Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

January 9, 2020

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January 9, 2020
Sheraton Miami Airport Hotel
3900 NW 21st Street
Miami, FL 33142

6:00 p.m. Reception - 7:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting

WELCOMING REMARKS:

*President **Claudia V. Cubillos,***
Mayor, Village of El Portal

1. INVOCATION:

*Mayor **Spencer Deno,***
Village of Virginia Gardens

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

*Vice Mayor **Edgar Ayala,***
Town of Medley

3. **MINUTES: December 5, 2019**

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

    1. Monthly Disbursement

5. **MDCLC 2020 LEGISLATIVE ACTION AGENDA:**

    President ***Claudia V. Cubillos,***
    Mayor, Village of El Portal

6. **MAYOR'S COALITION:**

    President ***Claudia V. Cubillos,***
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    2nd Vice President ***Joseph Corradino,***
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7. **MAYORAL FORUM:**

    President ***Claudia V. Cubillos,***
    Mayor, Village of El Portal

    Secretary ***JC Bermudez,***
    Mayor, City of Doral

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:**

    Richard Kuper, Esq.

9. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

Resolution No. 2019-2659:

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY; URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY; REQUESTING REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON A TRANSITION PLAN AND EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE CLIMATE; PROCLAIMING A CALL TO ACTION FOR THE TOWN TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TOWARDS ADAPTATION, MITIGATION AND RESILIENCY STRATEGIES, INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TOWN'S CLIMATE CRISIS REPORT; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Board of Directors Meeting:** *Thursday, February 13th, 2020*
  Location: T.B.A

- **Board of Directors Meeting:** *Thursday, March 5th, 2020*
  Location: T.B.A

11. ADJOURNMENT

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Minutes

December 5, 2019
Sherwoods Bistro

MDCLC President Claudia Cubillos, Mayor, Village of El Portal called the meeting to order at 7: 12 p.m..

President **Cubillos** introduced **El Portal Police Chief David Magnusson** to give the invocation**.**

Manager Christia Alou of the Village of El Portal lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President **Cubillos** asked for a motion to approve the minutes and consent agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

President **Cubillos** introduced North Shore Medical Center's **CEO Mark Racicot.** She welcomed North Shore Medical Center as a new League member and thanked them for sponsoring this Board of Director's meeting. **Mr. Racicot** spoke of the hard work they have put in to turn North Shore Hospital into the gem that it is today. Therefore, in the coming year he wishes to become more involved with the community so that North Shore can serve the community in any way possible. He informed everyone that there is additional information in the agenda about the hospital and wished all happy holidays.

Executive Director **Richard Kuper** gave his Executive Director's report. Mr. Kuper spoke of the MDCLC's 13th Annual Turkey Drive and proudly announced that the League was able to distribute over 1200 turkeys and bags of non perishable foods, as well as fresh

President **Cubillos** informed everyone that every year the MDCLC in partnership with Miami-Dade College awards 5 students with a scholarship and the opportunity to learn and work in local government for a full college term. This year's scholarship recipients were: Jennifer Garcia, Christella Nazaire, Daniela Gonzalez Mulet, Rolando Briel and Dagoberto Garcia Iglesias. Congratulations to those recipients.

President **Cubillos** introduced Florida League of Cities Legislative Advocate **Jeff Branch**. Mr. Branch reminded everyone that there are 5 weeks left until the Legislative session on January 13th and 14th, 2020. He encouraged everyone to start talking to their legislators and inform them of the League's priorities. He then reminded everyone of upcoming events: a "pre-session call in" to discuss bad bills and bills that everyone can benefit from on December 16, 2019. Thereafter, every Monday call ins. On February 11 everyone should be in Tallahassee for the Legislative Action Days. Lastly, there will be a post session webinar to discuss successes on March 25th.

