



Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

May 5, 2016



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Melreese Country Club
1802 NW 37th Avenue
Miami, FL 33125

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Commissioner, City of Miami

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



*Citizens' Independent
Transportation Trust (CITT)*

WELCOMING REMARKS:

*President Francis X. Suarez,
Commissioner, City of Miami*

1. INVOCATION:

*Vice Mayor Felicia Robinson,
City of Miami Gardens*

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

*Mayor Peggy Bell,
Town of Cutler Bay*

3. MINUTES: April 7, 2016

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Monthly Disbursement

5. MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF ROBERT M. LEVY:

*Immediate Past President **Jon Burgess**,
Councilman, City of Homestead*

Richard Kuper, Esq.

6. CITT SPONSOR PRESENTATION:

*Mr. **Charles Scurr**,
Executive Director, CITT*

*Mr. **Paul Schwiep**,
Chairman, CITT*

7. INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS:

- Commissioner Vince Lago, City of Coral Gables
- Mayor Jeff Porter, City of Homestead
- Mayor Luigi Boria, City of Doral
- Vice Mayor R.S. Shiver, City of Florida City

8. FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES CANDIDACY FOR 2ND VICE PRESIDENT:

*Immediate Past President **Jon Burgess**,
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9. FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING:

*Mr. **Scott Dudley**,
Legislative Director, Florida League of Cities*

10. FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES AWARDS PRESENTATION:

- Council Member Anthony DeFillipo, City of North Miami Beach
- Council Member Joshua Fuller, Town of Bay Harbor Islands
- Council Member Manny Cid, Town of Miami Lakes
- Council Member Robert Yaffe, Town of Bay Harbor Islands
- Mayor Claudia Cubillos, Village of El Portal
- Mayor George Vallejo, City of North Miami Beach
- Mayor Peggy Bell, Town of Cutler Bay

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Richard Kuper, Esq.

12. MDCLC-TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

*Vice Mayor James McDonald,
Village of Pinecrest
Chair, MDCLC-Transportation Committee*

13. THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATION MINUTE:

*Board Member Susie Castillo,
Miami-Dade County Public Schools*

14. RESOLUTION DECLARING PRINCIPLES OF INCLUSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS:

*Mr. Craig Leen, Esq.,
Attorney, City of Coral Gables*

15. FIRST TEE MIAMI:

*Mr. Charlie De Lucca, III
Executive Director, First Tee Miami*

16. ESSENTIAL MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA SKILLS:

*Mr. Brian C. Andrews,
The News Director*

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **League of Prosecutors: *Thursday, May 12, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.***
Location: Miami Senior High School
2450 SW 1 Street
Miami, FL 33135

- **MDCLC Ethics Training Course: *May 20th, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.***
Location: Coral Gate Community Center
1415 SW 32nd Avenue
Miami, FL 33145

- **Board of Directors Meeting: *Thursday, June 2, 2016***
Location: T.B.A

- **MDCLC-Attorney Luncheon Seminar: *Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.***
Location: 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant
1395 NW 57th Avenue
Miami, FL 33126

18. ADJOURNMENT



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Minutes

April 7, 2016

Miami Shores Country Club

President, **Francis X. Suarez**, Commissioner, City of Miami, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., he welcomed the guests to the Miami Shores Country Club. MDCLC Past President, Councilman Isaac Salver, Town of Bay Harbor Islands gave the invocation. Councilwoman **Herta Holly**, Village of Miami Shores, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The **municipalities represented** at the Board Meeting: Aventura, Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Biscayne Park, Cutler Bay, El Portal, Homestead, Key Biscayne, Medley, Miami, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens, Miami Shores, North Bay Village, North Miami, North Miami Beach, Opa-Locka, Pinecrest, South Miami, Sunny Isles Beach, Surfside, Virginia Gardens. **Associate Members** and guests: American Medical Response, David Sanford, American Traffic Solutions, Orlando Torres, Sandy Mickey, Rodney McClain, AT&T, Katherine San Pedro, Cristal Cole, C.A.P. Government, Inc., Carlos Penin, Raul Rodriguez, Jose Miranda, Monica De Castro, Maria Alvarez, Sonia LeCounte, Carmelo Pifano, CAC Florida Medical Centers, Gunther Bermudez, Chen Moore & Associates, Dr. Ben Chen, Jose McCray, CPH, Inc., Todd Hendrix, Fulcro Insurance, Rene Alvarez, Guillermo Cuadra, Jackson Health System, Ryan Hawkins, Marrero & Wydler, Oscar Marrero, Waste Pro of Florida, Guerlin Escar, Waste Management, Henry Sori, Weiss Serota Helfman, Chad Friedman.

