Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.

Board of Director's Meeting

May 5, 2022

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Pinecrest Gardens
11000 Red Road
Pinecrest, FL 33156

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

Village of Pinecrest

WELCOMING REMARKS:

*President **Joseph Corradino,***
Mayor, Village of Pinecrest

1. INVOCATION:

*Councilmember **Shannon Del Prado,***
Village of Pinecrest

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

*Vice Mayor **Katie Abbott,***
Village of Pinecrest

3. **MINUTES:** *April 7, 2022*

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

    1. Monthly Disbursement

5. **HOST VILLAGE PRESENTATION:**

    President ***Joseph Corradino,***
    Mayor, Village of Pinecrest

6. **INSTALLATION OF THE 2022-2023 PRESIDENT:**

    The Honorable ***Barbara Areces,***
    Circuit Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit

7. **INSTALLATION OF THE 2022-2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD:**

    The Honorable ***Orlando Prescott,***
    Circuit Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit

8. **INSTALLATION OF THE 2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

    Ms. ***Vanessa Joseph,***
    Clerk, City of North Miami

1. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:**

    Richard Kuper, Esq.

2. **SMART PLAN PRESENTATION:**

    Ms. ***Aileen Bouclé,***
    Executive Director,
    Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **53rd Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week:**
  May 1 – May 7, 2022 (see enclosed)

- ***SAVE THE DATE:*** **MDCLC 68th Annual Installation Gala**
  Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. (flyer enclosed)
  Jungle Island
  111 Parrot Jungle Trail
  Miami, FL 33132

4. ADJOURNMENT

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Summarized Minutes

April 7, 2022
Key Biscayne Yacht Club

MDCLC President Joseph Corradino, Mayor of the Village of Pinecrest called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

There was a moment of silence for the memory of Former City of North Miami Beach Mayor Ray Marin that passed away this week. Our thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.

President **Corradino** introduced Ambassador, **Councilman Luis Lauredo** of the Village of Key Biscayne to conduct the invocation.

Vice Mayor Brett Moss of the Village of Key Biscayne led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Corradino presented the Nominating committee's recommendation for the 2022-2023 MDCLC Executive Board nominations. Mayor Corradino asked for a motion, the motion passed by unanimous vote. Below are the names:

*President **Juan Carlos "JC" Bermudez,***
Mayor, City of Doral

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President Corradino asked MDCLC Board Member, Mayor Michael Davey, Village of Key Biscayne to come to the podium and provide us with the host Village presentation. Mayor Corradino thanked the Mayor, Village Council and Administration for hosting the meeting at this beautiful venue. We appreciate you Mayor Davey for all the hard work.

Mayor Michael Davey showed a short video of the Village that was put together by Melissa McCaughan White, Executive Director of the Key Biscayne Community Foundation. The video showed the beautiful Key Biscayne and all that it has to offer. Mayor Davey thanked the League, the elected officials and administrative personal. He expressed his thoughts that collectively and individually we need to continue to fight for Home Rule.

President Corradino introduced and welcomed **Mayor Dana Goldman,** City of Sunny Isles Beach to give us an update with regards to the Ordinance Creating Chapter 17D – Relating to Community Associations and transparency. Mayor Goldman asked How many in the room have condominium associations in their municipalities? By knowing that most/all municipalities have condominium associations, she explained that this ordinance requires to all of the Condominium Associations (big or small) to register with Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory & Economic Resources. There are over 6000 condominium associations within Miami-Dade County. By next year the County is going to have a portal to gather all this information. We are asking to put the word out and cooperate to collect as much information as possible.

President Corradino then called MDCLC Board Member, **Mayor Tim Meerbott,** Town of Cutler Bay, who is currently representing the League on the State's Biscayne Bay Commission to brief us on the Task Force to protect the Bay created by Governor DeSantis. They are trying to find out

what is causing all the damage to the Bay and the best possible way to get the funding to protect it. He asked that we collectively go to Tallahassee and ask for funding to keep our Bay alive. He informed the members that as the League's representative he is available to listen to any ideas, concerns or suggestions.