President **Cubillos** then asked for a motion to adopt the Florida League of Cities Legislative Priorities as the MDCLC's own. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

President **Cubillos** asked Commissioner **Daniella Levine Cava** to discuss the interface of city and county issues. Commissioner Cava spoke of finding a way to get cities and the county to partner regarding water quality and sustainability. She spoke of the many water issues such as, aging infrastructure, seaweed contamination, sea level rise, nutrients in the bay and more. She then invited MDCLC Executive Director Richard Kuper to send delegation to make a presentation to the infrastructure committee to discuss those concerns from the cities in hopes that the County will be more responsive. Commissioner Cava then asked **State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle** who was present to make a few remarks. State Attorney Fernandez Rundle thanked Commissioner Cava for coming to the grand jury and discussing all the things we need to do as a community to really ensure the water quality life and sustainability. She also thanked the MDCLC for being such a productive and overall wonderful organization.

President **Cubillos** then invited **Vice President Keon Hardemon** to discuss the Ericcson Summit. Cubillos and Hardemon spoke of 5g ready technology and what it means for us in South Florida. 5g will completely radicalize how our communication and mobile technology is used in the U.S.. We are in a position to become

Introduction

Each year, local municipal officials are sworn in to serve a one-year term on the Miami-Dade County League of Cities' Executive Board. Our Executive Board provides the direction and vision that guides our work in advocacy of local government, our constituents, and Home Rule.

Since 1968, Floridians have recognized the need for cities to have Home Rule powers, as included in the Constitution [Article VIII, Section 2(b)] and ratified by the Legislature in 1973. This right gives each city the flexibility to craft its laws specifically to its own unique needs.

After all, with 412 cities ranging in size from Marineland (pop. 8) to Jacksonville (pop. 907,093), one size does not fit all. This right means any city can adopt its laws so long as the law doesn't conflict with state or federal law. Cities in Florida are not "of" the state, but "in" the state; it's an important distinction between municipal authority and other local governments.

In accordance to these Home Rule principals, and in collaboration with the Miami-Dade County League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County Public School system, our local League crafts an annual Legislative Action Agenda. This manifesto considers, highlights, and adopts policy positions and legislative priorities on the key issues most relevant to our communities and most likely to have a considerable impact on local municipal governance and operations.

Miami-Dade County League of Cities
2020 State Legislative Priority Positions

Private Property Rights and the "Bert Harris Act"

The Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities **OPPOSE** changes to the Bert J. Harris Jr. Private Property Rights Protection Act that do not consider everyone's property rights or that create one-sided lawsuits that shift inordinate financial burdens onto local taxpayers and limit the ability of cities to quickly resolve claims.

Sales Tax Fairness

The Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities **SUPPORT** legislation to reform Florida's sales and use tax laws that apply to online/e-commerce sales from out-of-state retailers. Changes are needed to ensure in-state retailers are treated equitably.

Short Term Rentals

The Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities **SUPPORT** legislation providing for a collaboration between the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and cities to ensure that short-term rental properties abide by state and local regulations and be properly licensed and insured, are complying with state and local taxation requirements, and comply with industry-accepted safety practices. The Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities **SUPPORT** legislation clarifying that existing, grandfathered municipal short-term rental ordinances can be amended if the changes being made are equal to or less restrictive than the current regulation in place.

Transportation Funding

The Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities **SUPPORT** legislation that will provide local governments with new and innovative revenue options and resources to finance critical infrastructure, maintenance and construction needs to meet the ever-changing transportation demands driven by dramatic population growth and new technology (autonomous vehicles) throughout Florida.

Water Resources

Water is an essential public asset that benefits Florida's economy, residents, visitors and environment. Presently, Florida spends less than 1/10 of 1 percent of its entire state budget on water supply and water quality improvements. The Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities **SUPPORT** legislation to address Florida's water quality crisis and water supply deficiencies that:

- Provides for an annual assessment of the state's water infrastructure and water quality improvement needs at the state, regional, and local levels;
- Establishes a framework for a state water infrastructure and water quality funding program that includes objective criteria tied to beneficial returns on investment, sustainable utility practices, and intergovernmental co-ordination; and
- Identifies potential sources of funding and financing.

