

**From:** [Deborah Moore](#)  
**To:** [Martine Watkins](#); [Nancy Cole](#)  
**Subject:** Re: possible speaking opportunity for SC Mayor in June?  
**Date:** Thursday, April 25, 2019 8:11:11 AM  
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Dear Mayor Watkins -

Via this email I'm introducing you to Nancy Cole, the UCS Senior Strategist and advisor on our Fossil Fuel Accountability campaign.

Nancy can discuss with you the possibility of you joining this effort at the US Conference of Mayors in Hawaii. There may be travel resources that can support your trip. It would be best for you two to discuss directly and see what you need.

We have also been reaching out to other mayors to participate. Nancy has the most up to date information on the June 27 Climate Finance and Risk Summit (June 27) and the press conference (date TBD).

Nancy is traveling in Colorado right now (speaking with officials there about the lawsuit brought by Boulder against fossil fuel companies).

Thank you all so much for working together on this important issue to have fossil fuel companies pay their fair share of climate damages. Please also loop in other relevant Santa Cruz staff, if need be.

Best,  
Deborah Moore  
Western States Senior Campaign Manager  
Union of Concerned Scientists

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**From:** Martine Watkins <[mwatkins@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:mwatkins@cityofsantacruz.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2019 5:39:30 PM  
**To:** Deborah Moore  
**Subject:** RE: possible speaking opportunity for SC Mayor in June?

Hi Deborah,  
Thanks! I'm checking with our city manager's office regarding available resources for travel expenses. I think that would ultimately be the challenge. I'll find out and let you know!  
Thank you,

Martine  
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Martine Watkins  
Mayor

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**From:** Deborah Moore [DMoore@ucsusa.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2019 5:31 PM  
**To:** Martine Watkins; Tiffany Wise-West  
**Subject:** RE: possible speaking opportunity for SC Mayor in June?

Thank you both so much. I'll check back with organizers from UCS and Hawaii and ultimately connect you. What else do you think you would need to know in order to determine whether you could participate?

Best,  
Deborah

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**From:** Martine Watkins <mwatkins@cityofsantacruz.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2019 5:24 PM  
**To:** Tiffany Wise-West <TWise-West@cityofsantacruz.com>; Deborah Moore <DMoore@ucsusa.org>  
**Subject:** RE: possible speaking opportunity for SC Mayor in June?

Good Afternoon,

Thank you both for connecting me to these efforts. Tiffany, thank you for all that you do to keep our city investing and working actively on sustainability and climate action. Deborah, it's nice to be connected to you.

In regards to the conference in Hawaii, I have the dates saved in my calendar in case we could make it work, while also recognizing we have limited resources and the possibility might be tough. I am so excited to learn that I could represent our city and participate in the conference in this way. Given this new opportunity, I'll explore further what could be possible.

Thank you!

Martine  
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**From:** Tiffany Wise-West  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2019 3:29 PM  
**To:** Deborah Moore  
**Cc:** Martine Watkins  
**Subject:** RE: possible speaking opportunity for SC Mayor in June?

Hi there

I'm not sure whether the mayor would participate in the conference without this invitation. She is copied here and can let us know.

As for the autonomous vehicle legislation, if you send over materials, I will forward to our transportation group to consider as they are best suited to do so.

Thanks!

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**From:** Deborah Moore [<mailto:DMoore@ucsusa.org>]  
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**To:** Tiffany Wise-West <[TWise-West@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:TWise-West@cityofsantacruz.com)>  
**Cc:** Martine Watkins <[mwatkins@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:mwatkins@cityofsantacruz.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: possible speaking opportunity for SC Mayor in June?

Dear Tiffany – thank you for the update, very helpful to know. Was Mayor Watkins planning to attend the Conference of Mayors anyway? Or would this be an extra trip?

I also had a different topic to discuss: [UCS is sponsoring a bill related to autonomous vehicles](#) and ensuring that the deployment of this new technology aligns with our state’s climate goals (where as right now, ride-sharing services and other new mobility technologies are actually increasing congestion, greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution). We will be seeking support from cities and mayors that have been wrestling with the testing and permitting of these new technologies. This bill, SB 59, is aimed at establishing an inter-agency working group to ask that various state agencies – not only the DMV – work together to further study and make policy recommendations to steer self-driving cars in the right direction.

If this topic is relevant to Santa Cruz, I can send you some additional information.

Best regards,  
Deborah

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**From:** Tiffany Wise-West <[TWise-West@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:TWise-West@cityofsantacruz.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2019 3:09 PM  
**To:** Deborah Moore <[DMoore@ucsusa.org](mailto:DMoore@ucsusa.org)>

**Cc:** Martine Watkins <[mwatkins@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:mwatkins@cityofsantacruz.com)>

**Subject:** RE: possible speaking opportunity for SC Mayor in June?

Hi Deborah

The mayor is very interested in both opportunities. She is checking on travel logistics with our city management leadership right now. Just wanted to give you an update. Hoping to have a firm decision made by the end of the week or so. Thanks!

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**From:** Deborah Moore [<mailto:DMoore@ucsusa.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2019 7:58 AM

**To:** Tiffany Wise-West <[TWise-West@cityofsantacruz.com](mailto:TWise-West@cityofsantacruz.com)>

**Subject:** possible speaking opportunity for SC Mayor in June?

Dear Tiffany – It was very nice to meet you at the Climate Justice event in Santa Cruz last week, and I so appreciated the panel and everything you are doing to advance resilience in your city and county.

I'm following up to connect and also to inquire about two possible speaking opportunities for the Mayor of Santa Cruz. I'm hoping you can direct me to the right person in the Mayor's office to discuss an upcoming opportunity for Mayor Watkins to speak about the Santa Cruz lawsuit against fossil fuel companies at a couple of possible venues at the US Conference of Mayors annual meeting in Hawaii, June 28 – July 1.

There are opportunities for Mayor Watkins to participate in a panel on Climate Finance and Risk at the Climate Summit the day before the US Conference of Mayors meeting starts (so, June 27), and an opportunity to speak at a press conference some time during the Summit/Mayors Conference to be organized by the City of Honolulu. In both venues there is a desire for Mayor Watkins to share the climate risks that Santa Cruz is facing, why the City of Santa Cruz (and County) decided to sue fossil fuel companies, and share the rationale about fossil fuel companies paying their fair share of damages (not only taxpayers).

If Mayor Watkins would be interested in these activities, we would also request a briefing for her – and other relevant staff, possibly in your office as well – to help prepare for the activities. UCS has some new information to share that could be of interest.

I'm hoping that you can help introduce me to the right person in the Mayor's office to explore Mayor Watkins's interest in and availability for one or both of these speaking opportunities (or maybe that's you!). Perhaps you may already know whether Mayor Watkins is already planning to attend the Conference of Mayors in Hawaii? I look forward to hearing back soon so I can tell the organizers if there is interest from Mayor Watkins.

Thank you so much.

Best,  
Deborah Moore

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