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Saturday, May 4th, 2019
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Welcome

Richard Kuper, Esq., Executive Director

Introduction of Master of Ceremonies

Call to Order
The Honorable Jordan W. Leonard, President
Councilmember, Town of Bay Harbor Islands

Invocation
The Honorable Vimari Roman
Councilperson, Village of El Portal

Presentation of Arms
The United States Southern Command
Joint Service Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance
Jace Robert Lebrun
Arianna Cecile Lebrun

National Anthem
The Honorable Harold Mathis, Jr.
Councilperson, Village of El Portal

Introduction of 2019-2020 President
Chante Sweet

Installation of 2019-2020 President
The Honorable Tanya Brinkley
Circuit Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit

Acceptance Remarks from President Claudia Cubillos

Installation of 2019-2020 Executive Officers
The Honorable Bertila Soto, Chief Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit

Installation of 2019-2020 Board of Directors
The Honorable Katherine Fernandez-Rudle, State Attorney, 11th Judicial Circuit

Adjourn
Dinner & Dancing

Dear League Members and Friends:

Welcome to the 65th Annual Gala-xy and *May The 4th Be With You!*

Tonight, when the Executive Board and Board of Directors take their oath of office - remember it's an oath that unites us to collaborate and stand together in the best interest of our municipalities. As such, I want to remind each and everyone one of you "Jedis" that we must stand together to retain Home Rule from the Empire in Talla, umm wait… sorry, that's my Princess Leia message.

No seriously, as this year's President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, I am committed to achieving the maximum value for each of our cities and associate member's investment and participation. *The term League is defined as: a collection of people, countries, or groups that combine for a particular purpose, typically mutual protection or cooperation.* With that, now more than ever it's time - time for our cities, towns, and villages in Miami-Dade County to unite - to have ONE voice!

There is no partisanship in the League, only participation, which is why the color theme for tonight's gala is the color purple. If you did not know, when the diverse colors of red and blue are united, purple is the outstanding result! So, this year instead of focusing only on one initiative as President, such as transportation, infrastructure, affordable housing and etc. I will also focus in uniting US – associate members and the 34 municipalities, toward collaborating more, sharing our resources and building a community amongst us. Just as each of you has built a community within your respective cities … because we know the value in
it! This is your League—our League, a diverse 34-municipalities strong, where diversity is our strength, and there is *strength in numbers!*

For 65 years, this League has been leading the way in identifying "best practices" for municipal government, in providing elected officials and city attorneys training and handbooks, in authoring resolutions on home rule, annexation and other vital topics, and in actively advocating for legislative action. We cannot do all this without the united strength and financial support of our associate members and you – so, thank you! As the first Hispanic female to be President, along with the support from the Executive Board, Board of Directors, and especially its professional staff; led by Executive Director Richard Kuper –there will be no slowing US down in 2019-2020!

I am humbled and honored to be "carrying the ball" into 2020 (just a subtle hint that the Super Bowl is coming to South Florida in 2020!), and I look forward to working with every one of you as we continue our progress into our 66th year!

Sincerely,

Mayor Claudia V. Cubillos
Village of El Portal
MDCLC President 2019 – 2020
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Dear Colleagues,

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities. Entrusting me with the awesome responsibility to represent all 34 of our Cities, Towns and Villages this past year is something I will never forget. I wish to personally thank our Executive Board, Board of Directors, Executive Director Richard Kuper and the entire MDCLC staff for their tireless efforts in working together to be advocates for our municipalities.

As many of you know, the goals of my Presidency were to educate our Members, be strong advocates for Home Rule, protecting the interests of our constituents and enhance their quality of life within Florida's largest County. I am proud to conclude my term knowing that our efforts achieved many of those goals. Our strong advocacy in negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to protect our most vulnerable residents, our children, between respective municipalities and the Miami-Dade School Board with fair terms and funding while respecting those cities that could not participate was an early win for the League. School Board Member Susie V. Castillo, Superintendent Carvalho, Associate Superintendent Iraida R. Mendez-Cartaya along with Mayor's JC Bermudez and Yioset De La Cruz along with many of the municipal Chief's put in countless hours to make protecting our children, including my own, a reality.