Affordable Housing

The Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities **SUPPORT** legislation that requires all monies from the Sadowski State and Local Housing Trust Fund be used only for Florida's affordable housing programs.

Annexation

The Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities **SUPPORT** legislation that facilitates the municipal annexation of unincorporated areas, while protecting private property rights and respecting municipal boundaries.

Cybersecurity

The Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities **SUPPORT** legislation dedicating state resources for the development and enhancement of municipal cybersecurity by providing funding for technical assistance, threat assessments, employee training, infrastructure improvements and data protection, including the protection of exempt and confidential information such as law enforcement personnel information and building plans for government and recreational buildings and infrastructure.

Digital Divide

The Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities **SUPPORT** legislation that reduces the digital divide and expands broad- band internet access to all underserved areas of the state. This includes:

- Funding a study to identify areas of Florida that are underserved by traditional broadband providers;
- Removing statutory barriers for local governments to provide telecommunication services and open competition for affordable Internet service; and
- Increasing public funding for construction of broadband infrastructure.

Local Business Tax Protection

The Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities **SUPPORT** legislation that protects general revenues collected from the local business tax. These revenues are used to provide essential municipal services such as public safety and constructing and maintaining roads and bridges, public parks and open spaces. Maintaining a diversified revenue base strengthens the fiscal stability of local governments and improves their ability to serve citizens and businesses and protect the public.

Medical Marijuana

The Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities **SUPPORT** legislation restoring municipal authority to regulate medical marijuana facilities within municipal boundaries.

Resiliency

The Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities **SUPPORT** the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection and will **SUPPORT** legislation to fund and coordinate state resiliency programs with those of local governments.

Smoke-Free Zones in City Parks

The Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities **SUPPORT** legislation authorizing cities to establish smoke-free zones within the boundaries of a city park.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools
2020 State Legislative Priority Positions

Funding

The Miami-Dade County League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County Public School system **SUPPORT** increasing the state's investment in K-12 education by increasing the Base Student Allocation (BSA) by five percent and discontinuing the policy of rolling back the Required Local Effort rate. Likewise, we **SUPPORT** ensuring that any changes to the District Cost Differential take into account cost differences integral to educational institutions' operations, extending authorization of locally-voted levies for operating purposes from 4 to 10 years, and appropriating $14,765,000 from the State School Trust Fund to the Department of Education for the benefit of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

School Security

The Miami-Dade County League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County Public School system **SUPPORT** fully funding the cost of the requirement of a School Resource Officer (SRO) or School Safety Officer (SSO) at each public school, mental health services for students to facilitate the hiring additional school counselors, social workers, and psychologists, as well as provide funding for safety infrastructure needs.

In addition, we **SUPPORT** amending the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Safety Act to, amongst other things:

- Mandate the use of a uniform emergency communication system across all public schools and all law enforcement agencies within each county for the purpose of critical incident response;
- Ensure alignment of the coding of incidents between the Florida Department of Education's School Environment Safety Incident Report (SESIR) and Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) systems; and
- Facilitate the requirement of charter schools reporting their SESIR incident data independently of school districts. Expand the pool of allowable options to meet the requirement of a safe schools officer at every school by adding certified law enforcement officers as qualifying under the guardian program; allowing school districts to re-employ retired police officers after one month of retirement without penalty to their pension; extending the DROP period to eight years for law enforcement officers serving as a school resource officers; and expanding the entities that offer and certify guardian program to include accredited law enforcement agencies; and
- Support legislation that ensures school districts are notified when a student is released from any statewide Baker Act receiving facility and of any felony arrest or formal charges of adult students.

School Readiness

The Miami-Dade County League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County Public School system **SUPPORT** state funding for a high-quality, full-day Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program that provides a minimum of 990 hours for all eligible students and replacement of the current VPK assessment with a developmentally appropriate on-going assessment tool to timely measure children's progress and development, to inform the teachers and parents, and to evaluate the program's effectiveness.

