



Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

August 8, 2024



Welcome



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Executive Director

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Hon. Rodney Harris
Mayor, City of Miami Gardens

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Board of Director's Meeting

August 8, 2024

**Miami Shores Country Club
10000 Biscayne Blvd.
Miami Shores, FL 33138**

6:30 p.m. Reception - 7:30 p.m. Meeting



WELCOMING REMARKS

1. INVOCATION:

*Councilwoman Sandra Harris,
Village of Miami Shores*

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

*Board Member Tina Paul,
Vice Mayor, Town of Surfside*

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE:

*City of Aventura Commissioner
Michael Stern*

4. MINUTES: May 9, 2024

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Monthly Disbursement

6. ASSOCIATE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

*Mr. Alex Auguste, CPA
Senior Manager, Marcum LLP*

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Richard Kuper, Esq.

8. UPDATE ON MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WEBSITE TO PUBLISH LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLIC NOTICES PRESENTATION:

*Mr. Jorge L. Gomez,
Chief Digital Communications, Miami-Dade County Communications
& Customer Experience Department*

10 TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES RESOLUTION 24-2008:

*Board Member Ray Garcia,
Councilman, Town of Miami Lakes*

*Rodolfo M. Blanco, Esq.,
Chairman, Blasting Advisory Board
Town of Miami Lakes*

11. MIAMI DADE COLLEGE 64th ANNIVERSARY:

*Mr. Nelson Hincapie
Executive Director, Miami Dade College Foundation*

12. PLEDGE TO TAKE ACTION IN YOUR COUNTY! JOIN WM'S AND THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES RECYCLE RIGHT® CAMPAIGN:

*Mr. Jason Neal
Senior Manager, Waste Management*

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

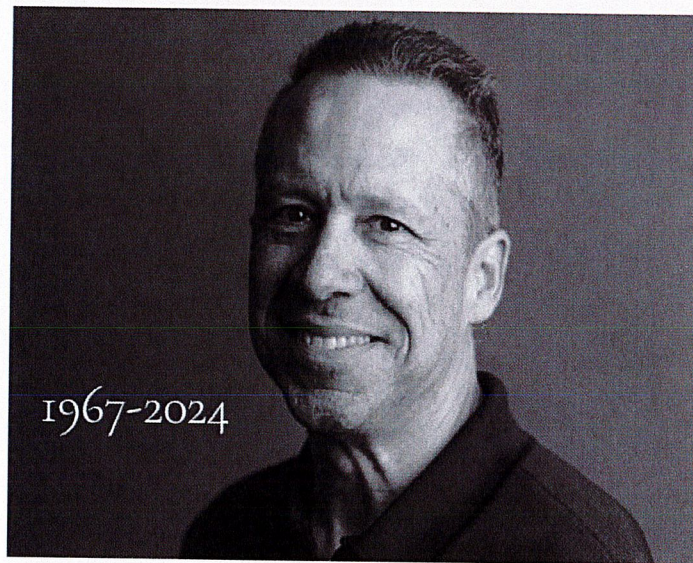
- **MDCLC 14th Annual Back to School Drive:** *Monday, August 12, 2024*
If any Board member would like to attend, please RSVP the League office
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Location: Gateway K-8

- **MDCLC Board of Director's Meeting:** *Thursday, September 12, 2024*
Time: 6:30 p.m. Reception / 7:30 p.m. Dinner meeting
Location: 94th Aero Squadron

14. ADJOURNMENT

With our hearts broken and our endless gratitude for his dedication to serving others, the City of Aventura announces the passing of Commissioner Michael Stern. Commissioner Stern was the second-longest serving elected official in Aventura's history. His commitment to serving others was evident as an elected leader and in his everyday life. Since being diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2019, Michael dedicated himself to education and advocacy, saving lives.

IN LOVING
MEMORY OF
**MICHAEL
STERN**



Our friend. Our Commissioner
Our Hero.

Rest in Peace





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Summarized Minutes

May 9th, 2024
City of Coral Gables
Coral Gables Country Club

MDCLC President and Mayor Rodney Harris, City of Miami Gardens commenced the meeting by expressing gratitude to all attendees for being present at his last meeting as 69th President of the league. He thanked everyone for being part of the League and for their continuous efforts. **President Harris** called the meeting to order at 7:41 P.M.

President Harris welcomed **MDCLC Board Member Commissioner Walter Thompson**, City of Florida City to conduct the invocation. **President Harris** then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Each year, the League's President has the opportunity to recognize individuals for their strong commitment and dedication to the League at their final meeting. **President Harris** expressed his gratitude to everyone, emphasizing that each person's efforts this year are greatly appreciated. He also reminisced about the League's perseverance and ability to continue meeting via Zoom during the COVID-19 pandemic, attributing this success to the League's teamwork which exemplifies the League's strength when working as a cohesive team.

