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Nash Leads Mission to Cuba



Councilman Troy Nash

Troy Nash, Kansas City, Missouri 3rd District-at-Large councilman, will lead a People to People Mission in Understanding to Cuba. The delegation, which consists of approximately 30 professionals from around the country, is one of the few instances in which citizens of the United States are allowed in Cuba. On January 5, 1999, Clinton announced an expan-

sion of people-to-people contacts and direct passenger flights to Cuba in order to facilitate travel of licensed persons from the U.S. to Cuba. However, travel to Cuba is restricted and only select categories of travelers are licens-

able. Tourist travel is not possible under U.S. law. The Treasury Department considers specific licenses on a case-by-case basis. The Mission being led by Nash is one that was approved by the Treasury Department.

"The Mission's purpose is to create a better understanding among people of both countries. We will study Cuba's political, economic and social structure," said Nash. The itinerary includes meeting with senior governmental officials, a briefing on the current state of U.S./Cuban relations by a representative of

the United States Interests Section, and sharing dinner with a Cuban family in their home. The itinerary includes stops in Havana, Santa Clara, Trinidad and Varadero.

While in Trinidad, Nash will visit a local community health center to learn more about the public health system in Cuba. Despite recent shortages of supplies and medications, Cubans enjoy a high standard of health care accessible to all citizens.

Nash has traveled extensively and studied international trade law and business in France, England, Germany, Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Finland, China and the Czech Republic. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors for People to People International.