Our advocacy for children continued with MOU's between our Member Cities and Our Kids, which is Miami-Dade County's non-profit charged with handling adoptions and foster parents. Thanks to the late George Sheldon and current CEO Michael Williams, Member Cities can provide flexible comp time for employees who wish to take the mandatory classes to become foster parents. I can think of no better pool of applicants than the police, fire and professional staff that we entrust to protect and run our governments to become the future foster parents of tomorrow.

Our Best Practices Conference was again a huge success. For the first time ever, a panel identified an issue that resulted in a bill being filed during this year's legislative session. Our issue, to provide criminal penalties for those who accept bribes on condo boards, benefits many of our constituents. Though SB 610, filed by Senator Jason Pizzo and HB 1259, filed by Representative Javier Fernandez, were not successful this year, I intend to ask the incoming Board to continue our push to project property owners of condominiums and include cooperatives and homeowner associations for next year's session. A special thank you to State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle, Assistant State Attorney and Chief of Economic Crimes John Perikles and Ted Mannelli for their hard work on this issue.

I wish to thank my wife, Meytal and children, Josh, Bella and Max for their patience and understanding during the many times I was not home with them.

In closing, I congratulate Mayor Claudia Cubillos of the Village of El Portal as she assumes the role of President. I wish her and the entire Executive Board much success as we continue our efforts to represent our constituents to the fullest extent possible.

Sincerely,

Council Member Jordan W. Leonard

Town of Bay Harbor Islands

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The Honorable Claudia Cubillos
a.k.a Tia Claudia
Mayor, Village of El Portal
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Dear Mayor Cubillos (Tia),

I am humbled to be in a position to help you reach your next milestone, and honored to officially congratulate you on your appointment as the next President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

I have had the privilege of watching your continued rise in politics from a distance and couldn't be prouder of your accomplishments. You amaze us with your personal drive and continued grit; you are an example to the entire family of what you can do when you put your mind to task. I have no doubt the communities you continue to serve share similar sentiments.

I wish you continued success, good health and many more years of dedicated service and leadership.

Thank you for being a role model to this family and your communities.

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Best wishes as the Incoming President of the League of Cities.

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Dearest Claudia,

When you were first swept into elected office in 2008, you were so laser-focused on building community in El Portal and making a difference – and you definitely have! Now, over a decade later, El Portal and its surrounding communities are humbled by your drive, your passion, and your true nature in caring for people, while selflessly giving back.

Many folks tell me, they do not comprehend how you are such an active Mayor in our dynamic and growing Village, which is ripe for development, a successful entrepreneur and business owner, and where you serve on multiple boards, all while at the same time your commitment to our Village and its needs remains unwavering. I could not be prouder of who you are!

Thank you for being a special wife—a patient and understanding military wife, a caring neighbor, and loyal friend, as well as an extraordinary example to the generation of children you have raised at your preschool, as well as a fun-loving Aunt to your 20+ nieces and nephews. You make it all look so easy—even with 6-inch heels on!

I am confident you will thrive as League President because I know that you will carry out your duties with the same vision, mission, and integrity that you have in leading our Village and your business. I really admire your resilience and tenacity, and your capacity to love and help others! *My Love-always, Noel*

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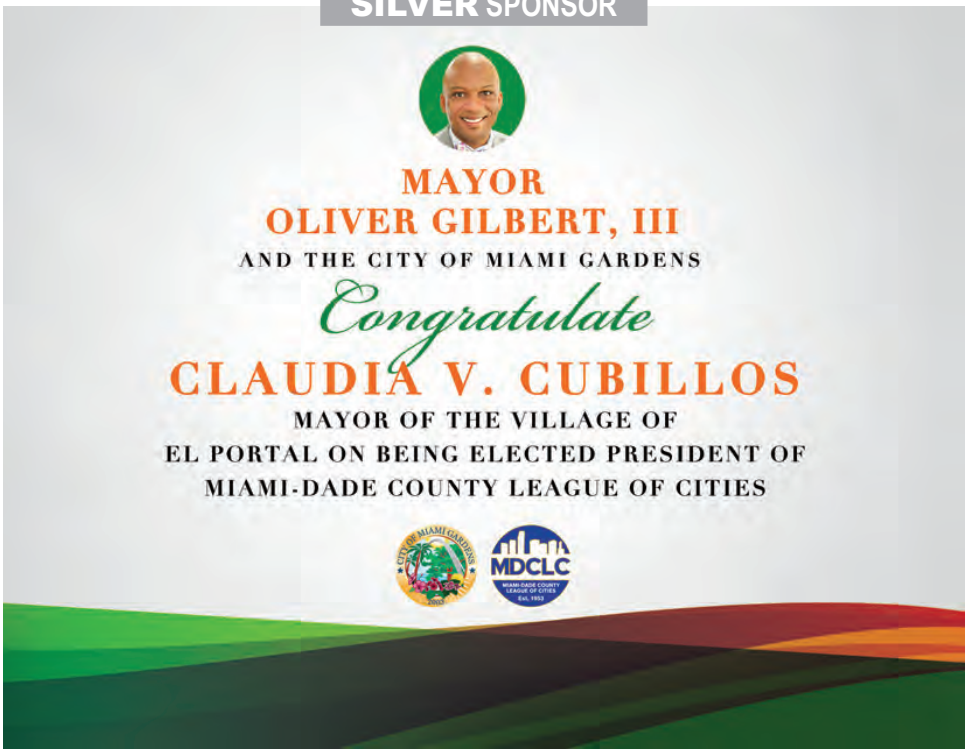

