

## Biden Appoints Benjamin to White House Post

The National Forum congratulates Stephen Benjamin on his appointment today by President Biden as presidential Senior Advisor and Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. Benjamin was an active participant in Move with the Mayor™ and a member of the National Forum's Advisory Leadership Council.

“Steve Benjamin’s strategic advice has helped the National Forum support his and other mayors’ impact on cardiometabolic health and health equity,” said John M. Clymer, Executive Director. “As Mayor, he used Move with the Mayor™ to engage Columbia residents in active, healthy living. As President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, he led other mayors to use Move with the Mayor™ to improve well-being in their communities.”

Clymer added, “Mayor Benjamin told me, ‘I recognize that to make an enduring impact on people’s health, we need to make policy and infrastructure changes.’ He asked the National Forum for assistance, setting us on course to help mayors throughout the country implement evidence-based programs, policies, and environmental changes proven to improve health and health equity.”

Although Benjamin concluded the mayoral chapter of his public service after serving three terms, he has remained active with the National Forum, serving on its Advisory Leadership Council.

In his new role, Mayor Benjamin will “ensure community leaders, diverse perspectives, and new voices have the opportunity to inform the work of the President in an inclusive, transparent, and responsible way,” according to a White House statement.

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