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

President **Suarez** introduced Commissioner **Sally Heyman**, Miami-Dade County to speak of an ordinance related to civil penalties for certain misdemeanor violations. Commissioner Heyman spoke of misdemeanor crimes that have been added to Section 8 CC of the Miami-Dade County Code (MDCC) making them enforceable as civil citations: Florida Litter

law, illegal use of dairy cases, egg baskets, poultry boxes or bakery containers, trespass on property other than structure or conveyance, retail theft by removal of a shopping cart, loitering and prowling, possession of cannabis (“marijuana”) in an amount of 20 grams or less, and possession of drug paraphernalia. The new law does not apply to violations charged in conjunction with any felony, driving under the influence (DUI), an incident involving domestic violence, or violent crime. Officers now have the option to issue civil citations for these offenses and should use their discretion when observing these violations. Issuing civil citations can help save millions of dollars in agencies such as the department of Corrections. Officers are encouraged to consider issuing a civil citations in the following situations: The violator has no criminal history, the violator has a criminal past, but it’s unrelated to the current violation, the violator has a past criminal record that is more than 3 years old, and to educate the offender for a minor violation of law. Commissioner Heyman asked the elected officials to speak to their managers/chiefs of police of their respective municipalities and to support this measure.

President **Suarez** introduced **Mayor Alice Burch**, Village of Miami Shores for the Village host presentation. Mayor Burch welcomed everybody to the Village of Miami Shores and spoke of the Village’s amenities such as the Miami Shores Country Club and their waterpark, *Shipwreck Cove*, that she invited all to visit at a later date. She also mentioned that the Village is home to 10, 600 residents and nonetheless a phenomenal place to live with rich history, schools, libraries, and beautifully restored historical homes. She then spoke of the upcoming changes and improvements being made in the Village such as the Downtown amenities and infrastructure as well as improving the recreational facilities for the Village’s children. Mayor Burch then wished everybody a wonderful night and hopes that everyone will visit the Village again soon.

President **Suarez** introduced **Judge Laura Ann Stuzin** and **Judge Diana Vizcaino** of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit and thanked them for attending tonight’s meeting to swear in a few Board Members who were not able to attend the 62nd Annual Gala. Judge Vizcaino and Stuzin thanked the League, President Suarez, and Executive Director, Richard Kuper for honoring and allowing them to install the following board members: Commissioner Howard Weinberg, City of Aventura, Commissioner Wifredo “Willy” Gort, City of Miami, and Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, City of North Miami. Judge Vizcaino and Judge Stuzin then congratulated them.

President **Suarez** introduced Executive Director, **Richard Kuper** for the Executive Director’s Report. Mr. Kuper introduced the **Executive Board Members** present: President Francis X. Suarez, Commissioner, City of Miami, Second Vice President Jordan W. Leonard, Mayor, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Secretary George Vallejo, Mayor, City of North Miami Beach, Treasurer Claudia Cubillos, Mayor, Village of El Portal. **Board Members** present: Commissioner Howard Weinberg, Aventura, Councilman Seth Salver, Bal Harbour, councilman Robert Yaffe, Bay Harbor Islands, Mayor David Coviello, Biscayne Park, Mayor Peggy Bell, Cutler Bay, Mayor Jeff Porter, Homestead, Mayor Mayra Peña Lindsay, Key Biscayne, Vice Mayor Jack Morrow, Medley, Commissioner Wifredo “Willy” Gort, Miami, Commissioner Micky Steinberg, Miami Beach, Vice Mayor Felicia Robinson, Miami Gardens, Councilwoman Herta Holly, Miami Shores, Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps, North Bay Village, Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, North Miami, Councilman Anthony DeFillipo, North Miami Beach, Mayor Myra Taylor, Opa-Locka, Vice Mayor James McDonald, Pinecrest, Commissioner Gabriel Edmond, South Miami, Commissioner Isaac Aelion, sunny Isles Beach, Vice Mayor Barry Cohen, Surfside, Councilman Richard Blcok, Virginia Gardens. **Past Presidents** present: Former Councilman Michael Blynn, North Miami, Commissioner Wifredo “Willy” Gort, Miami, Councilman Isaac Salver, Bay Harbor Islands, Former State

