

## Melvin Carter participates in political study program

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WASHINGTON, June 29, 2010 – St. Paul Ward 1 City Councilmember Melvin Carter III has been selected by The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) as a delegate to Algeria for a 7-day political exchange program beginning on July 9, 2010. He will join six other young political and policy leaders from across the United States to study Algeria’s political system, engage in dialogue on international issues, and forge professional relationships and friendships. The program is arranged by ACYPL and made possible by a grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the US Department of State.

“ACYPL has the unique mission of providing select young leaders with an opportunity to travel internationally and engage firsthand in public diplomacy,” said ACYPL Chief Executive Officer Linda Rotunno. “Our delegates have access to key leaders in the nations they visit. They engage in dialogue on sensitive issues, gain a unique perspective on the country’s politics and its relations with the US, and, most importantly, forge professional relationships and friendships that can last a lifetime.”

Carter will join other delegates, each between the age of 25 and 40, in Washington, DC for briefings by the United States Department of State and other Algerian regional experts before flying to Algiers. The program will provide the delegates opportunities to travel within the country and to interact with key national and local leaders, business representatives, and civic and community groups.

“I am honored to have been selected to participate in this ACYPL exchange to Algeria,” said Carter. “This will be an excellent opportunity for me to learn about the current political and social dynamics there and help the Algerian people better understand the United States.” Recognized by the U.S. Congress as a pre-eminent catalyst for introducing rising political leaders and policy makers to international affairs and to each other, ACYPL is a bi-partisan, not-for-profit international exchange organization based in Washington, DC. Since its founding in 1966, ACYPL has, with generous support from the U.S. Department of State, corporations, foundations and individuals, conducted programs and exchanges with 100 countries, producing a global network of over 7,500 alumni. Former ACYPL participants include over 40 sitting members of the U.S. Congress, 6 sitting U.S. governors and ambassadors, cabinet ministers

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