The President's Distinguished Board Member Award was presented to **Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert III**, Miami Dade County. **President Harris** explained that **Chairman Gilbert** was the first to inform and teach him

dedication and support in the League. **President Harris** mentioned that **Mr. Trainer** is known throughout south Florida for his commitment in public service and for promoting our cities. Mr. Trainer was unable to attend this evening's meeting but will be given the award at a later date.

MDCLC First Vice President and **Mayor Karyn Cunningham**, Palmetto Bay recognized Dade County Federal Credit Union as the Associate Member spotlight for the evening. **President and CEO George Joseph**, along with **Executive Vice President Annie Wilkinson**, were invited to the podium to share insights about their organization. **Mr. Joseph** highlighted that Dade County Federal Credit Union has been a cornerstone of the Miami-Dade community for over 80 years. Originally serving only county employees, the credit union has grown into a robust financial institution with over \$900 million in loans and a wide array of services catering to the entire community. Their mission is to empower members by helping them achieve their financial goals. One of their significant achievements is the Rise Miami-Dade Loan program, which has provided essential financial support to over a thousand small businesses in Miami-Dade County, demonstrating their commitment to economic development and entrepreneurial opportunities. Additionally, they introduced the Home Purchasing Assistance (HPA) Program, aimed at making homeownership more accessible to first-time buyers in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. This program offers eligible members up to \$100,000 or 20% of the purchase price, whichever is lower, for down payment and closing cost assistance to buy their primary residence. Looking ahead, Dade County Federal envisions a future where financial inclusion is universal, providing all Miami-Dade citizens with the resources needed to thrive and ensuring the continued prosperity of the community.

MDCLC Executive Director Richard Kuper expressed his gratitude to **President Harris** for his dedicated service as the 69th President of the League. He then reminded everyone about the upcoming 70th Annual Gala Celebration, scheduled for June 8, 2024, at the Loews Hotel in Coral Gables. He informed the attendees that space was limited, and that sponsorships and tickets were selling fast. Please do not wait until the last minute if you would like to attend the Gala because it will sell out and there will be no room to add people. He thanked all the sponsors for this year's Gala Celebration, highlighting that it is the League's largest fundraising event of the year, which supports its annual activities such as the toy drive and turkey drive. **Mr. Kuper** also informed everyone about the upcoming Class V Permit Application Webinar on May 13 and the Form 6 Webinar on May 14. He then proceeded to recognize the following members:

The Executive Board Members Present:

President Rodney Harris

First Vice President Karyn Cunningham

Candidate for Sheriff:

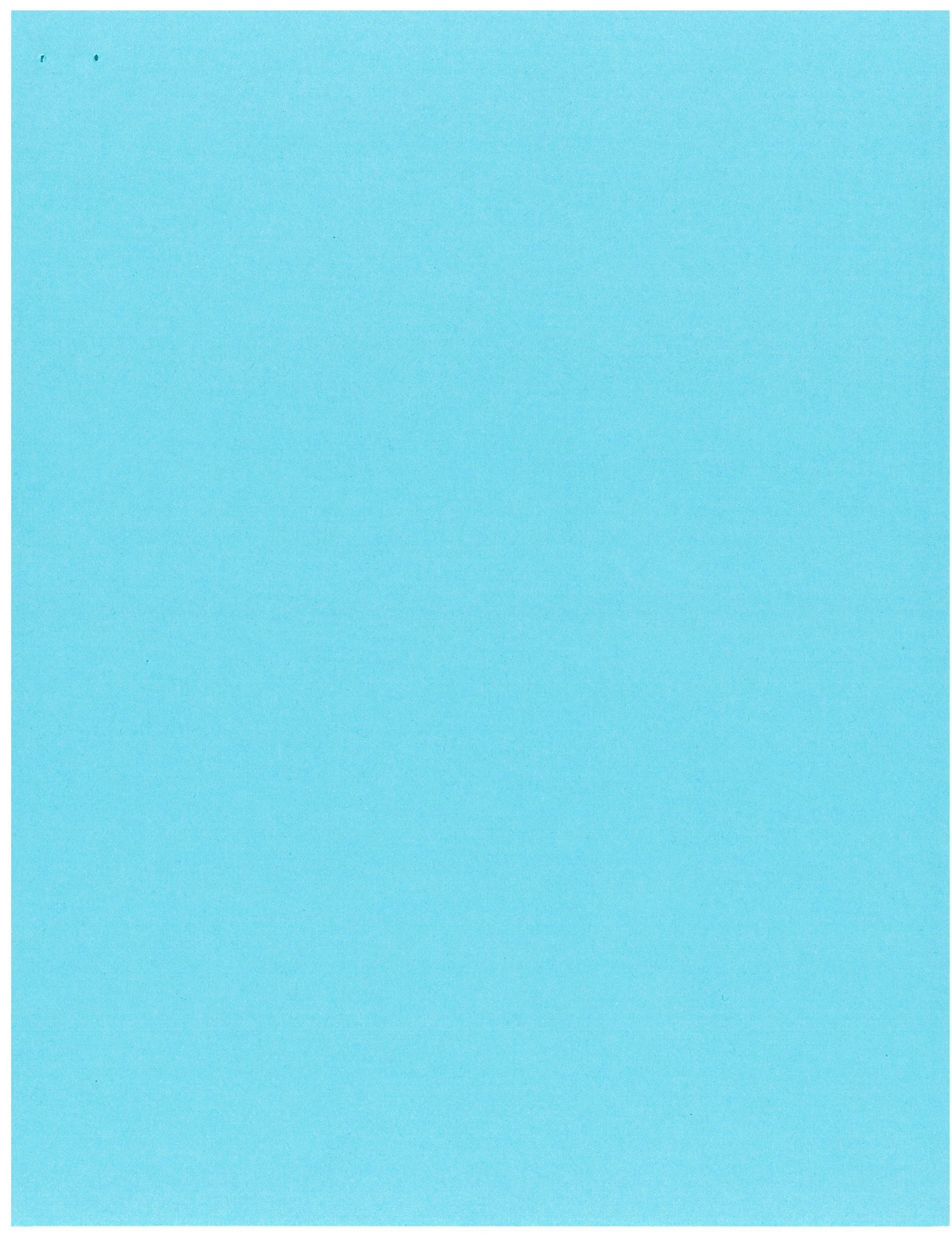
Ignacio Alvarez
Mario Knapp

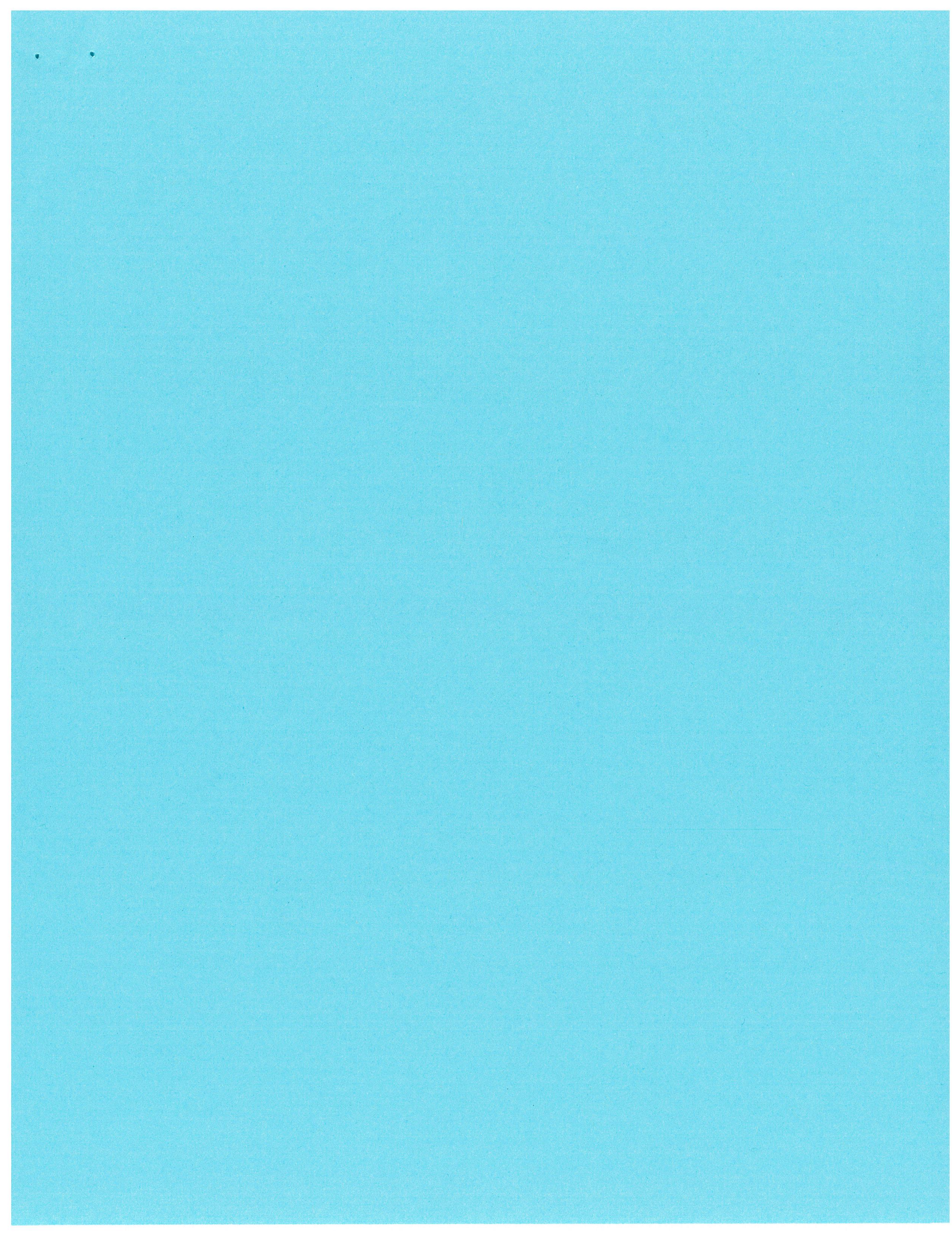
Candidate for Tax Collector

Dariel Fernandez

Associate Members:

Debra Koch, American Red Cross
Jose Fuentes, Becker & Poliakoff
Javier Vazquez, Berger Singerman
Kevin Crowder, BusinessFlare
Jose Miranda, C.A.P Government, Inc.
Carlos Del Pino, C.A.P Government, Inc.
Carlos Penin, C.A.P Government, Inc.
Monica De Castro, C.A.P Government, Inc.
Samantha Falla, C.A.P Government, Inc.
Luiz Perez-Codina, C.A.P Government, Inc.
Kiara Arevalo, Concentra
Leo Zabala, Concentra
George Joseph, Dade County Federal Credit Union
Annie Wilinson, Dade County Federal Credit Union
Rosie Cruz-Sotero, ESR, LLC
Albert Sotero, ESR, LLC
Elisa Robles, First Bank
Michael Gomez, First Bank
Jose Albornoz, First Bank
Frances Cabrera Yec, GEMRT CPA
Raul Guzman, GEMRT CPA
Lisbeth Bojorge, GEMRT CPA
Gerry Donates, GEMRT CPA
Vivian Casals-Muñoz, Hialeah Park
Bobby Williams, Hialeah Park
Evan Ross, Public Communicators Group
Barbie Findo, SFM Services
Israel Rosado, SFM Services
Katie Malkin, VIA Transportation
Roly Marante, VIA Transportation
Jason Neal, Waste Management
Ethel Neal, Waste Management
Kenneth Rivera, Waste Pro USA
Susan Trevarthen, Weiss Serota Helfman...
Mitch Bierman, Weiss Serota Helfman...
Daniela Cimo, Weiss Serota Helfman...
Lily Arango, Weiss Serota Helfman...
Richard Gibbs, GMCVB
Myles Pistorius, Miami Dolphins





Government Services

For more than 70 years, Marcum has successfully provided professional auditing, accounting, and advisory services to a broad spectrum of governmental entities. Our professionals, most of who have been focused in the public sector throughout their entire careers, have an in-depth understanding of the complex challenges governments face. Our knowledge, experience, and commitment to the public sector helps us serve in the best interest of each client.

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- Financial Audits
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- Internal Audits
- Performance Audits
- Agreed-Upon Procedures

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- ACFR Assistance
- Fund Balance Projections
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Affordable Housing Services

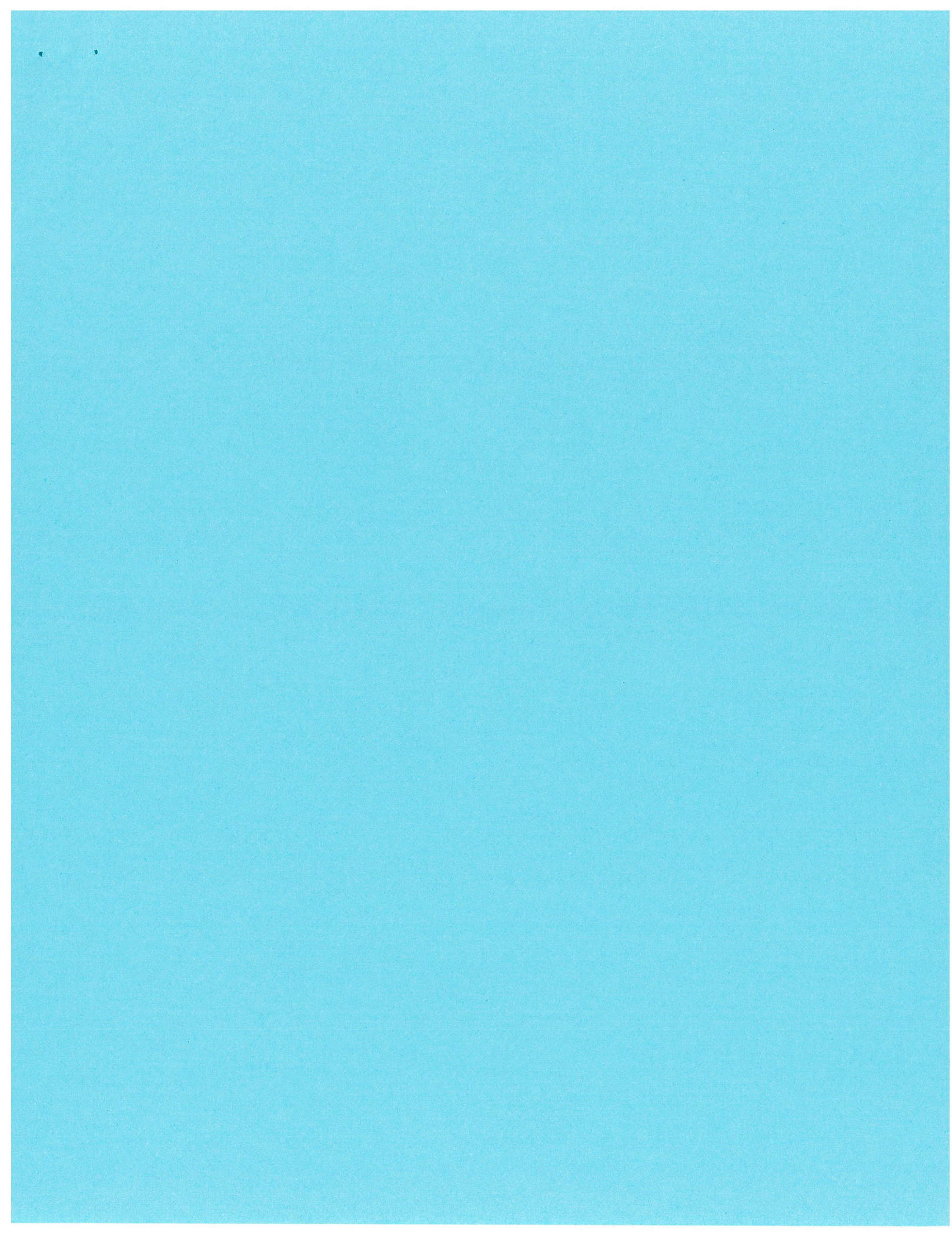
- General Ledger Maintenance
- Financial Statement Preparation
- REAC Reporting
- Budget Preparation
- Audit Support

