

## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES



Saturday, June 8, 2024 Loews Coral Gables Hotel

#### Welcome

Richard Kuper, Esq., Executive Director

#### **Introduction of Master of Ceremonies**

Michael Baiamonte
The Voice

#### Call to Order

The Honorable Rodney Harris Mayor, City of Miami Gardens

#### Invocation

Pastor Sammy Flores Christ Fellowship Palmetto Bay

#### Presentation of Arms

Miami-Dade Police Department Honor Guard

#### Pledge of Allegiance

The Children's Voice Chorus

#### **National Anthem**

The Children's Voice Chorus

#### Introduction of 2024-2025 President

Ken O'Keefe

#### **Installation of 2024-2025 President**

Megan Handler, Esq.

#### Acceptance Remarks from President Karyn Cunningham

#### Installation of 2024-2025 Executive Officers

The Honorable Katherine Fernandez-Rundle State Attorney, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

Past Presidents' Recognition

Adjourn
Enjoy Dinner & Dancing



#### Office of the Mayor

Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Colleagues,

My fondest memories as a native South Floridian include Sunday breakfast at Wolfie's on Miami Beach or the Sandbar on Key Biscayne; spending hours looking at the stars in the cool air of the Planetarium; watching the Flipper show at the Seaquarium; working as a snake handler at the Serpentarium; serving snacks to passing cyclists in the juice bar at Parrot Jungle; delivering the Miami Herald by bicycle in Miami Shores; picking limes in the Redlands and tomatoes in Homestead; and hanging out under the big tree that still stands tall at Miami Palmetto Senior High. Life seemed simple back then. But isn't that always the way? We remember our past with fondness and marvel at the simplicity of life back when.

Miami-Dade has seen much growth since my brother, sister, and I grew up in the '60s, '70s, and '80s. In those days, there were only twenty-five municipalities. Today we have grown to thirty-four strong, diverse, unique towns, villages, and cities! The definition of simplicity has changed as we now live in times of unprecedented population growth, housing and teacher shortages, warmer weather and seas, and tripled average commute times.

For the last seventy years, Miami-Dade County League of Cities has witnessed the evolution of our thriving community and has stood at the intersection of tradition and innovation that results from change. This year, with your help, I plan to bring a strategic focus on our shared vision for economic development, education, environment, and enhancing quality of life in Miami-Dade County.

That smiling kid below had big dreams. As your President, I'm eager to continue the legacy of the MDCLC while keeping us uniquely positioned to collaborate as we transform our collective "Million Dreams" into the future of this vibrant metropolitan area. However big or small your dreams may be, I look forward to sharing them and working together to create a better place for all our cities to live, work, learn, and play.

Yours in service,

Mayor Karyn Cunningham MDCLC President 2024-2025





#### Greetings!

It has been my absolute pleasure serving as President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities (MDCLC). I want to thank our staff, Executive Board, and Associate members for their tireless effort to ensure we fight for and protect home rule, while advocating for our cities, residents, and businesses at the local, state, and national levels.

I want to congratulate Mayor Karyn Cunningham, as she takes the mantle as President of this amazing organization. Karyn has demonstrated her ability to carry the work of MDCLC to the next level. She is a hardworking, intelligent, and creative leader.

It has certainly been an honor to serve this organization as President, but I am equally excited about the great work our incoming President will accomplish!

So, let's celebrate tonight, and then we will continue the good fight for our communities!

Sincerely,

Rodney Harris

Mayor of Miami Gardens

President of MDCLC (2023 - 2024)

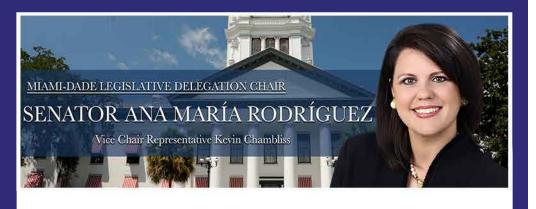


Cheers to your well-deserved success!

Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone. We are so proud of you and love you very much!

Ken, Katherine, Megan, Rusty, Cameron, and Brennan





On behalf of Chair Ana Maria Rodriguez,
Vice Chair Kevin Chambliss, and the entire
Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation,
congratulations to
President Karyn Cunningham
and the entire MDCLC Incoming Executive
Board.

