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**Mayor Andy Schor Joins City Leaders from Around the World in  
Second Class of Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative**  
*Yearlong program provides 40 mayors with world-class executive training and  
coaching to help deliver results for cities*

LANSING — Mayor Schor is going back to school this summer to study leadership and management practices, as one of 40 mayors chosen for an intensive education program with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative.

As a participant in the Initiative’s 2018 program, Mayor Schor is part of a class of dedicated mayors attending a program delivered by faculty from Harvard Business School and Harvard Kennedy School as well as world-class experts from Bloomberg Philanthropies’ global network.

The yearlong program launched with a three-day convening in New York City, which Mayor Schor attended at no cost to the city. Each day of the convening, mayors attended classroom sessions focused on the latest management and leadership practices, using case studies and workshops developed at Harvard.

“I’m looking forward to the year ahead as a great opportunity for city leaders to meet, exchange ideas, and discuss how best to approach solving pressing problems for our residents,” Mayor Schor said. “When it comes to tackling priority issues in Lansing, my team is invested in using data, working across sectors, and anything else that may help produce results.”

Michael R. Bloomberg, founder Bloomberg Philanthropies and three-term mayor of New York City, collaborated with outgoing Harvard University President Drew Faust to create the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative in 2016.

Collectively, Harvard University and Bloomberg Philanthropies aim to help mayors and their leadership teams manage the complexities of running a city, and to have opportunities to learn from one another. The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative will connect Mayor Schor to some of the university’s top educators, coaching from experts, a network of peers, and technical assistance. The program provides an opportunity to share best practices and learn from fellow mayors about the promising ideas that are already helping to enhance the quality of life in cities around the world.

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Two senior-level city officials nominated by each mayor will attend a similar convening in August. From Lansing, Samantha Harkins, Mayor Schor's Chief of Staff, and Andi Crawford, Director of the Department of Neighborhoods and Citizen Engagement, will participate in the yearlong program, as well, and help Mayor Schor translate what they learn into organizational changes that improve life in Lansing.

Mayor Schor's participation in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, and that of his two senior leaders – including tuition, accommodation, meals, and airfare – is fully funded by the program.

*The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative is a collaboration among Bloomberg Philanthropies, Harvard Business School, and Harvard Kennedy School. Its mission is to inspire and strengthen city leaders as well as equip them with the tools to lead high-performing, innovative cities.*

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