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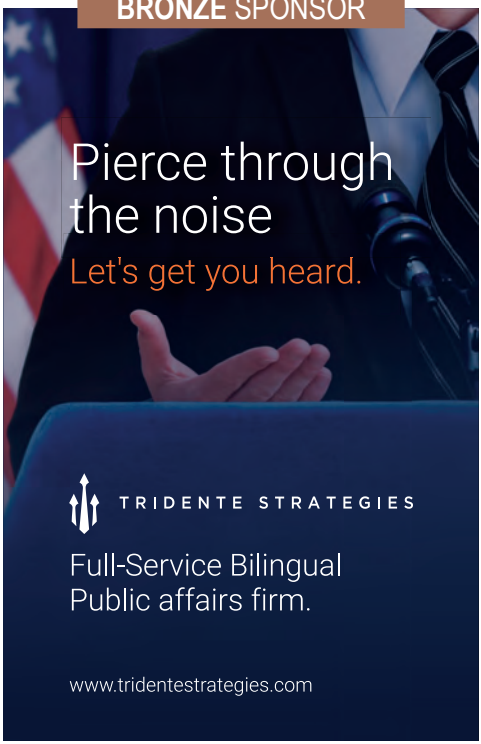

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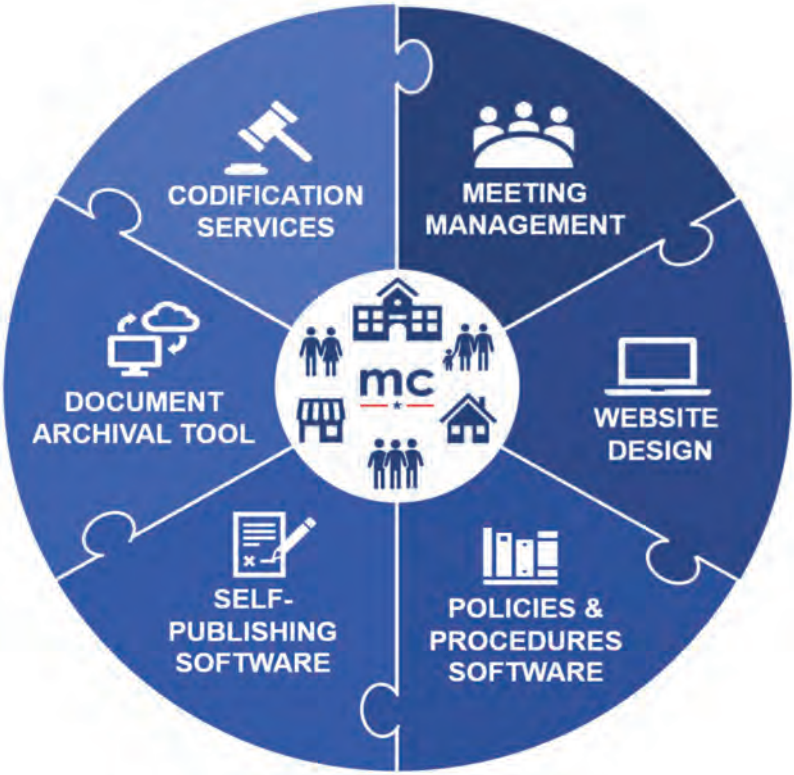

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