Representative Eduardo “Eddy” Gonzalez. **City Clerk** present: Yenise Jacobi, El Portal. **City Attorney** present: Craig Leen, Coral Gables. **City Managers** present: Daniel Alfonso, Miami, Jimmy Morales, Miami Beach, Tom Benton, Miami Shores, Ana M. Garcia, North Miami Beach, Christopher Russo, Sunny Isles Beach. **Judges** present: Don Cohn, County Court, Diana Vizcaino, County Court, Laura Ann Stuzin, County Court, Monica Gordo, Circuit court, Robert Luck, circuit Court, Jason Bloch, Circuit Court. **Re-Elected** present: Vice Mayor Barry Cohen, Surfside, Commissioner Michael Karukin, Surfside, Councilman Joshua Fuller, Bay Harbor Islands. **Candidates for Judge** present: Carol “Jodie” Breece, Circuit Court, Lizzet Martinez, County Court, Raul Perez-Ceballos, Circuit Court. **Candidate for State Representative** present: Reinaldo Valdes. **County Members** present: Commissioner Sally Heyman. **Associate Members** present: American Medical Response, David Sanford, American Traffic Solutions, Orlando Torres, Sandy Mickey, Rodney McClain, AT&T, Katherine San Pedro, Cristal Cole, C.A.P. Government, Inc., Carlos Penin, Raul Rodriguez, Jose Miranda, Monica De Castro, Maria Alvarez, Sonia LeCounte, Carmelo Pifano, CAC Florida Medical Centers, Gunther Bermudez, Chen Moore & Associates, Dr. Ben Chen, Jose McCray, CPH, Inc., Todd Hendrix, Fulcro Insurance, Rene Alvarez, Guillermo Cuadra, Jackson Health System, Ryan Hawkins, Marrero & Wydler, Oscar Marrero, Waste Pro of Florida, Guerlin Escar, Waste Management, Henry Sori, Weiss Serota Helfman, Chad Friedman.

Executive Director, **Mr. Richard Kuper** thanked everyone for attending this evening’s board meeting. He then reminded everyone that Law Day is on May 6, 2016 at the Hialeah Branch Court and May 13, 2016 at the North Dade Justice Center. He asked that everyone include these dates on their calendars.

President **Suarez** excused himself and explained that he had to leave the meeting early to catch a flight for a meeting regarding MPO. Before departing he introduced **Manager Jimmy Morales**, City of Miami Beach for the New American Workforce presentation. Mr. Morales explained that the New American Workforce is a program of the National Immigration Forum that assists employees that are immigrants to apply for their U.S. Citizenship. Legal specialist partners of New American Workforce assist employees at their worksite to explain requirements, determine individual eligibility and navigate the citizenship application filing process. Mr. Morales then introduced **Ms. Abbey Chase** of the New American Workforce to explain further details once you decide to work with the New American Workforce. She also mentioned that her business card was attached to the packet placed on everyone’s seat and if anyone had any questions to please contact her via e-mail.

