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Mayor Bill White to Address Hoteliers May 20 Tourism, budgets and image: The view from City Hall

HOUSTON - Leaders from one of the area's largest industries will meet to hear what City Hall sees on the horizon in regard to tourism, taxes and tough times.

Houston Mayor Bill White will be the guest speaker at a May 20 Hotel & Motel Association of Greater Houston luncheon to be held at the Hyatt Regency Downtown.

Meeting with the hoteliers for the first time since taking office, Mayor White will be addressing a number of topics of special concern to those dependent on Houston as a travel destination. While getting a big boost from major events like Super Bowl, OTC and this summer's All-Star games, the travel and convention business as a whole has not been kind to area hotels and motels. Those attending will be interested in learning what plans are in place to increase this vital and huge economic source.

The May 20 luncheon is open to the public. It begins with a short reception at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon begins at noon. Cost for the event, which includes a three-course hot lunch is \$45 for non-members; \$30 for members.

The 225-member Hotel & Motel Association of Greater Houston is made up of general managers and owners of hotels and motels, suppliers, service companies and consultants who sell and service the hospitality industry. Besides holding monthly luncheons featuring speakers and topics of interest to all those in the Houston area hospitality industry, the Association also holds free Area Meetings on topics of interest to specific areas and communities.

To attend this informative luncheon, call 713-437-5230 or email your reservations to director@houstonhotels.org. Non-members must pay in advance.