

**Report to the Future Melbourne Committee****Agenda item 6.7****Opportunity for international engagement****16 August 2022****Presenter:** Evan Counsel, General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change**Purpose and background**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for Lord Mayor Sally Capp to travel to Buenos Aires to represent the City of Melbourne at the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) World Mayors Summit 2022 (C40 Summit) between 19 and 22 October 2022. The invitation to the Lord Mayor to participate is included as Attachment 2.
2. The City of Melbourne is one of 96 member cities in C40. Created and led by cities, C40 collaborates to tackle climate change and drive urban action that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and climate risks. C40 supports cities to advance their climate goals, primarily through thematic networks.
3. C40 Mayors represent 25 per cent of the global economy and more than 700 million people worldwide. In August 2021 Council endorsed the C40 Renewable Energy Declaration showcasing the City's climate leadership and action.
4. City of Melbourne has regularly attended this forum. Representatives have included former Lord Mayor Robert Doyle who attended Copenhagen in 2009, Sao Paulo in 2011, former Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood, who attended Johannesburg in 2013 and Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece who attended Copenhagen in 2019.

**Key issues**

5. Engagement with international cities and networks positions Melbourne as a globally connected and world leading city. It allows the city to position itself to leverage opportunities that build on Melbourne's reputation as a preferred and sustainable destination in which to live, invest in, do business and visit.
6. The theme of the C40 Summit is 'united in action' and is the first major convening of city leaders on climate since the start of COVID-19.
7. The C40 Summit is scheduled two weeks before the United Nations Conference of Parties (COP27) in Egypt, making it a critical moment to showcase how C40 mayors are united and focused on shaping the global conversation and action on climate change. City of Melbourne involvement in discussions at this level advances the stated Council Plan ambition to be a global leader on climate action (Major Initiative 28). Participation in the C40 Summit also contributes to the City's compliance with [C40 Leadership Standards](#) and helps us achieve Council Play Major Initiatives.
8. Plenary sessions will focus on key challenges faced by global cities such as a fair and inclusive pandemic recovery and financing resilient cities. The agenda includes a number of issues relevant to the Council Plan:
  - 8.1. Transitioning to green jobs (Major Initiative 29);
  - 8.2. Green and thriving neighbourhoods (Major Initiative 16, Major Initiative 31);
  - 8.3. Inclusive climate action (Major Initiative 48);
  - 8.4. Sustainable transport (Major Initiative 45, Major Initiative 46);
  - 8.5. Energy, buildings and construction (Major Initiative 30); and
  - 8.6. Climate emergency (Major Initiative 35).
9. Speaking opportunities provided will allow the Lord Mayor to showcase the city's leading work in renewable energy, urban greening and climate resilience, including Power Melbourne and Greenline. The Lord Mayor will also have the opportunity for meetings with various stakeholders, which may include the Mayor of London, C40 city delegates, climate experts and business leaders.

10. The cost associated with travel by the Lord Mayor will be primarily met by C40 with the City of Melbourne funding incidental costs only.

**Recommendation from management**

11. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
  - 11.1. Approves the Lord Mayor's proposed travel to Buenos Aires, Argentina to participate in the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group World Mayors Summit 2022 between 19 and 21 October 2022 at an estimated cost to Council of \$900.
  - 11.2. Notes that the Lord Mayor will prepare a report to the Future Melbourne Committee or Council within 60 days of return from travel.

**Attachments:**

1. Supporting Attachment (Page 3 of 4)
2. C40 invitation to Lord Mayor (Page 4 of 4)

**Supporting Attachment**

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**Finance**

1. The cost associated with travel by the Lord Mayor will be jointly funded by C40 and the City of Melbourne. C40 will fund the majority of costs including airfares and accommodation. The City of Melbourne will fund incidental costs for five days which are estimated at \$900.
2. All City of Melbourne costs will be met from the existing budget allocation.

**Conflict of interest**

3. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a direct or indirect interest in relation to the matter of the report.

**Health and Safety**

4. In developing this proposal, no occupational health and safety issues or opportunities have been identified.
5. In undertaking international travel, the Lord Mayor will adhere to and be guided by local and international health, safety and security measures including those identified by Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

**Relation to Council policy**

6. The Director Governance has confirmed that the travel proposal accords with the requirements of the travel guidelines outlined in the Council Expenses Policy.
7. The objectives associated with this proposal align with the Major Initiatives under the Council Plan and positions endorsed by Council.

**Environmental sustainability**

8. The carbon emissions resulting from air travel will be offset with the purchase of credits.

## **C40 WORLD MAYORS SUMMIT** Buenos Aires 2022

Attachment 2  
Agenda item

Future Melbourne Committee  
16 August 2022

Lord Mayor Sally Capp  
City of Melbourne

28 March 2022

### **Invitation to attend the 2022 C40 World Mayors Summit, 19 - 21 October, Buenos Aires, Argentina**

Dear Lord Mayor Sally Capp,

On behalf of the City of Buenos Aires and C40 Cities, we are delighted to invite you to attend the eighth **C40 World Mayors Summit**, taking place in Buenos Aires from 19-21 October 2022. The main Summit programme will take place at the Buenos Aires Convention Centre, alongside side/fringe events, media moments, public engagement activities, cultural programming, a business forum and site visits that will feature across the city.

In the first major climate convening of city leaders since the pandemic started, the C40 World Mayors Summit will gather mayors of world-leading cities alongside business leaders, global influencers, philanthropists, campaigners, youth leaders, scientists and residents. The Summit takes place two weeks before COP27 in Egypt, making it a critical moment to showcase how mayors are United in Action, shaping the global conversation on climate and building on their leadership shown at COP26.

Previous C40 World Mayors Summit events made headlines around the world by launching ground-breaking research, highlighting cutting-edge innovations, and showcasing the capacity of new partnerships to find creative urban solutions to the climate crisis. In Copenhagen in 2019, we gathered 75 mayors and vice mayors, alongside youth, business and civil society leaders, with international figures such as the UN Secretary General, the Danish Prime Minister, former Vice President Al Gore, and US Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

In Buenos Aires, global mayors will take stock of the progress that cities have made in confronting the climate crisis during the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting how they are accelerating delivery of their climate commitments and helping create a more sustainable, equitable world where everyone, everywhere can thrive. The event will showcase the most effective climate solutions delivered in cities and demonstrate what a strong global coalition working together on radical climate action can achieve.

As the host city, Buenos Aires will exhibit the wide range of successful and inspiring climate solutions that the city has implemented. We look forward to demonstrating how a society characterised by creativity, openness and diversity has enabled a broad coalition of businesses and residents to participate and engage in creating innovative, meaningful and equitable climate action that promotes urban wellbeing.

Two years after the climate decade began and as we emerge from a global pandemic, it is now inherently clear: We must take faster, fairer, and more ambitious inclusive climate action now. We know that confronting the climate crisis requires bold steps and greater commitment from all actors in society, and we know that we are stronger together. **We would be honoured if you can join us at this momentous Summit, and help us build a more sustainable, equitable and prosperous future for all.**

**RSVP:** To confirm your participation, or should you have any questions, please contact the C40 Summit Team at [C40summit@C40.org](mailto:C40summit@C40.org), with your C40 Regional director and Deputy Director in copy.

We look forward to seeing you in Buenos Aires.

Yours sincerely,

**Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London  
C40 Chair

**Horacio Rodríguez Larreta**  
Mayor of Buenos Aires  
C40 Vice Chair