



Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

January 12, 2017



Welcome



Richard Kuper, Esq.
Executive Director

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Board of Director's Meeting

January 12, 2017
94th Aero Squadron Restaurant
1395 NW 57th Ave.
Miami, FL 33126

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

Immediate Past President

Hon. Jon Burgess
Councilman, Homestead
Past Presidents
Hon. Luis Gonzalez
Council Vice-President, City of Hialeah
Hon. Isaac Salver
Councilman, Town of Bay Harbor Islands
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WELCOMING REMARKS:

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

1. INVOCATION:

*Public Defender Carlos J. Martinez,
Miami-Dade County*

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

*Commissioner Rhonda A. Rodriguez,
City of West Miami*

3. MINUTES: December 1, 2016

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Monthly Disbursement

5. MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF MURRAY GREENBERG, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ATTORNEY

6. MDCLC TENTH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE AWARDS:

➤ City of Miami Beach

○ *Commissioner Micky Steinberg*

➤ *Wells Fargo*

○ *Mr. Patrick G. Morris*

7. MDCLC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

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

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

*Richard Kuper, Esq.
MDCLC Executive Director*

9. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DAYS:

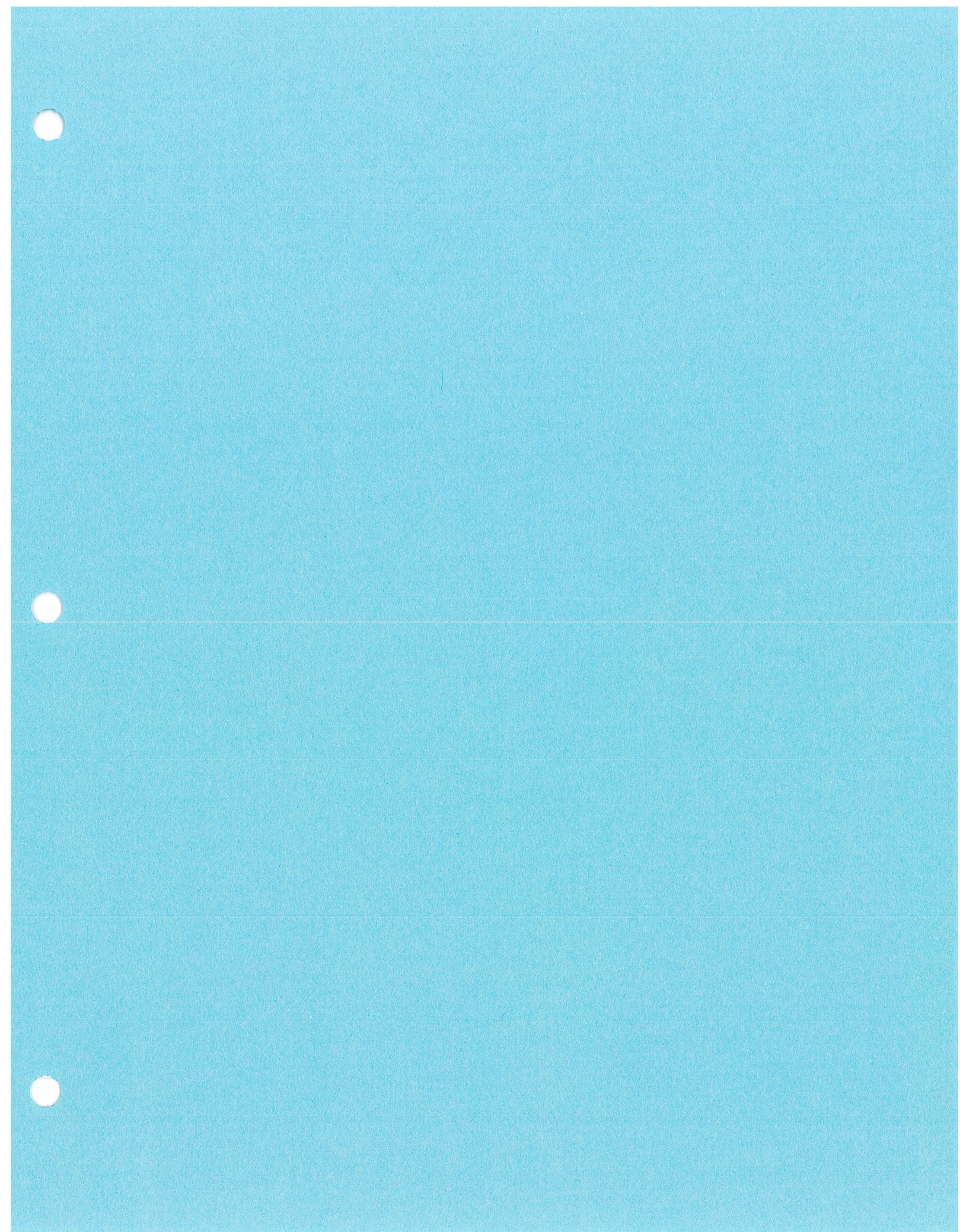
*Jose Diaz
Robert M. Levy & Associates*

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

➤ **Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, February 2, 2017**
Location: Hialeah Park
2200 East 4th Avenue
Hialeah, FL 33013

➤ **Board of Directors Meeting: Thursday, March 2, 2017**
Location: T.B.A

11. ADJOURNMENT





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Minutes

December 1, 2016

Hilton Miami Airport Hotel

Second Vice President Jordan W. Leonard, Mayor, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., he introduced **Andreana Jackson**, Commissioner, North Bay Village, to give the invocation.

Mayor **Roberto Martell**, Town of Medley, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Vice President **Leonard** then asked MDCLC Executive Director **Richard Kuper**, to present the Tenth Annual Turkey Drive awards.

