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Dear Mayor Adame:

On behalf of The United States Conference of Mayors, may I extend warm congratulations on your outstanding leadership in support of urban livability. I am very pleased to let you know that your city has been awarded the 2012 GRO1000 Gardens and Green Spaces Grant Awards for the Quesada Gardens Initiative. As you know, the GRO1000 Gardens and Green Spaces Grant Awards are sponsored by ScottsMiracle-Gro, and The U.S. Conference of Mayors.

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The 5 award-winning cities were determined by an independent panel of judges, selected by The U.S. Conference of Mayors. The awards will be officially announced at our Winter Meeting in Washington, DC on **Thursday, January 19, 2:00 – 4:15 p.m. during the afternoon Plenary**. There will be recognition portion of the program, followed by a group photo on stage with individual posed shots with local ScottsMiracle-Gro representatives just off the stage. We hope very much that you will be able to attend.

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Award Winners will each receive grants in the amount of \$25,000 (\$15,000 cash; \$10,000 in-kind product provided by Scotts Miracle-Gro). **We would appreciate it if you could wait until the January 19th national recognition during the meeting to inform the press of your Grant Award.** We will be working with your staff on more details surrounding the winter meeting and the local dedication event and publicity for the award-winning cities. **In addition to the national ceremony we look forward to the mandatory local dedication ceremony.** The other 2012 winners are listed alphabetically by city *Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, Columbia (SC) Mayor Steven Benjamin, and Corpus Cristi Mayor Joe Adame.*

We will be in touch with you soon with some more information. If you have any questions, please contact me at jbogen@usmayors.org or (202) 861-6727. Thank you again and congratulations.

Sincerely,

Tom Cochran
CEO and Executive Director

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