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****Press Conference Announcement****

Who: Mayor John Cook, U.S. Representative Silvestre Reyes, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin, and Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary Betsy Markey announcing Inaugural US-México Border Mayors Association Meeting.

Where: UTEP Geology Reading Room, 3rd Floor

When: Tuesday, August 16, 2011, at 4:30 p.m.

***Mayor Cook to Host Historic Inaugural
US-México Border Mayors Association Meeting***

El Paso, Texas- Mayor John Cook will be hosting a historic inaugural meeting of the US-México Border Mayors Association **on Tuesday, August 16, 2011.** The marquee speakers at the event will include **U.S. Representative Silvestre Reyes, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin, and Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary Betsy Markey.**

The intent of the association is to have a course of action based on the formulation of policies that will help the border regions throughout the U.S and México ensures safety and to expand and prosper economically to positively affect the quality of life in those situated along the border.



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Formed out of a January 21, 2011, meeting hosted by Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin, the US-México Border Mayors Association will be a leading authority on border issues and speak with a unified voice to make recommendations to federal agencies, cabinet members and Congress. Members of the association and attendees to the upcoming meeting range in locale from Arizona, California, New México, and Texas as well as border communities from neighboring México such as Chihuahua, Baja California, and Tamaulipas.

The meeting has been scheduled to be held in conjunction with the **2011 Border Security Conference: Fostering a New Era of U.S.-Mexico Collaboration to Meet 21st Century Challenges**. The opportunity to convene a meeting of mayors upon the conclusion of the Border Security Conference allows the US-México Border Mayors Association to tap into and engage with world-renowned experts in the field of border security for the common good of the citizens they serve.

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