



CITIES UNITED FOR IMMIGRATION ACTION

Social Media & Press Coverage

OVERVIEW

Cities United for Immigration Action organized and coordinated a group of 18 mayors from across the country to join forces and sign onto a letter to President Obama, urging to increase the number of Syrian refugees admitted into the U.S.

We were able to secure placements in multiple national and local outlets, including Huffington Post and New York Observer. In addition, international human rights organizations and key mayors amplified our actions online, expanding our digital footprint to a broader audience.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media efforts earned solid engagement - with a reach of over 400,000 users for @CitiesForAction. Our direct impressions from this action were also strong, helping us build our digital presence in a meaningful and substantial manner.

Twitter

CUIA Members and supporters that took action include:

NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio
NYC Mayors Office
NYC Office of Immigrant Affairs (and staff)
City of Syracuse (multiple tweets)
Baltimore Mayor Rawlings-Blake (multiple tweets)
Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto (multiple tweets)
Haledon Mayor Dom Stampone (multiple tweets)
Welcoming Pittsburgh
Office of New Bostonians
St. Louis Mosaic Project

Sample tweets:

 Bill de Blasio retweeted



Cities for Action @citiesforaction · 21h

Mayors from NYC to LA stand together; call on the U.S. to accept more refugees amid Syrian crisis. #CitiesForAction bit.ly/1QB41DB



Mayor Rawlings-Blake @MayorSRB

about 1 hour ago

RT @citiesforaction: Baltimore @MayorSRB: We will continue to be a beacon of freedom & opportunity for refugees seeking a home...<http://t.c...>



City of Syracuse @Syracuse1848 · 9m

Retweeted Cities for Action (@citiesforaction):

.@Syracuse1848 Mayor: Bringing Syrian refugees to our shores is... fb.me/6ROy3y0iO



Welcoming Pittsburgh @WelcomingPGH

about 3 hours ago

RT @citiesforaction: Pittsburgh Mayor @billpeduto: We welcome the minds & hearts of those fleeing the Syrian crisis. @WelcomingPGH <http://t...>



NYC Mayor's Fund @NYCMayorsFund

about 2 hours ago

RT @citiesforaction: Mayors from NYC to LA stand together; call on the U.S. to accept more refugees amid Syrian crisis. #CitiesForAction ht...



STL Mosaic Project @STLMosaic · 2h

@MayorSlay in this group! Read his quote.

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Domenick Stampone @DomStampone · 4h

#Haledon is a place of tolerance and compassion. I'm proud to be a signatory. #SiamoTuttiClandestini

Cities for Action @citiesforaction

18 Mayors call on federal government to accept more refugees amid #SyrianCrisis. #CitiesForAction bit.ly/1QB41DB

Cities for Action retweeted

 **bill peduto** @billpeduto · 1h
Proud to join 17 other cities, the Pope and our President.

Cities for Action @citiesforaction
Pittsburgh Mayor @billpeduto: We welcome the minds & hearts of those fleeing the Syrian crisis. @WelcomingPGH bit.ly/1QB41DB

 **IRC Intl Rescue Comm** @theIRC · 37m
We applaud 18 U.S. mayors inc @ericgarcetti @MayorSRB @BilldeBlasio for their readiness to take in even more refugees huff.to /1VeXIXI

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AIUSA Activism in DC retweeted

 **Refugee Council USA** @RCUSA_DC · 2h
NY, LA, Chicago & 15 other cities say they will welcome #Syrian #refugees. Mayors wrote @POTUS yest. @HuffingtonPost ow.ly /SF8XN

 **OBSERVER** @observer · 13h
After Pope Francis address, mayors urge Obama to accept more Syrian refugees. bit.ly/1OVLLpU

PRINT, ONLINE & TV CLIPS

[Huffington Post - 18 U.S. Mayors To Obama: We'll Take Even More Refugees](#)

New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and 15 other cities are ready and willing to take in even more refugees than the Obama administration has proposed, mayors wrote in a letter to the president on Thursday. "We will welcome the Syrian families to make homes and new lives in our cities," wrote the mayors, all of whom are part of the Cities United for Immigration Action coalition. "Indeed, we are writing to say that we stand ready to work with your Administration to do much more and to urge you to increase still further the number of Syrian refugees the United States will accept for resettlement."...

[New York Observer - After Pope Francis Address, Mayors Urge Obama to Accept More Syrian Refugees](#)

Hours after Pope Francis asked countries across the world to embrace more refugees and immigrants, a coalition of 18 mayors including Mayor Bill de Blasio sent an open letter to President Barack Obama urging him to open up America's borders to additional Syrian refugees. The mayors, belonging to a group known as Cities United for Immigration Action, want Mr. Obama to allow more Syrian refugees on top of the 10,000 additional Syrians he said the U.S. will permit by 2017...

[Politico - Mayor, speaker echo Pope Francis address to Congress](#)

Shortly after his speech, Mayor Bill de Blasio, along with other 18 mayors across the country, sent a letter to the Obama administration — timed to the pope's visit — asking them to accept additional Syrian crisis refugees beyond the 10,000 his administration has already agreed to accept...The mayors who signed onto letter are part of Cities United for Immigration Action, a coalition of nearly 100 cities that is working to promote immigration reform nationwide...

