



Miami-Dade County League of Cities 62nd Annual Gala

The 62nd Annual Gala was a huge success. Over 700 people joined Miami-Dade County League of Cities President Francis X. Suarez, the 2016-2017 Executive Board and Board of Director's during their installation at Jungle Island on Saturday Evening, February 20, 2016. NBC 6 News Anchor, Mr. Jawan Strader served as the Master of Ceremonies. Matthew Rodriguez, a student from Shenandoah Elementary School sang the National Anthem, and the MDCLC President's sister, Olga Suarez-Viera recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

We were pleased that the gala was attended by a number of MDCLC Past Presidents, Former City of Doral Mayor JC Bermudez, Immediate Past President, City of Homestead Councilman Jon Burgess, Former City of Miami Gardens Mayor Shirley Gibson, Former State Representative, and Former Councilman of the City of Hialeah Eduardo "Eddy" Gonzalez, City of Hialeah Council President Luis Gonzalez, Town of Bay Harbor Islands Councilman Isaac Salver, and Former State Representative, and Former Commissioner of the City of Miami Beach Richard Steinberg. We were also honored to have Miami-Dade College President, Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón accept the first Miami-Dade County League of Cities Lifetime Achievement Award. President Suarez was very grateful to all who attended the celebration especially to our sponsors for their generosity, participation, and support.

During his speech, President Suarez pledged that the transportation issue is going to be a League priority and asked his colleagues to work with him in addressing this important matter that affects all municipalities in Miami-Dade County. We look forward to another successful year.



President Francis X. Suarez being sworn in by his father, The Honorable Xavier L. Suarez, County Commissioner, District 7 with his wife, Gloria Suarez and mother, Rita Suarez by his side.



2016-2017 Executive Board of Directors
(Left to right) MDCLC Executive Director, Richard Kuper, City of Miami Commissioner Francis X. Suarez, City of North Miami Beach Mayor George Vallejo, Village of El Portal Mayor Claudia Cubillos, Chief Judge Bertila Soto, 11th Judicial Circuit, City of Miami Gardens Mayor Oliver Gilbert, III, Town of Bay Harbor Islands Mayor Jordan W. Leonard, and City of Homestead Councilman Jon Burgess.



2016-2017 Board of Directors sworn in by The Honorable State Attorney Katherine Fernandez-Rundle.



Ms. Olga Suarez Viera recites the pledge of allegiance, Sister of MDCLC President.



Miami-Dade College President, Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón was honored with the first MDCLC Lifetime Achievement award presented by the Executive Board.



MDCLC Past Presidents

(Left to right) Former State Representative, and former Councilman, City of Hialeah Eduardo "Eddy" Gonzalez, City of Hialeah Council President Luis Gonzalez, Former City of Miami Gardens Mayor Shirley Gibson, Former City of Miami Beach Commissioner Deede Weithorn, Former City of Doral Mayor JC Bermudez, Immediate Past President, City of Homestead Councilman Jon Burgess, Town of Bay Harbor Islands Councilman Isaac Salver (not in picture), and Former State Representative, and former Commissioner, City of Miami Beach Richard Steinberg (not in picture).



City of Coral Gables Commissioner Vince Lago introduced the 2016-2017 MDCLC President Francis X. Suarez.