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**UIC and Daley Family to Host Third Annual  
Richard J. Daley Urban Forum**

*2007 Forum to focus on "cities of the future"  
Robert E. Rubin, former Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, to headline event  
Mayor Daley to participate on panel of global mayors*

CHICAGO, March 20 2007 – The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and the Daley family will host the third annual Richard J. Daley Urban Forum on May 2 at 9 a.m. on the UIC campus. The Forum, titled "Building the Future City," will bring together mayors from around the world, business leaders, public officials, key policymakers, leading scholars and commentators to examine the roles that major infrastructure projects will play in developing and sustaining future cities.

Former Secretary of the U.S. Treasury Robert E. Rubin will deliver the keynote address for the event. He will be joined at the Forum's plenary session by Chicago mayor Richard M. Daley and mayors from around the world, who will discuss the global city of the future, including how it should be built and what kind of leadership and infrastructure will best meet the needs of its citizens. Bernard Shaw, CNN principal anchor emeritus, will moderate the discussion.

The Forum will feature two panels: “Transportation and Development,” addressing environmental and economic implications of major metropolitan transportation projects; and “Open Space, Tourism and Recreation,” exploring how open space and tourist and recreational infrastructure will shape future cities.

The Forum will conclude with a summary plenary session titled “Visions of the Future City,” where panelists will offer unexpected and breathtaking perspectives of what’s in store for tomorrow’s urban centers.

Participating speakers and panelists will include the Honorable H.E. Eng. Omar Maani, mayor of Amaan, Jordan; the Honorable Kathy Taylor, mayor of Tulsa, Oklahoma; the Honorable Jamie Lerner, former mayor of Curitiba, Brazil; the Honorable Brent Warr, Mayor of Gulfport, Louisiana; Norm Mineta, former U.S. Secretary of Transportation and vice chairman of Hill & Knowlton, Inc.; Sarah Dunn, architect, UrbanLab and UIC School of Architecture; Jeanne Gang, principal and founder of Chicago architecture firm Studio Gang; Valerie Jarrett, managing director and executive vice president of Habitat Company; Dennis Judd, UIC professor of urban politics; Bruce Mau, founder and creative director of Toronto-based Bruce Mau Design; Michael Pagano, UIC professor of public affairs and municipal finance; George Pla, president and CEO of Cordoba Corporation; Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesrirow Financial; Barry Mitchell, president of Commonwealth Edison and many others.

Speakers and panelists will examine how future infrastructure projects can be financed, their impact on the environment, and their ultimate costs and benefits. They also will discuss how cities should deal with decaying nonrenewable infrastructure, and examine how decisions made now will affect the future economic and social vitality of a city and the lives of its citizens.

Moderators will include Bernard Shaw and Phil Ponce, who is anchor and managing editor for news, news analysis and public affairs at public television station WTTW11.

The Forum is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 through the Forum Web site: [www.RJDUrbanForum.uic.edu](http://www.RJDUrbanForum.uic.edu). The registration fee will be waived for all UIC faculty, staff and students, as well as students from other universities. Students attending the Forum must present a valid college ID on the day of the event. The registration fee covers the event, parking, a continental breakfast and lunch. Registration and breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m.

The 2007 Forum will be partially funded through the generosity of sponsors including American Airlines and Citigroup.

Launched in 2005 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Richard J. Daley's first inauguration as Mayor of Chicago, the Richard J. Daley Urban Forum at UIC is an annual symposium for students, scholars, public officials, civic leaders, policymakers and commentators to discuss important issues and share insights into urban history and urban studies. The activities of the Forum are linked to the Richard J. and Eleanor Daley Archive at UIC's Richard J. Daley Library, which houses the late mayor's papers and memorabilia.

"In his first inaugural address in 1955, my father said, 'we, too, can be pioneers, pioneers of a greater city of the future—just as our forefathers were,'" said Chicago mayor Richard M. Daley. "His words ring especially true now, as leaders of today's cities must continuously lay the groundwork for future efficiency, innovation and excellence. This third annual Forum will provide a platform to share and further shape diverse visions and hopes for our future cities."

Richard J. Daley was first inaugurated as Mayor of Chicago on April 20, 1955. He served as Mayor for more than two decades, during which time he oversaw the rebirth of Chicago's downtown, construction of McCormick Place, development of O'Hare International Airport, and creation of UIC among other notable achievements.

Establishing UIC—originally known as the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle when it opened in 1965—was described by the late mayor as his greatest contribution to the life of the city. Circle Campus merged with the university's Medical Campus in 1982 to form UIC.

UIC is Chicago's largest university with more than 24,000 students, 12,000 faculty and staff, 15 colleges and the state's major public medical center. The campus ranks among the nation's top 50 universities in federal research funding. UIC has more than 145,000 alumni, more than 110,000 of whom live in the Chicago metropolitan area.

A hallmark of UIC is the Great Cities Commitment, through which faculty, students and staff engage with community, corporate, foundation and government partners in hundreds of programs to improve the quality of life in metropolitan areas around the world.

"The Forum will showcase the inspired ideas and innovative approaches that will enable today's visions to serve as the building blocks for tomorrow's urban centers," said UIC Chancellor Sylvia Manning.

For more information about the Forum, including registration, location and parking, please visit [www.RJDUrbanForum.uic.edu](http://www.RJDUrbanForum.uic.edu) or call Jenny Sweeney at (312) 413-3902. Public tickets are limited due to space constraints and will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis.

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