Executive Director **Richard Kuper** spoke of how hard the MDCLC works to assist our municipalities and those families in need in Miami-Dade County. He also discussed what a success the Turkey Drive was and thanked all who assisted. He asked that everyone turn to the end of the agenda to look at the Turkey Drive highlights. Mr. Kuper went on to thank this year's Tenth Annual Turkey Drive sponsors and volunteers. This year MDCLC distributed over 1000 turkeys and bags of non-perishable foods thanks to the City of Hialeah Gardens, Wal-Mart, City of Miami Beach, TruckMax, Baptist Health South Florida, and Wells Fargo we were able to give less fortunate families a Thanksgiving meal. Mr. Kuper then presented awards to; Mr. **Gil Chez**, Sales Manager, TruckMax for donating two refrigerated trucks and drivers for the distribution of the turkeys and cans. City of Miami Beach Manager **Jimmy Morales, Esq.**, for providing police escorts for the Turkey Drive so that the commute from municipality to municipality for the distribution can be made during the course of one day.

The City of Hialeah Gardens, Mayor **Yiozet De La Cruz**, and his staff member, Mr. **Manuel Carrera** for providing staff and assuring that Wal-Mart has all of the turkey's for the drive ready. Mayor De La Cruz has been committed to helping the League with this drive for the past 7-8 years. Mr. Kuper then presented Mayor De La Cruz with an award for his service, City Attorney of Hialeah Gardens Mr. Charles Citrin, Esq. accepted the award on his behalf. He then awarded **Maria Luisa Gonzalez Silva** of Baptist Health South Florida for providing us with a van and a driver to transport the MDCLC Staff along with supplies for the event.

Mr. **Kuper** then spoke about the MDCLC scholarship awards. This year the MDCLC will be presenting five students with scholarship awards. Three of the five students were able to attend the December Board of Directors meeting. The three present Miami-Dade College students were presented with the MDCLC Scholarship award. The students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and will intern in three municipalities. The objective of the scholarship program with Miami-Dade College is to provide the students with local government experience. Mr. Kuper then introduced the three scholarship recipients, **Diana Aguilar**, **Eugenia Bolivar**, **Dana Pedraza**. Each student expressed their gratitude and appreciation and thanked the League for the opportunity given to them. The other two students will be present with their scholarship at a later date.