Mr. **Kuper** then asked Second Vice President, **Mayor Jordan W. Leonard** to the podium to continue the agenda on behalf of President Suarez. Mayor Leonard then introduced **Mayor Mayra Peña- Lindsay** for the *My Brother’s Keeper* presentation. Mayor Lindsay explained that *My Brother’s Keeper* was an initiative started by President Obama as a response to the Nationwide issue of opportunity gaps, barriers, and challenges for boys and young men of color and their inability to reach their full potential due to violence, lack of resources and lack of mentors. Mayor Lindsay asked everyone to formally support the *My Brother’s Keeper* community challenge and resolution. She mentioned that in this evening’s agenda was more information on this challenge and action steps to fulfill this challenge.

Mayor **Leonard** expressed his thoughts on the *My Brother’s Keeper* community challenge and asked that everyone support the *My Brother’s Keeper* resolution.

Mayor **Leonard** asked for a motion to approve the *My Brother's Keeper* resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor **Leonard** then asked **Ms. Maggie Fernandez** to speak about Active Design Miami and its benefits to our community. Ms. Fernandez spoke of obesity in our country and how the average person's weight has increased a significant amount over the years. She then explained how Active Design Miami could help improve our health. Active Design Miami will be a set of design and policy strategies for improving the health of our Miami-Dade communities. The main focus of these guidelines is curbing the obesity and diabetes epidemic by creating evidence-based design guidelines to increase incidental physical activity and access to healthy food. While the local team is using previous guidelines as a sample made when the project was conducted in New York, Miami's Active Design will be specific to Miami's needs and context.

Mayor **Leonard** thanked everyone for attending this evening's board meeting and informed everyone that the 2016 Mayors Water Council Meeting will be held on April 14-15, 2016 at The Crown Plaza Hollywood Beach. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at the Melreese Country Club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Summarized minutes



Chairman Wu, Vice Chair Coerper and all members of the Esteemed Nominating Committee,

It is with very humble intention, that I ask for your support in the nomination of the 2nd Vice President in the upcoming election. I, first, apologize for utilizing this format but I found it to be the most inclusive and transparent way of communicating my intentions to the full committee of an organization that I hold in the highest regard. You may or may not know me personally, but I am a former Mayor of Cape Coral and current Council member of the tenth largest City in Florida. We are also the 2nd largest by land mass, over 120 square miles. I have been involved with the Florida League of Cities relatively intensely this past three years, as Vice Chair of our Transportation Legislative Policy committee, advocate for City issues, particularly the Utility Relocation Bill and learning from others on the Board of Directors such as Frank Ortis, Sam Ferreri, Scott Black, Susan Haney, Matt Surrency, Randy Henderson, Forrest Banks, PC Wu, Rachel Keesling and many more.

I believe that the opportunity for League representation from the SW Florida region as an officer comes at the perfect time. Our area is growing rapidly, I believe that we work well within the League structure and I think that my experience in service to many boards and commissions, private business ownership and community service along with non-profit work as President of the Cape Coral Mayors Scholarship Fund, [which I have been involved with for ten years] provides a background of experience that will serve the League well.

As Vice Chair of the SW Florida Regional Planning Council, Board member of Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA), Chairman of the CRA, I have been involved with our locally elected leaders and hold a very close relationship with our State legislators. As past member of the MPOAC and Executive Committee and many others, I have a background in all facets of government.

I offer this announcement in hopes that you may reach out when time permits, (I may do the same), as I know your time is valuable. I will be sending more detailed information so that you will have a more comfortable feeling for my abilities and my intentions, but I must say my goal is to provide the best support and leadership that I am capable of so that the best organization in this State is a better place than when I came in. The League has been a breath of fresh air for our City and many of you, that I have worked with or spoken to, are the reasons for that success. I firmly believe that the League provides the best conduit and support structure for all cities to support their future goals. As one City we represent a formidable partner but as 472 cities, all things are possible. I stand ready to serve and appreciate your time. Please don't hesitate in contacting me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Burch

City Council Cape Coral

239-340-9288

Chairman Wu, Vice Chair Coerper and all members of the Florida League of Cities Nominating Committee,

I hereby formally declare my Candidacy to be your 2nd Vice-President of our Florida League of Cities.

Several Past Presidents have asked me to run for 2nd Vice-President of our Florida League of Cities.

Please consider not endorsing any nominee until you have met them all.

