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MAYOR BALLARD WELCOMING SISTER-CITY MAYOR ON HER FIRST VISIT TO INDIANAPOLIS
Mayor Reddy of Hyderabad, India, will tour City; meet with CEOs of biotech, IT firms

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard welcomes Mayor Banda Karthika Reddy of Hyderabad, India, this week as she makes her first trip to visit Indianapolis. In her inaugural trip to the City, Mayor Reddy will visit some of the City’s top businesses and educational institutions and participate in cultural activities.

“It is my pleasure and honor to welcome Mayor Reddy to Indianapolis. The economic growth and stability of our city is strengthened through solid partnerships similar to the one we have developed with our Sister City of Hyderabad, India,” said Mayor Ballard. “I firmly believe that if we are to remain globally competitive in the future, we need to expand the idea of what Indianapolis can be. We strive to make Indianapolis one of the most livable big cities; doing so with a welcoming heart will without a doubt show our international friends that Indianapolis is a great place to call home.”

Earlier this year, Mayor Ballard and a delegation of local businessmen, businesswomen, and attorneys travelled to India to create permanent economic, social, and cultural relationships between Indianapolis and various Indian cities. To build on India’s and Indianapolis’ respective reputations as leaders in IT technology innovation, Hyderabad became the top choice to establish a sister-city relationship. Through this partnership, both cities look to further business and economic development centered around India-based technology, the fields of (IT)/engineering and life sciences/pharmaceuticals, agricultural schools, and research organizations.

During her visit Mayor Reddy will be presented with a Key to the City, an honor given to foreign dignitaries visiting the city. She will have a chance to learn more about the City’s economic development efforts and initiatives to promote cultural awareness.

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While in Indianapolis, Mayor Reddy and her delegation will meet CEOs of TechPoint and BioCrossroads, visit the IUPUI School of Informatics and Indiana University Hospital, and take a tour through the city and cultural landmarks such as the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis.

Additionally, Mayor Reddy will join Mayor Ballard at the 34th Mayor’s Night Out on Thursday, November 18, at Covenant Community Church on the City’s Northwestside.

ABOUT THE MAYOR’S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
The mission of the Mayor’s Office of International and Cultural Affairs is three-fold: to enhance our global connections, embrace the international diversity in our neighborhoods, and to enhance the arts and culture in our communities. Indianapolis is a global city, and the Mayor’s Office of International and Cultural Affairs is increasing business opportunities and improving the quality of life by promoting the global and artistic assets of our city.

ABOUT THE SISTER-CITY PROGRAM
To further position Indianapolis as a global city, strategic Sister-City relationships have been established with nine international cities. Benefits of the Sister-City relationship include: international business contacts; increased awareness of other cultures; volunteer and community service; and fostering of mutually beneficial relations in economic development, education, art, culture, medicine, and sports. Indianapolis Sister-City relationships are: Taipei, Cologne, Monza, Piran, Hangzhou, Campinas, Northamptonshire, State of Hidalgo, and Hyderabad.

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