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**From:** Nora Toiv [redacted] on behalf of Nora Toiv  
**Sent:** Friday, September 7, 2012 10:48 AM  
**To:** Amitabh Desai  
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**Subject:** Re: FW: Mayor of Istanbul

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EUR reports "No cause for concern from Istanbul's perspective. Topbas is not a political heavyweight on the national level, but I'm told he has a good track record of promoting tolerance and interfaith dialogue."

On Thu, Sep 6, 2012 at 3:39 PM, Amitabh Desai <[redacted]> wrote:

Would welcome your thoughts about WJC potentially giving CGI award to Mayor of Istanbul in a few weeks:

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**From:** Megan Bambino  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 06, 2012 3:16 PM  
**To:** Amitabh Desai  
**Subject:** Mayor of Istanbul

Hi Ami,

Do you know anything about the Mayor of Istanbul, Kadir Topbas? If so, any thoughts about him being nominated for the public service award?

Thanks for your help.

Megan

**Kadir Topbaş**

*Mayor of Istanbul*

*Mr. Topbaş is the current Mayor of Istanbul and President of United Cities and Local Governments, and an expert in urban rehabilitation, social transformation and the management of the urban challenges faced by fast-growing cities.*

Facts ([source](#))

- graduated as an architect and later obtained a PhD in architectural history at Istanbul University
- worked as a freelance architect for several years
- between 1994 and 1998, he served as the architectural adviser to Istanbul Mayor (and now Prime Minister) Recep Tayyip Erdogan, overseeing the restoration of a number of historic buildings in the city
- appointed as deputy director of the Ministry of Culture's Heritage Protection and Monuments
- 1999-2004 Mayor of Beyoglu district in Istanbul
- 2004-present Mayor of Istanbul; re-elected for a second term in 2009 and recently announced his candidacy for a third term in elections in 2014
- since 2007 co-president of the United Cities and Local Governments organization, where he focuses on:
  - supporting decentralization in developing countries
  - corporate – city partnerships
  - city development strategies
  - disaster risk reduction
- In 2008, he was short-listed for the World Mayor Award
- Mayor Topbas visited Brooklyn this April where he was presented with a special award during the Turkish Cultural Center's annual Friendship Dinner at the Baku Palace
- In July 2012, he was nominated as a member of the post-MDGs High-Level Panel

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