

Mayor Martin Walsh Selected to 2015 Class of Fellows at ULI Rose Center for Public Leadership

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BOSTON – The Urban Land Institute (ULI) announced today that the Mayor Martin J. Walsh is among the mayors selected for the 2015 class of fellows for the [Rose Center for Public Leadership](#), joining mayors from Omaha, Pittsburgh and Seattle. The mayor of each city will lead a team of fellows and a coordinator, who together will select a local land use challenge for which they will receive technical assistance from faculty experts assembled by ULI and their peers from the other three fellowship cities.

Joining Mayor Walsh are: Sheila Dillon, chief of housing and director of the Department of Neighborhood Development; John FitzGerald, senior project manager at the Boston Redevelopment Authority; and Joyce Linehan, chief of policy in the Mayor's Office. They will be supported by team coordinator Danny Green, a policy analyst in the Mayor's Office.

"We look forward to learning how leaders from other cities – and the team at the Rose Center – view our land use challenges in Boston. It is our hope that the land use decisions we make are not only in the best interest of the City of Boston, but are also consistent with the best practices developed by thought leaders like those at the Rose Center," said Mayor Walsh.

The Daniel Rose Center Fellowship program is the flagship program of the Rose Center, established in 2008 with a grant from ULI Foundation Governor Daniel Rose to encourage and support excellence in land use decision making by local governments. The Rose Center seeks to foster creative, efficient, practical and sustainable land use policies by providing public officials with access to information, best practices, peer networks and other resources. The Fellowship's program of work includes a study tour of another U.S. or foreign city, a working retreat, and study visits to each of the four fellowship cities.

"ULI is proud to be able to offer the Mayor and his team the opportunity to work with peers throughout the nation. Sharing Boston's best practices, while learning from others, can lead to innovative solutions for our most complex issues," said Sarah Barnat, executive director of ULI Boston/New England.

Since its inception, the Rose Center has worked with mayors' teams in 20 cities across the United States, addressing issues such as revitalizing obsolete industrial corridors with flexible land uses to attract new employers; integrating anchor institutions into the surrounding community; and improving pedestrian and bicycle connections between downtown neighborhoods.

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About the Urban Land Institute

The Urban Land Institute (www.uli.org) is a global nonprofit education and research institute supported by its members. Its mission is to provide leadership in the responsible use of land and in sustaining and creating thriving communities worldwide. Established in 1936, the Institute has nearly 33,000 members representing all aspects of land use and development disciplines. ULI's [Boston District Council](#) has over 1,100 members comprised of developers, architects, analysts and financiers.

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