



MAYORS FOR PEACE ACTION TOOL KIT

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[Mayors for Peace](#), founded in 1982 and led by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, is working for a world without nuclear weapons, safe and resilient cities, and a culture of peace, in which peace is a priority for every individual. As of June 1, 2024, Mayors for Peace has grown to 8,397 cities in 166 countries and regions, with 227 U.S. members. Mayors for Peace’s next membership goal is to reach 10,000 member cities as quickly as possible. [Is your mayor a member?](#)

Member Cities (as of June 1, 2024)

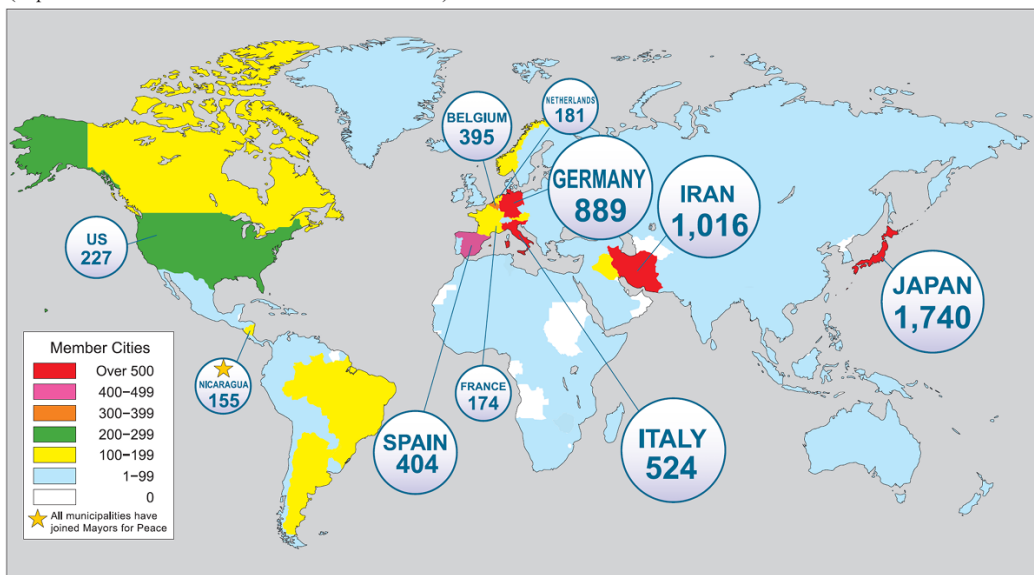
<div style="background-color: #004d00; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>8,397 cities</p> <p>in 166 countries & regions</p> </div>	Area	Countries & Regions	Member Cities
	Asia	39	3,360
	Oceania	9	137
	Africa	49	438
	Europe	41	3,379
	North America	3	341
	Latin America and the Caribbean	25	742

Regions: Taiwan / Palestine / Northern Cyprus (Asia), Northern Mariana Islands / French Polynesia (Oceania), Somaliland (Africa), Kosovo(Europe), Greenland (North America), Puerto Rico (Latin America and the Caribbean)

Help Mayors for Peace reach its goal of 10,000 member cities! Can we recruit 50 new U.S. members this year? Check out the numbers below. Let's catch up in the U.S.!

[Map Showing Mayors for Peace Member Cities]

(Top 10 countries in terms of number of member cities)



(As of June 1, 2024)

Learn more. [Click here to watch a Mayors for Peace introductory video](#) (10 minutes).

The prestigious U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM), the nonpartisan association of 1,408 American cities with populations over 30,000, has unanimously adopted bold Mayors for Peace resolutions for 18 consecutive years. Resolutions adopted at annual meetings become official USCM policy.

The Mayors for Peace resolution adopted by the 2022 USCM annual meeting is titled, "[Forging a Path to Peace and Common Security](#)." Addressing the need for common security, the resolution "calls on the President and Congress to exercise restraint in U.S. military engagement in Ukraine, while maximizing diplomatic efforts to end the war as soon as possible by working with Ukraine and Russia for an immediate ceasefire and negotiations.... in conformity with the United Nations Charter, knowing that the risks of wider war grow the longer the war continues."

The resolution "calls on the U.S. and the other nuclear-armed states parties to the [Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty].... to implement their disarmament obligations by committing to a process leading to the adoption no later than 2030 of a timebound plan for the global elimination of nuclear weapons by 2045...."

Addressing the need for human security, the resolution "calls on the Administration and Congress to rein in military and nuclear weapons spending, and to redirect funds to support safe and resilient cities and meet human needs, including by providing accessible and affordable health care for all, housing and food security, green sustainable energy, and environmental protection and mitigation; and to increase investment in international diplomacy, humanitarian assistance and development, and international cooperation to address the climate crisis."

The Mayors for Peace resolution adopted by the 2023 USCM annual meeting is titled, "[Calling for Urgent Action to Avoid Nuclear War, Resolve the Ukraine Conflict, Lower Tensions with China, and Redirect Military Spending to Meet Human Needs](#)." For the first time, a USCM resolution on nuclear disarmament lends the organization's support to a specific legislative measure, [H. Res. 77](#), "Embracing the Goals and Provisions of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons."