[The Hill - Mayors to Obama: We'll take more refugees](#)

The mayors who signed the letter include New York Mayor Bill de Blasio (D), Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel (D) and Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake (D), according to The Huffington Post. All of the mayors on the letter are part of the Cities United for Immigration Reform coalition. The Obama administration pledged Sunday to accept as many as 85,000 refugees during the next fiscal year...

[Dayton Daily News - Dayton mayor signs letter welcoming refugees](#)

Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley joined mayors from Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and 14 other U.S. cities that said they were willing to take in even more refugees than proposed by the Obama administration...We will welcome the Syrian families to make homes and new lives in our cities," wrote the mayors, all of whom are part of the Cities United for Immigration Action coalition. "Indeed, we are writing to say that we stand ready to work with your Administration to do much more and to urge you to increase still further the number of Syrian refugees the United States will accept for resettlement."...

[Post-Standard - Miner to Obama: Syracuse can welcome more Syrian refugees](#)

Mayor Stephanie Miner is one of 18 mayors encouraging President Barack Obama to accept additional Syrian refugees into the United States. Miner signed a letter, sent to Obama, that calls for an increase of the number of refugees the U.S. will accept in the next two years...All 18 mayors are members of Cities United for Immigration Action, a coalition pushing for immigration reform. Along with Miner, mayors from Los Angeles, New York City, Pittsburgh, Boston and Chicago signed the letter...

[CNY Central - Should Syracuse accept more Syrian refugees?](#)

Hours after Pope Francis told Washington lawmakers not to fear immigrants, Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner signed a letter signaling to the President she is willing to offer up her city as a place where more people might be resettled. "In accepting refugees from Syria, the United States is recognizing the basic humanity of these men, women, and children. It is important we make policies that honor the dignity of all people. Bringing Syrian refugees to our shores is in line with our history of accepting the famous 'huddled masses yearning to breathe free' and it is in line with the best of what we hope to be as a nation," Miner said in the news release revealing the letter. 18 Mayors from cities across the country signed it...

[Tele Sur - US Mayors From 18 Cities Offer to Host More Refugees \[Latino Outlet\]](#)

Mayors of 18 cities in the United States wrote an open letter on Thursday addressed to President Barack Obama, offering to host more refugees than the 10,000 the government plans to receive by October 2016. "As the mayors of cities across the country, we see first-hand the myriad of ways in which immigrants and refugees make our communities stronger economically, socially and culturally. We will welcome the Syrian families to make homes and new lives in our cities," reads the letter...

[WSYR TV - Mayor Stephanie Miner says refugees are welcome in Syracuse](#)

Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner is pushing to bring Syrian Refugees to the city. Mayor Miner is one of 18 mayors across the country asking President Obama to accept more Syrians fleeing their homeland. The announcement comes on the same day Pope Francis called for the acceptance of immigrants “in a way which is always humane, just and fraternal” in his address to Congress...

[Occupy Democrats - After Hearing Pope Francis, 18 Democratic Mayors Tell Obama They'll Accept More Refugees](#)

Europe and the Middle East are in the midst of the worst refugee crisis the world has seen since World War II and it's reaching a boiling point. With countries like Saudi Arabia and Israel refusing to do anything to help the millions of displaced families, many people are looking to the United States to step in and help. The Obama administration has expressed desire to take in more than 100,000 refugees over the next few years; but, Republicans are deploying their usual “we can't help Muslims, they might be terrorists” fear tactic that plays so well to their ignorant base. Now, on the same day Pope Francis urged members of Congress to help the desperate people fleeing horrific violence, 18 Democratic mayors have sent a letter to Obama telling him that they are willing and able to accept refugee families into their cities...

[WND - Mayors to Obama: We'll take more refugees](#)

A coalition of 18 mayors is urging President Obama to let more refugees come to the United States. The group sent Obama a letter on Thursday stating their collective commitment to sheltering civilians displaced from Syria and other war zones, according to The Huffington Post...

[Daily Caller - Mayors Of Eighteen U.S. Cities Tell Obama They Are Ready To Take More Syrian Refugees](#)

Mayors from eighteen U.S. cities signed a letter to President Obama saying they are willing to take even more refugees than what has been proposed by the administration. “We will welcome the Syrian families to make homes and new lives in our cities,” wrote the mayors, all of whom are part of the Cities United for Immigration Action coalition...

[New York Times - Refugee Crisis in Syria Raises Fears in South Carolina](#)

This week, the mayors of 18 American cities, including Bill de Blasio of New York and Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles, [sent a letter](#) to President Obama urging him “to increase still further the number of Syrian refugees the United States will accept for resettlement.” The mayors asserted that the United States had a “robust screening and background check” system in place for refugees, who, they said, “have helped build our economies, enliven our arts and culture, and enrich our neighborhoods.”

[Pittsburgh Post-Gazette – Peduto joins other mayors in pledging to accept Syrian refugees](#)

Pittsburgh is among 18 cities that have told the Obama administration it would be willing to accept refugees from Syria if the U.S. wants to increase the number it is willing to accept. Mayor Bill Peduto signed a letter encouraging the president to increase the number of Syrian refugees above the 10,000 President Barack Obama has agreed to welcome.