Consulting Services

- Benchmarking Research
- Business Process Mapping
- Change Management
- Performance Reviews
- Process Improvement
- Project Management
- Strategic Assessments

IT Consulting Services

- Cloud & Infrastructure Solutions
- Managed IT Services
- Cybersecurity Services
- Intelligent Automation (RPA/AI/ML)
- Data Analytic & Insights
- Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Services
- Financial ERP and FP&A Solutions
- Digital Transformation Strategy
- Enterprise System Selection
- IT Due Diligence





ONLINE LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLIC NOTICES



STEPS TAKEN

Made all necessary modifications to the website - legalads.miamidade.gov - to adhere to section 50.0311 of the Florida Statutes.

Designated legalads.miamidade.gov as the publicly accessible website for legal advertisements.

Developed a form Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for use by the County and other local governments that wish to utilize this website to publish legal advertisements and public notices.

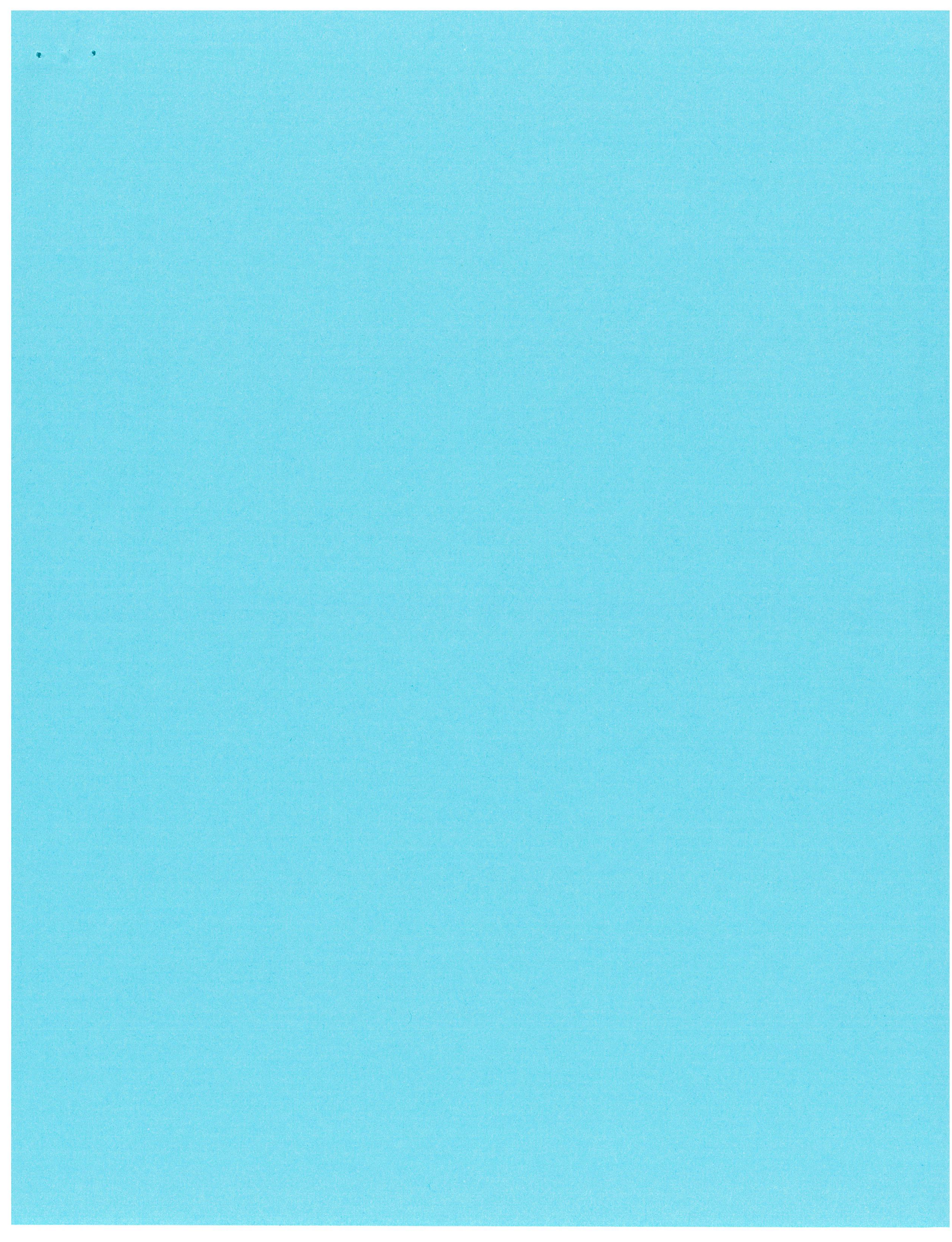
Established a process for municipal partners to post their own legal notices using the County's Content Management System (CMS).