President Corradino began his President's recognition presentation.,

The ***President's Distinguished Board Member award*** is presented this year to **Mayor Omarr Nickerson** of the Village of El Portal for demonstrating a deep commitment to this organization for many years. He also serves on our Board, attends the meetings and is always expressing an interest to volunteer his time. Mayor Nickerson has spent several years working tirelessly on our Annual Turkey Drive together with the League staff distributing turkeys and food items to those families in need.

The ***President's Associate Member award*** is presented to **FPL**, who has been a long-time member and consistently supports the League. During the past years they have financially contributed to our Turkey Drive and Toy Drive. Chris Ferreira is here tonight to receive the award. We congratulated Chris on recently becoming a father. We wish you and your family all the best.

Now I would like to present the ***President's Municipal Service award.*** During Past President Shirley Gibson's tenure, she created the MDCLC-City Attorneys Advisory Committee for the purpose of protecting the League. It is fitting that this year the award is presented to Miami Gardens City Attorney **Sonja Dickens**, who Chairs the MDCLC-City Attorneys Advisory Committee. Sonja is not here due to a family emergency but Mayor Rodney Harris will accept the award on her behalf.

The ***President's Community Service Award*** is presented to **Mr. William "Bill" Talbert,** President and CEO of the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau. Even though Mr. Talbert recently retired as President and CEO, he will still be involved as a consultant to the Bureau. During his presidency Mr. Talbert and the Bureau have been long-time associate members and have always been strong supporters of our organization. He has been a major promoter of our community for close to 30 years. Bill has been involved in luring Super Bowls, Tennis championships and small and large events throughout our County. Today we thank him for all that he has done in highlighting our great community to the world.

The ***President's Public Service Award*** is presented to Former City of Miami Gardens Mayor and Past President of the Miami-Dade County

League of Cities **Shirley Gibson**. Mayor Gibson, was instrumental in helping to incorporate the City of Miami Gardens, which today is the third largest City in Miami-Dade County. As president she worked tirelessly for the League and one of her legacies to this organization is the City Attorney's Advisory Committee. We thanked and honor you Mayor Gibson for all your years of dedication and your commitment to all our municipalities, and to fighting for our Home Rule.

Councilwoman Crystal Wagar expressed herself about Mayor Gibson in an appreciative way, not only for being a great leader but as woman Mayor.

President Corradino, introduced MDCLC Associate Member and legislative consultant **Mr. Jose Diaz** of Robert M. Levy and Associates to provide us with his remarks regarding this past legislative session. Jose informed us that there was a total of 3,685 bills that were filed and only 285 passed. A very low number of bills. He expressed that every week in Tallahassee during session a group of lobbyists get together with the Florida League to advocate for our municipalities. He mentioned Joseph Salzverg, Jose Fuentes, Max Losner, Eddy Gonzalez, Will McRea who are among a group that work to represent the local government and it's needs. There are so many bills they worked on during the session. If anyone needs any information, please call him or your lobbyist so the bills can be discussed in detail.

President Corradino thanked Executive Director **Richard Kuper** for his commitment and dedication to the League.

Richard Kuper welcomed all attendees to the meeting and introduced those present.

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President Joseph Corradino – Mayor, Village of Pinecrest
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Past Presidents:
Mr. Kuper mentioned that Councilman Jordan W. Leonard, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, after serving 12 ½ years as Councilmember decided not to run for re-election because he is now running for State House District Seat #106. He has been a great supporter of the League while he was President and continues to do so today. During the past few months alone 3-4 companies have joined the League as Associate Members at the urging of Councilman Leonard. Thank you for your commitment to the League.

