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ALM President, Mayor Saliba, Dothan, AL, to Welcome <u>Tuskegee National</u> Conference



The Honorable Mark Saliba Mayor, Dothan, Alabama

Dothan, AL Mayor Mark Saliba, President of the Alabama League of Municipalities, (ALM), will welcome the 124th National Black Business Conference, (NBBC), and The World Conference of Mayors, (WCM) 40th Anniversary Breakfast Meeting, on August 21st, at the Municipal Complex, in Tuskegee, AL. Saliba, the son of the late Mayor Alfred Saliba of Dothan, is a former 1993 "Builder of the Year" in Alabama. He has carried on the family business in Dothan successfully, and is considered one of Alabama's most outstanding builders and real estate developers. By coming to welcome the Breakfast, along with Alabama League Executive Director Greg Cochran, he will be joining two other former presidents of the Alabama League: Tuskegee Mayor, Lawrence "Tony" Haygood, now President of The Alabama Conference of Black Mayors, (ACBM), and former Tuskegee Mayor, now Councilman, Johnny Ford, along with other Mayors, and officials from the State, and from Alabama cities and towns.

According to Ford, Founder of the WCM, "I am happy to join Mayor Haygood in welcoming Mayor Saliba to this business conference, because he is a successful business man, and he knows the importance of business and government working together.

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It was great working with his father when he was Mayor in 1989, and now to have the opportunity to work with his son, Mayor Saliba in 2024, as President of the Alabama League, representing 450+ cities across Alabama.

The kick off Breakfast for the event will be followed by a tour of historic Tuskegee sites, which will include the Tuskegee History Center, developed by longtime Civil Rights leader, Attorney Fred Gray; Tuskegee University, now led by Dr. Mark Brown as its 10th President, where one of the highlights of the tour will be the laying of a wreath at the tomb of Dr. Booker T. Washington, who founded the National Negro Business League in 1900; the \$128 million Samkee American Korean auto plant, located in the Tuskegee Commerce Park; the joint project between Tuskegee University, the City of Tuskegee, and Republic Airline: a Training Program for 200 Airline pilots annually, (LIFT), and the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Park Site, at historic Moton Field Airport.

Dr. Kenneth Harris, President of the National Business League ,(NBL), along with Charles DeBow, President of the National Black Chamber of Commerce, (NBCC), both agreed that they are proud to have Mayor Mark Saliba of Dothan, and the President of Tuskegee University speaking in Tuskegee, and when we return to Atlanta, we will have the President of Liberia, The Honorable Joseph Nyumah Boakai, as our keynote speaker; so this is a great way to kick off the conference here in historic Tuskegee."

For information go to : <u>www.worldconferenceofmayors.org</u> or <u>www.nationalblackbussinessconference.com</u>