Vice President **Leonard** then introduced Miami-Dade County Public Schools **Board member Susie Castillo** for the educational minute. Ms. Castillo mentioned that on November 22, 2016 the Miami-Dade County School Board welcomed two of its newest elected members. Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas who will be representing District 6 and Dr. Steve Gallon, III who will be representing District 1. The School Board also elected its Chair and Vice Chair for the 2016-2017 term, Dr. Larry Feldman and Dr. Marta Perez Wurtz. Ms. Castillo then mentioned that the School Operations Attendance Boundary Committee held its final hearing for the targeted schools for the 2016- 2017 school year. Targeting schools is the first step in the lengthy process of changing school attendance boundaries. Several factors are considered before initiating a boundary change. Including use of available student stations, promotion and maintenance of diverse school enrollment, and degree and extent of transportation available to the students. Regions will hold Community Meetings from January 17, 2017 to February 6, 2017 where boundary recommendations will be presented to members of the affected communities and where they will be given an opportunity to share their input with District staff. Ms. Castillo then asked that the League distribute the ABC Calendar to all Board Members so that they can attend and help develop the changes by participating in the community meetings.

Vice President **Leonard** thanked Board member Castillo for the update.

Executive Director Richard Kuper introduced the **Executive Board Members** present: First Vice President Oliver Gilbert, III, Mayor, Miami Gardens, Second Vice President Jordan W. Leonard, Mayor, Bay Harbor Islands, Secretary George Vallejo, Mayor, North Miami Beach, Treasurer Claudia Cubillos, Mayor, El Portal, Immediate Past President Jon Burgess, Councilman, Homestead. **Board Members** present: Councilman Harold Mathis, El Portal, Mayor Mayra Peña Lindsay, Key Biscayne, Mayor Roberto Martell, Medley, Board Member Susie Castillo, MDCPS, Vice Mayor Felicia Robinson, Miami Gardens, Councilman Nelson Rodriguez, Miami Lakes, Councilwoman Herta Holly, Miami Shores, Councilwoman Roslyn

Buckner, Miami Springs, Mayor Connie Leon- Kreps, North Bay Village, Commissioner Gabriel Edmond, South Miami, Commissioner Isaac Aelion, Sunny Isles Beach, Vice Mayor Barry Cohen, Surfside, Councilman Richard Block, Virginia Gardens, Commissioner Rhonda Rodriguez. **Past Presidents** present: Former State Representative Eduardo “Eddy” Gonzalez, Former Councilman Michael Blynn, North Miami. **City Attorney** present: Dan Espino, Doral, Charles Citrin, Hialeah Gardens. **City Clerk** present: Marilane Lima, Indian Creek. **City Managers** present: Edward Rojas, Doral, Jimmy Morales, Miami Beach, Christopher Russo, Sunny Isles Beach. **Judges** present: Don Cohn, County Court. **Judicial Candidate** present: Carlos Lopez. **New Associate Member** present: Jeremy Hutman, Renew Financial. **Associate Members** present: Alberni Caballero and Fierman, Andrew Fierman, Orlando Torres, Sandy Mickey, American Traffic Solutions, Edgar Fernandez, Anfield Consulting Group, Katherine San Pedro, AT&T, Maria Luisa Gonzalez Silva, Baptist Health South Florida, Carlos Penin, Raul Rodriguez, Jose Miranda, Carmelo Pifano, C.A.P. Government, Inc., Rey Lopez, CAC Florida Medical Centers, Jose Acosta, Chen Moore & Associates, Manuel Gomez, Florida City Gas, Charles Knight, FPL, Jose Diaz, Samantha Laurel, JC Canabal, Levy & Associates, Geovanne Neste, Marcum LLP, Mia Cavaco, Miami-Dade College, Michael Tur, Midtown Towing of Miami, Jose Cortes, Skanska, Maite Alvarez, University of Miami, Kenneth Cole, Carolina Sivoli, Waste Pro of Florida, Dan Espino, Esq., Chad Friedman, Esq., Matt Pearl, Esq., Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman.

Mr. **Kuper** congratulated the **Newly Elected** officials present: Mayor Tracy Truppmann, Biscayne Park, Vice Mayor Sue Elen Loyzelle, Cutler Bay, Councilman Werner Dreher, El Portal, Vice Mayor Ivan Pacheco, Medley. **Re-Elected** officials present: Mayor Roberto Martell, Medley, Councilman Nelson Rodriguez, Miami Lakes, Mayor Connie Leon- Kreps, North Bay Village, Commissioner Andreana Jackson, North Bay Village.

Mr. **Kuper** then reminded everyone to please participate in Public Transit Day on December 9, 2016. This day-long event seeks to engage all locals and leaders in riding public transit and dialoguing about their experience on social media by hash tagging #PublicTransitDay.