Developed a training guide and videos to assist municipal partners with posting notices.

MUNICIPAL LEGAL NOTICES

- Once published, municipal legal notices will appear on the County's legal ad index

The screenshot shows the Miami-Dade County website's 'Legal Ads and Public Notices' page. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'Services & Information', 'News & Social Media', 'Your Government', and 'Employees'. Below the menu is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > News & Social Media > Public Notices'. The main heading is 'Legal Ads and Public Notices', followed by social media sharing options for Facebook and Twitter. A search bar is present with the text 'Search Legal Ads & Public Notices' and a search icon. To the right of the search bar, there is a 'Sort By:' dropdown menu set to 'Newest'. Below the search bar, a list of notices is displayed. The first notice, 'Public Notice -Aventura Test', is highlighted with a red rectangular box. This notice includes the location 'Aventura' and the publish date 'Jul 17, 2024', followed by the text 'This is a test.' The second notice, 'Sunshine Notice - Miami-Dade County Public Library Advisory Board Meeting', is also visible below it, with its publish date 'Jan 17, 2024' and a detailed description of the meeting.



RESOLUTION NO. 24 - 2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA SEEKING SUPPORT FROM THE FLORIDA AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES IN ORDER TO ADVOCATE FOR ROCK MINE BLASTING LEGISLATIVE REFORM; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CLERK; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes (the “Town”) residents and business owners have been harmed by the negative effects of rock-mine blasting; and

WHEREAS, in the past few years there have been several proposed legislations that would regulate blast intensity without causing a significant economic impact on the rock-mining companies’ ability to conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the negative effects of blasting include deterioration and damage to real property; and

WHEREAS, currently the law of the State of Florida curtails the remedies available to homeowners, and the venue in which homeowners’ grievances can be heard; and

WHEREAS, current regulation of rock-mine blasting activity has been pre-empted by the State of Florida, limiting the ability of local county and city governments to address and curtail the effects of blasting within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, under Florida law, the Florida State Fire Marshal has the sole and exclusive authority to adopt standards, limits, and regulations on rock-mine blasting activities, including, without limitation, the authority to set limits on ground vibration; and

WHEREAS, rock-mine blasting damage has been experienced beyond the Town’s boundaries, and has impacted neighboring municipalities including, without limitation, the cities of Hialeah, Hialeah Gardens, Homestead, Miramar, Miami Gardens, Sweetwater, and Medley, as well as unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Lee County, and Collier County; and

WHEREAS, the Town seeks the support and resources of the Florida and Miami-Dade County League of Cities, respectively, to join us in seeking meaningful legislative reform from their respective legislative delegations as well as action by the State Fire Marshal in order to curtail the effects of rock-mine blasting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Urging the Florida and Miami-Dade County League of Cities, respectively, to Advocate for Meaningful Legislative Reform. The Town Council of Miami Lakes urges the Florida and Miami-Dade County League of Cities, respectively, to join in advocating for legislative reform of rock-mining activity in order to allow for greater relief to those affected, to provide local governments with the ability to regulate rock-mining activity within their respective jurisdictions, and to provide those affected with greater access to judicial courts in order to address their grievances.

Section 3. Urging the Florida and Miami-Dade County League of Cities, respectively, to Advocate for Meaningful Action by Florida State Fire Marshal. The Town Council of Miami Lakes further urges the Florida and Miami-Dade County League of Cities, respectively, to join in advocating for Florida's State Fire Marshal to provide immediate relief to residents affected by rock-mine blasting by exercising its authority under Florida law to amend Rule 69A-2.024 (*as adopted as of the Effective Date of this Resolution*) to provide that blasting within one (1) mile of an urban development shall not exceed a peak particle velocity of more than 0.15 inches per second.