Teacher and Personnel Shortage

The Miami-Dade County League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County Public School system **SUPPORT** implementing and funding strategies such as teacher fellowships and loan forgiveness programs to encourage and attract talented students to enter the field of education. We likewise **SUPPORT** allowing school districts to re-employ teachers, other instructional personnel, and substitute teachers after one month of retirement without penalty to the employee's pension.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-_2659

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY; URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY; REQUESTING REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON A TRANSITION PLAN AND EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE CLIMATE; PROCLAIMING A CALL TO ACTION FOR THE TOWN TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TOWARDS ADAPTATION, MITIGATION AND RESILIENCY STRATEGIES, INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TOWN'S CLIMATE CRISIS REPORT; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in April 2016, world leaders from 175 countries recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep the increase in global average temperature to "well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels," and to "pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C"; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Surfside (the "Town") has experienced the disruption and destruction already wrought by climate change through hurricanes, flooding, and other climatic events, that are also evidenced nationwide and worldwide by increased and intensifying wildfires, floods, rising seas, diseases, droughts, and extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, the ecological effects of climate change are driving an increased rate of extinction of species, which could consequently devastate ecological stability and much of the biological life on Earth for future generations; and

WHEREAS, reaching zero greenhouse gas emissions around the globe will require a drawdown or removal of all the excess carbon from the atmosphere, and to implement measures to protect all people and other biological species, requiring a coordinated emergency mobilization on a global scale; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to act as a global leader by both converting to an ecologically, socially and economically regenerative economy at emergency speed and by catalyzing a unified and coordinated climate emergency mobilization effort; and

WHEREAS, the Town commits to Town-wide climate emergency mobilization efforts to reverse climate change, aiming, with appropriate financial and regulatory assistance from Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida, and Federal authorities, to decrease and minimize Town-wide greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible to safely drawdown carbon from the atmosphere and accelerate adaptation and resiliency strategies in preparation for intensifying climate impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town further commits to educating its residents about the climate emergency and working to catalyze climate emergency mobilization efforts on local, state, national, and global levels to provide maximum protection for its residents and property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Town understands the need for full community participation, inclusion, and support and recognizes that Town residents, property owners and community organizations that include faith, youth, labor, academic institutions, condominium associations, and a diverse range of civil society institutions will be integral to and in the leadership of the mobilization effort; and

WHEREAS, the Town further commits to keeping the concerns of vulnerable communities central to climate emergency mobilization efforts and inviting and encouraging such communities to actively participate in order to advocate directly for their needs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents and property owners of the Town.

Vice Mayor Daniel Gielchinsky Yes
Mayor Daniel Dietch Yes

Daniel Dietch
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra Novoa, MMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:

Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.
Town Attorney

Board of Directors meeting dates for 2020*

(Venues to be determined)

January 9, 2020– Sheraton Airport Hotel

February 13, 2020

March 5, 2020

April 2, 2020

May 9, 2020 – GALA

June 4, 2020

July 2019 – NO MEETING

August 6, 2020

September 3, 2020

October 2020- Best Practices Conference

November 5, 2020

December 3, 2020

* Dates subject to change
** Awaiting confirmation of venue

Holtz Children's Hospital

On Wednesday, December 18, 2019 the MDCLC held its Thirteenth Annual Toy Drive.
MDCLC President Claudia Cubillos: Mayor of El Portal,
Secretary JC Bermudez: Mayor of Doral,
Treasurer Rodney Harris: Vice Mayor of Miami Gardens
and El Portal Vice Mayor Omarr Nickerson assisted Santa Claus in the distribution.

We want to thank Mayor Yioset de la Cruz of the City of Hialeah Gardens
for sending his Santa Claus (Manuel Carrera) to distribute toys.
And a special thank you to Manuel Carrera that has
been the MDCLC Santa Claus for many years.

Thanks to your and MDCLC's donations we were able to distribute over
400 toys this year to children hospitalized at the
Holtz Children Hospital, Jackson Health System.
It was a heart-warming pleasure to spend time with these
children and see their faces light up as they are greeted by Santa Claus.

We wish them and their families the happiest of Holidays.

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