Mr. Kuper then made a few remarks about Former Mayor Shirley Gibson, City of Miami Gardens. She left her legacy at the League. Mr. Kuper provided the attendees with a short story - One day the County was really

badgering and hitting us from all sides. The League at the time had one attorney who kept telling us, don't fight the County. There law department is big and powerful, they are too strong we will never win against them. Mayor Gibson heard the comments and told me Richard, we have 34 municipalities and 34 law firms representing them. She picked up the phone and called Gene Stearns, Esq. of Stearns Weaver… She asked for a meeting the following morning which Gene granted her. While seated at the conference table at Mr. Stearns office we explained our situation. He expressed and told Mayor Gibson and myself that his firm would work with us. He called in Mr. Jimmy Morales, at the time the attorney chairing the Government Practice and Former County Commissioner along with Former County Attorney Murray Greenberg. They entered the conference room with a number of attorneys and Gene said Mayor, Richard they are here to represent you and will do so Pro-Bono. The moment that we walked in to the first meeting at the County with Mr. Morales, Greenberg, our municipal attorneys, a few other attorneys and Shirley Gibson the whole game changed. Thanks to Mayor Gibson we incorporated the MDCLC-City Attorney's Advisory Committee, who's Chair is Sonja Dickens and since then the County sees us and deals with us in a different manner. This is just one of the many things Mayor Gibson did for the League. Thank you again, Mayor Gibson.

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Alternate:
Vice Mayor Ivan Pacheco - Medley

Guest:
Captain Luis M. Rolle,
Field Office Director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Newly Elected:
Mayor Shlomo Dansinger – Town of Surfside

Managers:
Ralph Casals, Town of Cutler Bay
Steve Williamson, Village of Key Biscayne
Yolanda Aguilar, City of West Miami
Asst. Manager – Ramiro Inguanzo, Bal Harbour Village
Asst. Manager – Audra Curts-Whann, Sunny Isles Beach

Clerks:
Roseann Prado, Village of Indian Creek
Jocelyn Koch, Village of Key Biscayne

Attorneys:
Chad Friedman, Village of Key Biscayne
Mitch Bierman, Town of Cutler Bay and Village of Pinecrest

Judges:
Lody Jean – Circuit Court
Jeffrey Kolokoff – County Court
Chiaka Ihekwaba – County Court

Miami-Dade County Mayor's office:
Melonie Burke

Candidate for State Representative:
Alina Garcia

Associate Members:
Jose Fuentes, Becker & Poliakoff
Max Losner, Becker and Poliakoff
Javier Vazquez, Berger Singerman
Jose Miranda, C.A.P Government, Inc.
Luis Perez-Codina, C.A.P Government, Inc.
Monty Trainer, Chairman - Coconut Grove Arts Festival
Greg Gathers, Custom Tree Care, Inc.
Elisa Robles, First Bank
Nancy Fernandez, First Bank
Javier Miranda, First Bank
Javier Barrenechea, First Bank
Gerardo Coello, First Bank
Joseph Salzverg, Esq., GrayRobinson
Councilwoman Vivian Casals-Muñiz, Hialeah Park
Former Commissioner John Elizabeth Aleman, Jacobs
William Talbert, Greater Miami Convention & Visitor's Bureau