Section 4. Instructions to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Florida and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, respectively.

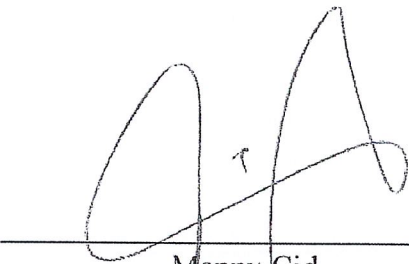
Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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Passed and adopted this 9th day of July 2024.

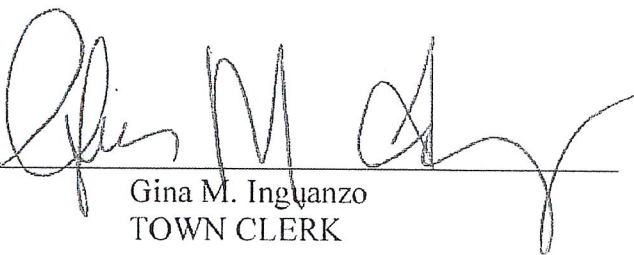
The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember Morera who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Manny Cid	Absent
Vice Mayor Tony Fernandez	Yes
Councilmember Luis E. Collazo	Yes
Councilmember Josh Dieguez	Yes
Councilmember Ray Garcia	Yes
Councilmember Bryan Morera	Yes
Councilmember Marilyn Ruano	Yes




Manny Cid
MAYOR

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo
TOWN CLERK

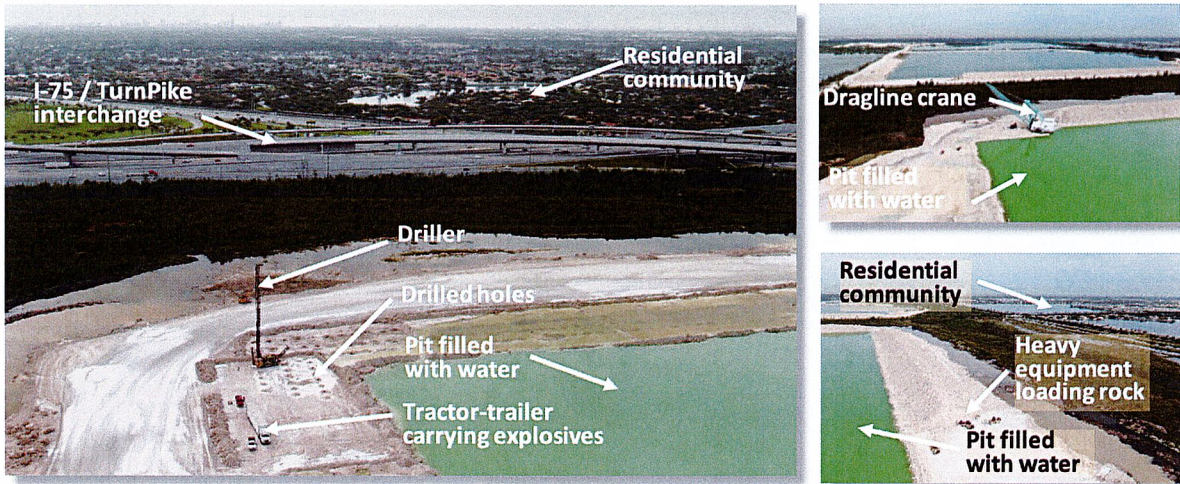
Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Lorenzo Cobiella
Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC
DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY

BLASTING ADVISORY BOARD

The rock-mining industry is essential for Florida's economy and we do not wish to see it terminated. However, the destruction of our properties cannot not be allowed to continue. With constant seismic activity resulting in millions of dollars in damages and repairs to homes and businesses and recent deadly incidents such as the collapse of the condominium tower in Surfside, many now live in fear for their lives in their own homes.



Limerock extraction in South Florida consists of drilling 84' into the earth and filling with explosives. Once the explosives are detonated, the limerock falls into the water pit. The broken limerock is then removed by a large dragline and brought to the surface. The water seen is part of the Biscayne Aquifer that makes up our area. It is known that water carries energy waves great distances. This is the reason why we are feeling the energy waves from the explosions that are destroying our properties.



The Florida Chief Financial Office/State Fire Marshal oversees the regulation of blasting within the State. They have established the legal limit in Florida of the energy wave generated by blasting as to 0.5in/sec Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) and air blast cannot exceed 133 decibels. However, if you feel the synthetic earthquake, **SO DOES YOUR HOME!** The State has created a website to file your complaint and monitor the blasts.

Recently, the State of Florida created the MiamiDade Pilot Program to acquire data of what we are experiencing. Every time you feel a blast, **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMPLAINT!** The complaints are being collected as data, along with each blast information. The intent is to have the ability to create proper regulation to co-exist with the industry.



