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Moms Call on America's Local Officials to Protect Clean Air and Kids' Health for Mother's Day

(WASHINGTON, D.C.—May 10th 2018) – As families everywhere come together to celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday (May 13th), members of Moms Clean Air Force are marking the occasion in a special way. In 10 cities across the country, moms are joining local city leaders to highlight the efforts of their local government to fight climate change and protect clean air and children's health.

Moms Clean Air Force is hosting Mother's Day "Mama Summits" (*Albuquerque, NM; Aurora, CO; Columbus, OH, Las Vegas, NV; Livingston, MT; Miami, FL; Milwaukee, WI; Phoenix, AZ; Reno, NV and Springfield, MO*) as part of its new [Moms & Mayors program](#) which kicked off this week. Throughout the week, the program will encourage moms of all backgrounds and in cities of every size to take part in a week of action with an online toolkit and other resources provided.

As the chief "spokesmom" for this program, [Heather McTeer Toney](#) knows that whenever moms and parents engage with city councils at the local level—to promote clean air, renewable energy and sustainability initiatives—lasting change is possible:

"Moms and Mayors is a movement that supports local leaders committed to improving the quality of our air—and our life—for everyone in our communities," said Heather McTeer Toney, who serves as senior advisor for local government at Moms Clean Air Force.

"As a mom of three and a former mayor, I know firsthand the power that neighbors and local leaders can harness to drive meaningful change that benefits our children. And right now, the stakes for our children could not be higher. Climate change threatens our kids' health and future on an unprecedented scale. In the absence of federal action, moms are partnering with local leaders to drive change where change is possible," added Toney.

At a time when federal climate change policies are facing unprecedented rollbacks, the role local and state leaders play is increasingly important. While the Trump administration rollbacks threaten our children's health and slow progress on addressing climate change, moms, dads, and grandparents working with local elected leaders are well positioned to take matters into their own hands and build resilient cities through innovative climate solutions at the local and state levels.

“Moms should have an outsized role in determining how our cities are run. As a mayor and mom, I have experienced how critically important it is for our voice as parents to be represented -- and heard! -- when it comes to protecting our kids' health. Decisions are made every day at the local level from growth management to composting and transportation infrastructure that impact our lives,” said Christine Berg, Mayor of Lafayette, CO, and Colorado Field Organizer for Moms Clean Air Force.

“We are pairing the power of moms with the power of mayors to make change at the local level at a critical time when the federal government attempts to roll back air, water, and climate protections. Mayors across the country are responding with innovative solutions: running their cities on clean energy, saving money, and protecting children’s health,” added Berg.

In sum, moms are standing with their mayors and city officials in ten cities from Reno to Miami to show strong support for local clean air initiatives that curb pollution, safeguard children’s health, and pave the way for cities to be more sustainable.

PHOTOS:

To view a selection of event highlights, please visit our online gallery [here](#).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Two of Moms Clean Air Force’s national leaders recently appeared on the [“Think 100%” podcast](#) [minute 34:00] to discuss how parents and local leaders must work together for stronger laws that protect our children and the environment from the negative impacts of toxic pollution and climate change.
- [Moms Clean Air Force](#) is a national community of over 1,000,000 moms and dads committed to fighting air pollution and protecting clean air for America’s children.
- For more information about the Moms & Mayors movement, or to schedule an interview with spokesmoms Christine Berg and/or Heather Toney, please contact Sasha Tenenbaum, (917)887-0146, stenenbaum@momscleanairforce.org

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