Jose Diaz, Levy & Associates
Dianne Raulson, Miami Dade Days, Inc.
Chairman Talbert Cypress, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians
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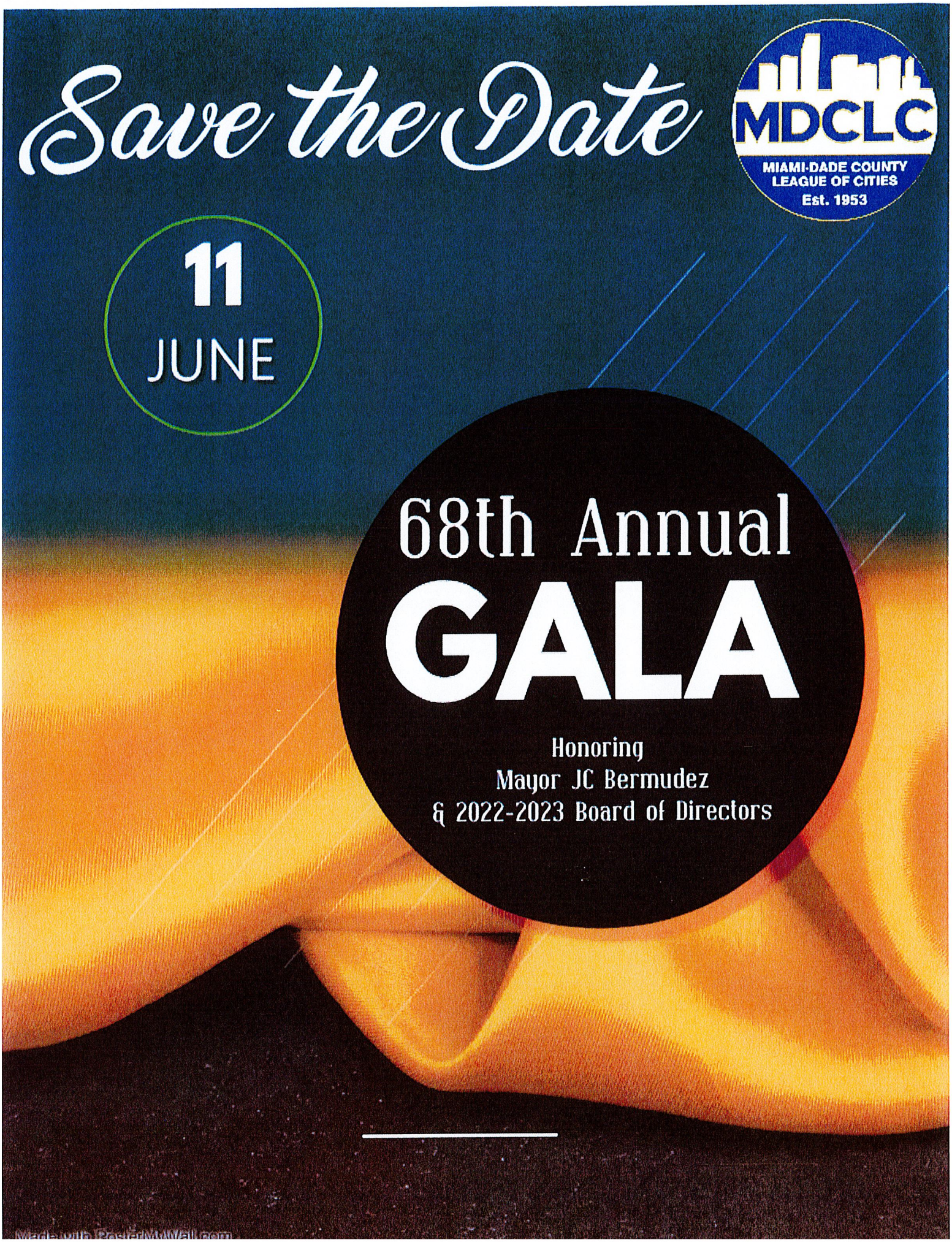
Jose Infante, SFM Services, Inc.
Mario Cantero, SFM Services, Inc.
Robert Montesino, SFM Services, Inc.
Joseph Corradino, The Corradino Group
Beth Bailey, Verizon Wireless
Mitch Bierman, Esq., Weiss Serota Helfman…
Chad Friedman, Esq., Weiss Serota Helfman…
Roger Pou, Esq., Weiss Serota Helfman…
Daniella Cimo, Esq., Weiss Serota Helfman…

Not on the agenda:

Mayor Omarr Nickerson, Village of El Portal presented President Joseph Corradino with a recognition for his leadership and dedication to the League. He also recognized Executive Director Richard Kuper for everything he has done for the League. Thanked him for his service and dedication. Last but not least Mayor Nickerson recognized the League's Executive Assistant Maydibis Ramos for all her hard work on behalf of the League on a daily basis.

President Corradino asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.
Summarized minutes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