaches with regard to violent extremism and polarization.

We extend our invitation to you to participate and engage with the Mayors on very important topic of how best to counter violent extremism being faced by people across many cities around the world.

We request members interested to attend to send their registration with following details by email at nitin.bhaskar@imcnet.org or by phone at 71226633.

Name:
Organisation:
Designation:
Email ID:
Phone Number:

The brief profiles of the Mayors are appended below.

Sanjay Mehta
Dy. Director General

Mayor Tom Tait

Tom Tait was elected as mayor of Anaheim in November 2010 and re-elected to his second term in November 2014. As mayor, he represents the city at large. Mayor Tait ran on a platform of bringing the values of freedom and kindness to the culture of the city, while upholding fiscal responsibility, public safety and civic upkeep. Tait previously served on the Anaheim City Council from 1995 to 2004. He has also served on the Anaheim Planning Commission and on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California board of directors. He is a current member of the board of directors of the Orange County Transportation Authority. As mayor, Tait has promoted Anaheim as a city of kindness. Under his kindness Initiative, Anaheim Union School District students fulfilled a pledge to complete 1 million acts of kindness. He also created the Hi Neighbor program, which simply encourages neighbors to get to know one another through acts of kindness and to build social infrastructure that leads to stronger, more resilient communities. Under the kindness initiative, Tait also launched a program called Coming Home Anaheim, which coordinates the work and resources of local community and religious groups to provide homes and help for the homeless. In 2011, Tait, formed a Regulatory Relief Task Force to review and eliminate regulatory burdens on existing and prospective businesses in Anaheim, resulting in more freedom for people to achieve their dreams. Tait received his bachelor's in finance from the University of Wyoming and Master's of business administration and law degree from Vanderbilt University. He is a member of the State Bar of California. Aside from his duties as mayor, Tait is CEO of Tait and Associates, a civil engineering firm, and Tait Environmental Services, an environmental consulting company.

Mayor Greg Fischer

Greg Fischer is in his second term as Louisville's 50th Mayor. His administration is focused on three main goals: becoming a city of lifelong learning, a healthier city and an even more compassionate city. Since he took office in 2011, the city has added 63,000 jobs and 2,900 new businesses; seen unemployment drop by more than half; and household incomes and median wages rise.

Louisville has been named an "International Model City of Compassion" four years in a row, thanks in part to the Mayor's Give A Day Week of Service, which drew more than 180,000 volunteers and acts of compassion in 2017.

Governing magazine named Fischer as a "Public Official of the Year" in 2013. He is a trustee for the U.S. Conference of Mayors and chair of its Council on Metro Economies and the New American City. A 2016 Politico survey named him as the most innovative mayor in America, and in June 2017, Politico named him among its 11 most interesting mayors. He is an entrepreneur who started several businesses, including SerVend International and Iceberg Ventures, a private investment firm. He also co-founded bCatalyst, the first business accelerator in Louisville.