Placed in agenda for informational purposes:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI COMMISSION, WITH ATTACHMENT(S), REQUESTING THAT GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT, THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, THE ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION COMMISSION (“ERC”), AND THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REJECT AND/OR WITHDRAW THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SURFACE WATER QUALITY CRITERIA AND RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY; URGING GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT TO FILL THE TWO (2) REMAINING VACANCIES ON THE ERC PRIOR TO THE ERC TAKING FINAL ACTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES NAMED HEREIN.

Mr. **Kuper** then announced that there was no space available for Tomorrow’s December 2, 2016 State Ethics Training Course but if you are interested and still have not completed the four hour State mandated Ethics Course the League will be hosting another course on December 7, 2016

(RESERVATION REQUIRED). He then announced that the next Board of Directors meeting will be held on January 12, 2017 at the 94th Aero Squadron and the February Board of Directors meeting will be held February 2, 2017 at Hialeah Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Summarized minutes

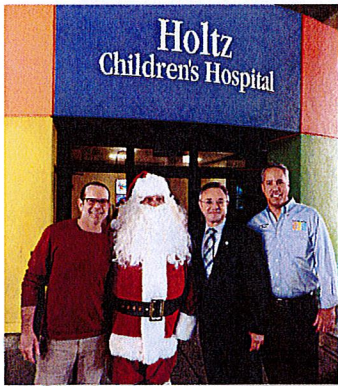




Miami-Dade County League of Cities Tenth Annual Toy Drive Highlights

On Thursday, December 15, 2016 the Miami-Dade County League of Cities held its Tenth Annual Toy Drive. MDCLC President Francis X. Suarez, MDCLC Past President Isaac Salver and MDCLC Secretary George Vallejo assisted Santa Claus in the distribution. Thanks to your and MDCLC's donations we were able to put smiles on children's faces. We collected over 200 toys this year and distributed them to children that are hospitalized during the holidays at Holtz Children's Hospital, Jackson Health System. It was a heart-warming pleasure to be able to spend time with these children and wish them the happiest of Holidays.

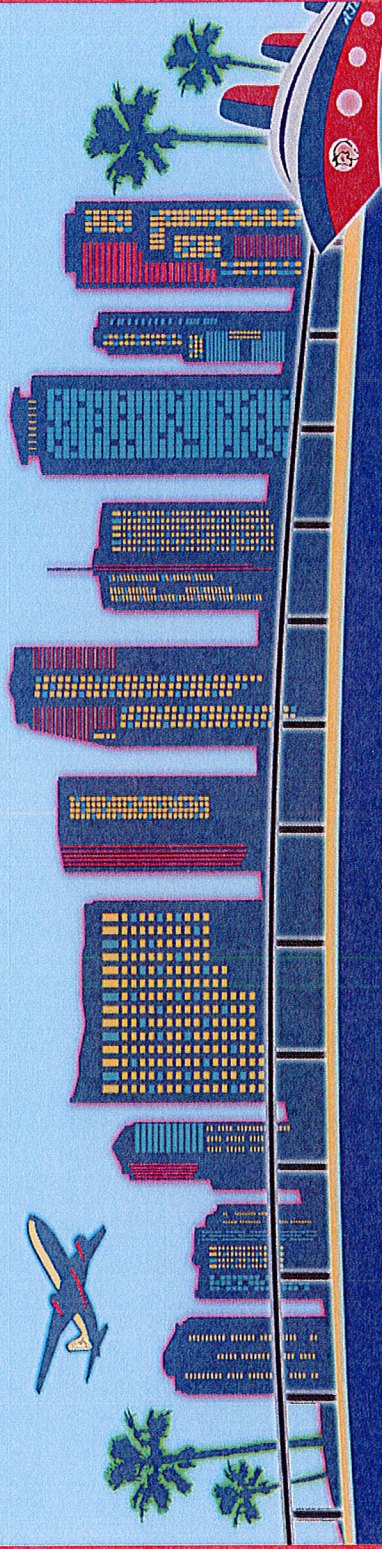
On behalf of President Suarez, the Executive Board, Board of Directors, and League staff I wish you and your families a festive Holiday Season!





Save the Date!

April 5 & 6, 2017 Tallahassee, FL



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