I have the full support of my own SunCoast League of Cities and most importantly my wife Karen.

I began my service as a Belleair Commissioner in July of 2005,

Here are some of my Volunteer activities:

2005 to 2015 Belleair Commissioner & Fire Commissioner

2010 to 2011 SunCoast League of Cities President

2009 to 2013 Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities

2011 to 2013 Executive Committee Member of the Florida League of Cities

2006 to 2016 Growth Management Committee Member of the Florida League of Cities

2010 to 2015 Recipient of the FLC Home Rule Hero Award

I believe in the importance of participation in all levels of the League of Cities from the SunCoast League to you my Florida League and to the National League of Cities. My service at every League level has been an honor. Award. It was their trust in me that provided the opportunity to serve alongside you my fellow Directors of the Florida League of Cities these past few years. It has been an honor to serve on the Growth Management Committee and Nominating Committee.

We as a League need to support and represent all of the State of Florida from Large Cites to Small. I look forward to carrying out that tradition. I look forward to coming to your Local and Regional Leagues and asking you how the Florida League can help you.

Yours Kindly, Tom Shelly

Belleair Commissioner (C) 727-510-8350.

TShelly@TownofBealleir.net

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DECLARING PRINCIPLES OF INCLUSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS, AND URGING ACTION BY NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, BUSINESSES, AND RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES CONSISTENT WITH THESE PRINCIPLES.

WHEREAS, April is National Autism Awareness Month, which provides an opportunity to reflect on the inherent dignity of all human beings, and the importance of including and accommodating children and adults on the autism spectrum, as well as children and adults with other special needs and disabilities in all aspects of daily life; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 68 children have an autism spectrum disorder according to a recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and approximately 1 in 5 individuals have a disability according to the 2010 U.S. Census; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America is a signatory of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which supports inclusion and accommodation of children and adults with special needs and disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Convention has identified the following core principles of inclusion:

- a. Respect for inherent dignity, individual autonomy including the freedom to make one's own choices, and independence of persons;
- b. Non-discrimination;
- c. Full and effective participation and inclusion in society;
- d. Respect for difference and acceptance of persons with disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity;
- e. Equality of opportunity;
- f. Accessibility;
- g. Equality between men and women;
- h. Respect for the evolving capacities of children with disabilities and respect for the right of children with disabilities to preserve their identities; and

WHEREAS, inclusion is an attitude, an approach, and a mindset, which welcomes and facilitates participation by those with disabilities and special needs, and encourages accommodations beyond those required by law; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to the principle of inclusion as demonstrated through the Coral Gables Police Department's collaboration with the Disability Independence Group and UM-NSU CARD (Center for Autism and Related Disabilities) in the development of The Wallet Card Project of the Disability Independence Group, and related training videos, which is a nationally regarded program that assists individuals in informing governmental and police officials of their special needs through The Wallet Card, and trains police officers in interactions with individuals on the autism spectrum and with other special needs; and

WHEREAS, the City's commitment to inclusion is also demonstrated through its expansion of recreational programs for children with special needs, its mobile permitting program, its provision of space to the Center for Independent Living at the Youth Center, and its Mayor for a Day program with Crystal Academy, a local non-profit academy for children on the autism spectrum, among many other programs; and

WHEREAS, the City further demonstrates its commitment to inclusion through its Advisory Board on Disability Affairs, which advises and provides input to City staff regarding matters affecting individuals with disabilities in Coral Gables in an effort to support full inclusion and accommodation; and

WHEREAS, the City further demonstrates its commitment to inclusion through the Special Needs Initiative being spearheaded by its School & Community Relations Committee, in conjunction with Miami-Dade Public Schools and UM-NSU CARD, which is actively seeking to promote inclusion of individuals with special needs, and provide additional educational, residential, occupational, and recreational opportunities in doing so;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City expresses its commitment to the principle of inclusion of children and adults with special needs and disabilities in all aspects of its governance and services, and seeks to welcome and facilitate such participation.

SECTION 3. The City urges businesses to express their commitment to the principle of inclusion in both employment and commerce.