Complaint Form



MiamiDade Pilot Program

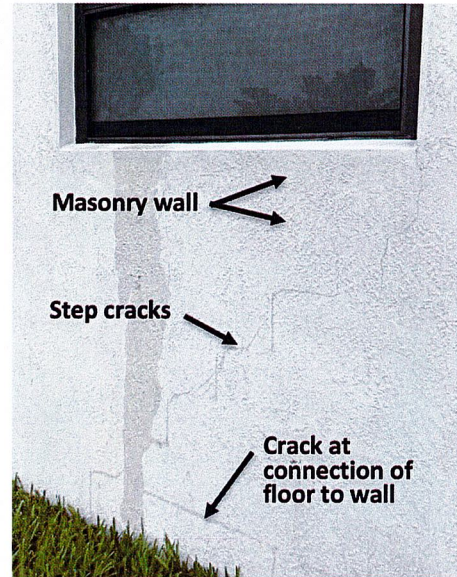


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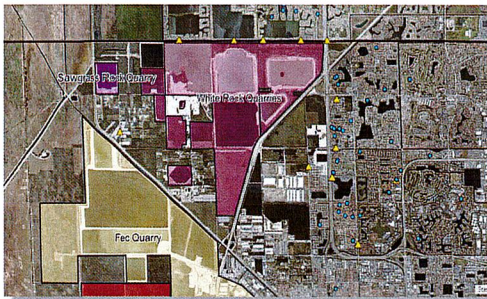
BLASTING ADVISORY BOARD

Seismic damage is specific. It can be seen in our homes and structures throughout the area. It does not matter the age.

Can you tell the difference between these two homes? One is 30 years old at the time of the photo, the other is 2 years of age.



Liquefaction is a known phenomenon when energy is introduced into saturated soils. Soil substantially loses strength and stiffness in response to an applied stress such as shaking during an earthquake or other sudden change in stress condition, in which material that is ordinarily a solid behaves like a liquid.



Results and data of the MiamiDade Pilot Program can be followed via its website. The complaints submitted are serving as statistical data. Complaints are being logged and from the amount complaints received, the State laid out a placement map of seismographs. These machines are placed throughout the County. There are currently 23 devices in operation. Yellow triangles are monitoring device locations and the blue dots are complaints received.



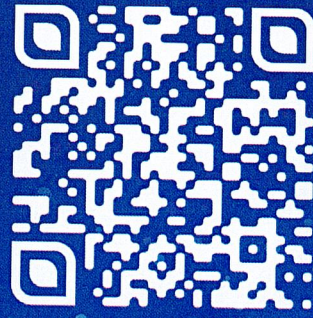
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MiamiDade Pilot Program



Additional Resources



MDC.EDU/IAMMDC

Make Dreams Count

Every MDC student has a unique story and dream they are striving to achieve. Whether it's becoming the first in their family to graduate college, launching an entrepreneurial venture, or pursuing a career dedicated to serving their community. However, many face significant financial obstacles that threaten to derail their dreams.

On I AM MDC Day, we come together to eliminate these financial barriers by raising funds for scholarships, emergency aid, tutoring, mentorship programs, and other essential support services. Your support provides vital resources such as living expenses, technology, child care assistance, transportation, and academic support – factors that can mean the difference between a student staying enrolled or dropping out. When you give to I AM MDC you're not just supporting an individual - **you're investing in a brighter future for all of us.**

Join us in empowering the next generation of leaders, innovators, and problem-solvers by making a gift today.

A donation can make dreams count and transform lives through the power of education at Miami Dade College. Give to I AM MDC and make their dreams count, uplifting us all .





PLEDGE TO TAKE ACTION IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Join WM's and the National League of Cities' Recycle Right® campaign

Dear Community Leader,

The National League of Cities (NLC) and WM are collaborating to empower communities to live more sustainably. This Earth Day, NLC & WM launched the [Recycle Right® Pledge](#), an exciting initiative to help local leaders like you strengthen recycling efforts within your community.

Recycle Right®

Take the pledge to encourage proper recycling practices in your community

NLC100 **WM**



By taking the pledge, you will join communities like yours in making a public commitment to advance local sustainability goals like recycling. It will take all of us working together to invest in tomorrow and the future of recycling. I invite you to take the Recycle Right® Pledge and join other cities, towns and villages across the country in strengthening the nation's recycling system by encouraging proper recycling efforts at the local level.

[Take the Pledge](#)

Once your city takes the pledge, you will gain access to tools and resources provided by NLC and WM to make it easy for you, your staff and your community to adopt new recycling habits and take meaningful action toward recycling the right way.

“Recycling works when we work together”

Tara Hemmer
WM Chief Sustainability Officer



Your support and involvement are indispensable to the success of this campaign. Together, we will bolster confidence in local recycling programs and build a legacy For a Sustainable Tomorrow®.

[Take the Pledge](#)

Thank you,
Jason Neal
WM
Miami, FL

Recycling is a good thing. Please recycle any printed emails.