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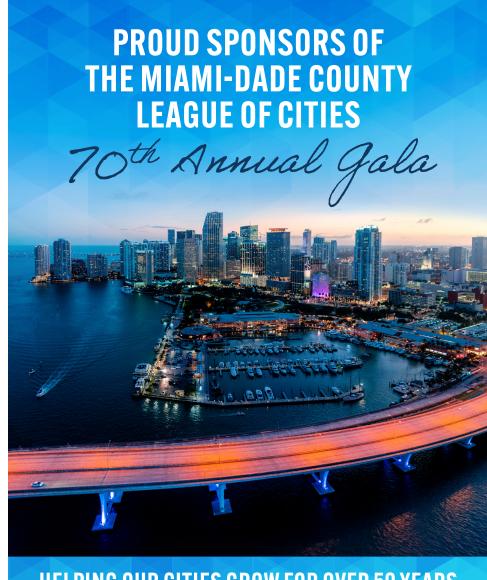
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The Village of Palmetto Bay sends our warmest congratulations to Mayor Karyn Cunningham as she begins her role as President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

We know that her courage, dedication, and visionary leadership will benefit all of the County's citizens as it has benefitted our Village.





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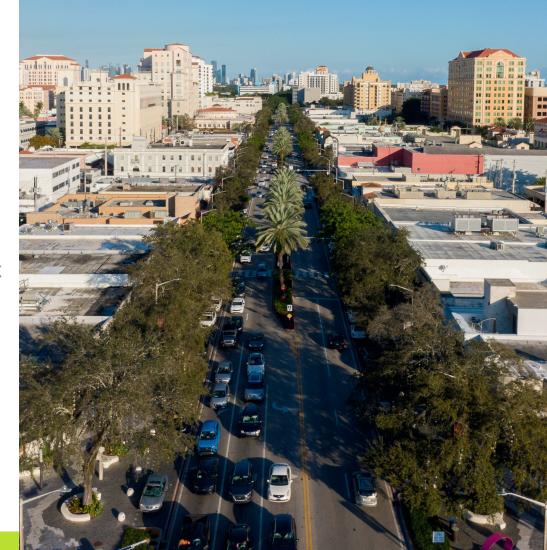
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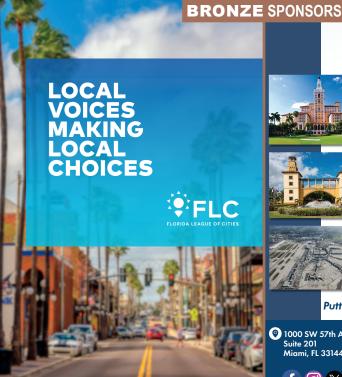
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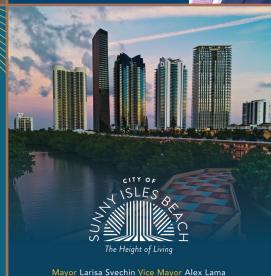
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The City of Miami Gardens proudly supports the work of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities. This organization makes tireless efforts to support municipalities, businesses, and stakeholders. Thank you for all that you do, the City of Miami Gardens express sincere appreciation.

Sincerely,

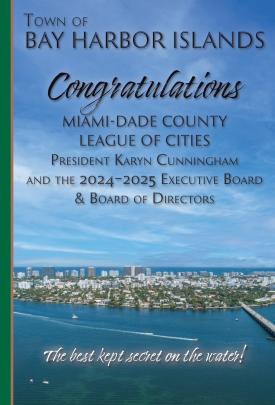
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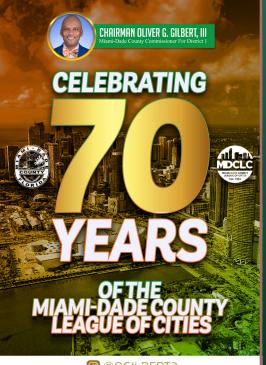


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> Village Council Joseph M. Corradino, Mayor Shannon del Prado, Vice Mayor Katie Abbott Ken Fairman Anna Hochkammer

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MDCLC Outgoing President, **Mayor Rodney Harris** 

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Honoring Karyn Cunningham as the Incoming President of MDCLC & the Board of Directors

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