CITIES RACE TO RESILIENCE COMMITMENT FORM

I have read the information below about the Race to Resilience commitment and I understand all that is expected of me, my staff, and ICLEI USA. By signing below, I agree to participate and to allow ICLEI to publish our commitment, target, and actions on the ICLEI USA website and to report this information to the global Cities Race to Resilience platform.

I pledge to join the Race to Resilience on behalf of _________________________, ________________.
(name of city/county) (name of state)

Race to Resilience is the sibling campaign to Race to Zero and is a global initiative of the COP26 Presidency and High-Level Climate Champions to rally leadership and support from cities, regions, businesses and investors to help frontline communities build resilience and adapt to the impacts of climate change. The Race to Resilience aims to catalyze action by these groups to build the resilience of 4 billion vulnerable people globally to climate risks. A resilient world, where both people and nature do not just survive climate shocks and stresses, but thrive in spite of them, is at the heart of the Race to Resilience.

The Cities Race to Resilience is one of the initiatives under the Race to Resilience campaign, focused on driving cities, towns and counties to join and pledge their commitment to prepare for climate change. The Cities Race to Resilience offers cities and counties the unique opportunity to showcase action and drive ambition by following a globally accepted framework, access support to carry out specific resilience actions, and report on progress. Cities Race to Resilience is supported by the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which is led by ICLEI as the focal organization.

Communities in the Race to Resilience will:

1. **Pledge:** Integrate climate change adaptation and resilience in all aspects of urban planning and undertake a community-wide climate risk and vulnerability assessment that also includes all vulnerable communities.

2. **Plan:** Plan to use available knowledge and scientific evidence, including data and spatial analysis, for decision-making and action, and outline interim targets and milestones as part of a long-term commitment for citywide action.

3. **Proceed:** Immediately proceed to taking action by committing to at least one of the resilience actions as listed on www.citiesracetoresilience.org.

4. **Report:** Report progress annually through the CDP-ICLEI Track platform. If you have not reported before, you will be contacted by partners for support.

ICLEI USA will provide Race to Resilience leaders and communities with:
● A Race to Resilience support package that pairs ICLEI’s resources with your community’s goals.

● Selected high-impact resilience actions based on your community’s context and vulnerability assessment findings.

● Technical assistance to proceed with one or more high-impact actions during 2023-2024.

● Support with reporting your commitment and actions to the global Race to Resilience platform. (Targets are reported via the CDP-ICLEI Track).

● National and international recognition for your ambition and action from ICLEI USA.

● Opportunities to speak about and share your community’s Race to Resilience ambition.

As a Race to Resilience leader, I will:

● Commit my staff to work with ICLEI to develop our “member journey” of technical and implementation aspects of the Race to Resilience.

● Spend an average of 15 minutes each month amplifying climate resilience within my community, with other elected officials, and/or at national and international forums.

● Provide a statement about why the Race to Resilience initiative is important to me and my community (in the box below). Please include a link to a portrait or include an attachment in your submission email. This quote and photo will be used on the ICLEI USA website and in social media to highlight your ambition.

I anticipate my community will need ICLEI’s assistance to complete the following steps of the Race to Resilience:

☐ A declaration of a climate emergency and/or a commitment to climate neutrality, climate resilience or both

☐ A climate vulnerability assessment

☐ Planning and implementing at least one inclusive and equitable climate resilience action

☐ Reporting progress

☐ Unsure. I need ICLEI technical advisors to help create my plan.

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Elected Official Signature                                                    Date