As former Mayor Frank Cownie of Des Moines, Iowa, past U.S. Vice-President of Mayors for Peace, said, "***If you don't think nuclear weapons are a local issue, ask the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.***" Mayors are well placed to understand the dangers of nuclear war as well as the impacts of grotesquely bloated military spending on human needs and on the public services we all depend on. During the pandemic, and now the Russian war on Ukraine and Israeli war on Gaza, these powerful resolutions calling for new priorities provide an important opportunity to get that message heard.

Help Mayors for Peace reach its goal of 10,000 member cities! Can we recruit 50 new U.S. members this year? [Find out if your mayor is a member of Mayors for Peace](#) (click on Country/Region for US). If they are not a member, please invite them to join. [Click here](#) for a letter of invitation from Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui, the President of Mayors for Peace, information about how to register, and examples of member cities activities.

- If you're planning to ask your City Council to adopt a [Back From the Brink](#) resolution or the [ICAN Cities Appeal](#), or some combination, ***ask your mayor to join Mayors for Peace at the same time.***
- Even better, ***include an operative clause in your resolution making it City policy for the mayor to join Mayors for Peace.***
- Cite recent USCM resolutions (see above) and quote from them in your local resolution.
- If your mayor is already a member of Mayors for Peace, ask them to actively support adoption of your resolution by the City Council.
- Take copies of recent USCM resolutions to meetings with members of Congress or their staff; include it in correspondence with members of Congress and State legislators.
- Refer to and quote from the USCM resolutions in articles, op-eds, and letters to the editor.

THINGS MAYORS CAN DO with the support of local peace and disarmament groups:

Public education

- [Plant a seedling from an A-bombed tree](#) at a public location
- [Host an A-Bomb poster exhibit](#) in City Hall or another public location
- [Participate in the annual Mayors for Peace Children's Art Competition, "Peaceful Towns"](#)
- Issue a Proclamation on the Hiroshima-Nagasaki anniversary
- Place educational resources in public libraries
- Host a Town Hall meeting
- Host a film showing or film series
- Publish an op-ed in a local newspaper
- [Sign and promote the Mayors for Peace petition](#), *Calling for all states to join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as soon as possible.*
- [Click here for more ideas](#)



Work with your City Council

- Pass a resolution in support of the [Back From the Brink](#) campaign, the [ICAN Cities Appeal](#) or a hybrid
- Hold a city budget hearing on [local impacts of nuclear weapons and military spending](#)
- Divest city funds from nuclear weapons producers and investors ([Don't Bank on the Bomb](#))

Lobby the federal government

- Join with other Mayors for Peace members to lobby Congress using the USCM and municipal resolutions
- Recruit your Congressional Representatives and Senators to join [Parliamentarians for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament](#) and sign the [ICAN Parliamentary Pledge](#).
- [Ask your Congressional Representative to co-sponsor H. Res. 77](#)

More

- Put a Mayors for Peace logo on the City's or the Mayor's website
- Organize a regional Mayors for Peace meeting
- Recruit more members for Mayors for Peace

Explore the [Mayors for Peace website](#) for more ideas. Check out especially, the monthly [News Flash](#) and [Member Cities' Activities](#).

Let's do this! Let's recruit 50 new U.S. members of Mayors for Peace this year!! [Join the new Mayors for Peace interest group.](#)

For more information or assistance, contact Jackie Cabasso, Mayors for Peace North American Coordinator: wslf@earthlink.net; (510) 839-5877 (Oakland, CA)

***Mayors for Peace is working with the Back From the Brink Campaign
to get more Congressional Co-sponsors on H. Res. 77***



Back from the Brink (BftB) is a US-based grassroots coalition of individuals, organizations and elected officials working together toward a world free of nuclear weapons and advocating for common sense nuclear weapons policies to secure a safer, more just future. BftB calls on the United States to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals
- Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first
- Ending the sole, unchecked authority of any U.S. President to launch a nuclear attack
- Taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert
- Cancelling the plan to replace the entire U.S. nuclear arsenal with enhanced weapons

Nearly 80 cities, towns, counties and states have passed BftB resolutions, and more than 400 organizations large and small have endorsed BftB. 69 countries have ratified the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and 24 more have signed. The U.S. Conference of Mayors welcomed the TPNW in a 2021 resolution and has endorsed BftB in three annual resolutions submitted by members of Mayors for Peace.

On January 31, 2023, Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA) and Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) introduced **H. Res. 77** in the U.S. House of Representatives calling on the U.S. to embrace the goals and provisions of the TPNW and to adopt Back from the Brink's comprehensive policy prescriptions for reducing nuclear risks and preventing nuclear war. There are currently 44 co-sponsors. The resolution "calls on the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, all other Federal and congressional leaders of the United States and the American people to lead a global effort to move the world back from the nuclear brink and to prevent nuclear war by—

(A) actively pursuing and concluding negotiations on a new, bilateral nuclear arms control and disarmament framework agreement with the Russian Federation before 2026 and pursuing negotiations with China and other nuclear-armed states on an agreement or agreements for the verifiable, enforceable, and timebound elimination of global nuclear arsenal."

Back from the Brink is using H. Res. 77 as a grassroots organizing and advocacy tool to stimulate real debate about nuclear weapons in communities around the country and for cultivating congressional leaders committed to advancing the cause of nuclear disarmament. **ACT NOW!**

**[Urge Your U.S. House Representative to Show Leadership on Nuclear Weapons
by Cosponsoring H. Res. 77](#)**