SECTION 4. The City urges developers, homeowner associations, and condominium associations to adopt policies supporting the principle of inclusion in residential communities.

SECTION 5. The City urges universities and other places of learning to prioritize programs supporting inclusion of individuals with special needs and disabilities.

SECTION 6. The City urges national, state, and local governments to express their commitment to the principle of inclusion as well, and to continue expanding services to children and adults with special needs and disabilities.

SECTION 7. The Advisory Board on Disability Affairs is commended for its excellent work in this area, and is directed to review the City's initiatives to promote inclusion on an ongoing basis, and provide input to City staff to assist the City in fulfilling this goal. The Board is also directed to prepare a document describing this review and further detailing the City's commitment to inclusion for all individuals with special needs and disabilities in preparation for presentation to the City Commission during Disability Awareness Month in October.

SECTION 8. The School and Community Relations Board is commended for its excellent work in this area as well, and is directed to continue its Special Needs Initiative and to continue working with Miami-Dade Public Schools and UM-NSU CARD to expand opportunities in Coral Gables for individuals with special needs and disabilities.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the National League of Cities, National Association of Counties, Florida League of Cities, Florida Association of Counties, Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade Public Schools, and municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWELFTH DAY OF APRIL, A.D., 2016.

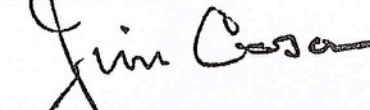
(Moved: Keon / Seconded: Lago)

(Yeas: Keon, Lago, Quesada, Slesnick, Cason)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)


(Agenda Item: F-2)

APPROVED:




JIM CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:



WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



CRAIG E. LEEN
CITY ATTORNEY

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Relations Bureau Commander (MDPD)

Charles Billi
Social Media Trainer & Veteran TV News
Anchor

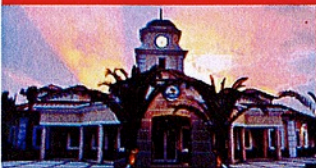
Mike Jachles
Chair, FL Association of PIO's
PIO, Broward Sheriff's Fire Rescue

Jilda Unruh
Media Trainer & Veteran Investigative
Journalist

Brian Andrews
Crisis Communications Consultant & Media
Strategist, Veteran Investigative Reporter

Tony Winton
Media Content Creator &
Veteran Print/Broadcast Reporter

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016 8:30AM - 5:00PM
\$250.00 PER STUDENT* TUITION INCLUDES ON-SITE LUNCH. PAY BY CREDIT CARD OR INVOICE.
LUNCH SPEAKER: DENNIS FELTGEN, NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER



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cordially invites you to its

Judicial Endorsement Forum

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Miami Senior High School

2450 SW 1 Street

Miami, FL 33135

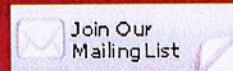
Event is open to the public.
Only current LOP members can caucus and vote.

JOIN or RENEW today

Memberships: \$25 current ASAs / \$50 govt. employees / \$75 others



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Pursuant to Florida Statute Section 112.3142 that went into effect on January 1, 2015 **all elected municipal officers must complete 4 hours of ethics training annually** that addresses a minimum of:

- Article II, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution
- Part III, Chapter 112 Florida Statutes (code of Ethics)
- Public Records
- Public Meeting (Sunshine Law)

We are pleased to announce that the
Miami-Dade County League of Cities
will be hosting the

State Ethics Training Course

On
Friday, May 20, 2016
City of Miami
Coral Gate Community Center
1415 SW 32nd Ave.
Miami, FL 33145

From 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Courses are free of charge, courtesy of the MDCLC.
MUST RSVP.**

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SAVE THE DATE!

**MDCLC Attorney Luncheon Seminar:
Local Government Authority to Regulate Guns**
Speakers: Hans Ottinot, City of Sunny Isles Beach
Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 12:30 p.m..

**The luncheon will take place at the:
94th Aero Squadron
11395 NW 57th Avenue, Miami, FL 33126.**

**The cost of the luncheon is \$35.00 and we will apply
for C.L.E.R. Credits from the Florida Bar.**

