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**Living Cities Joins Congressmen Turner,
and Capuano to Announce Formation of Former Mayors Caucus**
Bi-partisan Caucus to Address Broad Range of Policy Issues Affecting US Cities

New York - Jonathan Fanton, President of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and board member of Living Cities will be joined by Reps. Mike Turner, R-OH and Mike Capuano, D-MA on the launch of the Congressional "former mayors" Caucus. **The press conference will be held Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 2 p.m. at the U.S. Capitol, Room HC-7.**

Jonathan Fanton, President, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and Chair of the Policy and Public Affairs Committee of the board of directors, Living Cities, a collaborative of financial institutions, national foundations and a federal government agency says, "Living Cities shares the vision of a bright future for America's cities and wants to help in any way we can. In addition to increasing our financial commitment, Living Cities can also help with research that is useful to the caucus as it weighs policy options. With access to top-flight scholars and policy analysts, Living Cities has already published studies on issues ranging from brownfields, historic preservation, and both public and private sector housing, to strategies for economic competitiveness. The Mayors' Caucus creates an extraordinary opportunity to address these issues and to improve cities across America. Living Cities is proud to play a role."

Rep. Mike Turner, R-Ohio says, "As the former Mayor of Dayton and Chairman of Speaker Hastert's Saving America's Cities working group, I am excited about the opportunity to work with Members with similar backgrounds to address the needs of our nation's cities and towns. The Former Mayors Caucus is another outlet that will allow me to continue my work with cities."

Rep. Mike Capuano, D-Mass says, "The Caucus will be a forum to highlight the issues impacting our nation's cities. As the former Mayor of Somerville, Massachusetts, I have experienced firsthand how federal policies impact local communities. By bringing together Members with backgrounds in city government, we can bring a local perspective to issues we're debating in Congress. I look forward to working with Congressman Turner and other former mayors in this effort."

Living Cities -- through partnerships for good neighborhoods and great cities -- has been a leader in the community development field since 1991. To date, this unique organization -- comprised of national foundations, financial institutions and a federal government agency -- has invested more than \$374 million in 23 cities across the nation and has a long history of building partnerships with mayors in each of those cities.. For more information about Living Cities, visit www.livingcities.org.