



*Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.*

## Board of Directors Meeting

January 11, 2018



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Executive Director

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## Board of Director's Meeting

January 11, 2018  
Miami Auto Museum at the Dezer Collection  
2000 NE 146<sup>th</sup> Street  
North Miami, FL 33181

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

*Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr*  
*Mystic Force Foundation*  
*Nicklaus Children's Hospital*  
*Miami Auto Museum*  
*Catering by Susan Bleemer*  
*United Services, Inc.*  
*Kat Lane*  
*Amazing Events*

#### WELCOMING REMARKS:

*President Oliver G. Gilbert, III,*  
*Mayor, City of Miami Gardens*

#### Immediate Past President

Hon. Francis X. Suarez

Mayor, Miami

#### Past Presidents

Hon. Jon Burgess

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1. INVOCATION:

*Commissioner **Marlen Martell**,  
City of North Miami Beach*

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*First Vice President **Jordan W. Leonard**,  
Mayor, Town of Bay Harbor Islands*

3. MINUTES: December 14, 2017

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Monthly Disbursement

5. HOST CITY PRESENTATION:

*Councilman **Alix Desulme**,  
City of North Miami*

6. SPONSOR PRESENTATIONS:

❖ Introduction by:

*Second Vice President **George Vallejo**,  
Mayor, City of North Miami Beach*

*Dr. **Steven Vanni**  
Mrs. **Silvia Vanni**  
Co-Founders, Mystic Force Foundation*

*Dr. **Guillermo DeAngulo**,  
Hematologist/Oncologist, Nicklaus Children's Hospital*

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

***Richard Kuper, Esq.***

8. MDCLC RESOLUTION NO.2018-1:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-1**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES (MDCLC); SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 368 WHICH DESIGNATED A PORTION OF STATE ROAD 997/KROME AVENUE AS “ROBERT M. LEVY MEMORIAL BOULEVARD”; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

9. MDCLC 2018 LEGISLATIVE ACTION AGENDA:

*First Vice President **Jordan W. Leonard**,  
Mayor, Town of Bay Harbor Islands  
Chair, MDCLC-Legislative Committee*

10. THE CHILDREN’S TRUST COMMITTEE REPORT

*Past President **Isaac Salver**,  
Councilman, Town of Bay Harbor Islands  
Board Member, The Children’s Trust*

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

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

12. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

➤ CRC PROPOSAL 61



### 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Miami-Dade County Days: *Wednesday, January 31 & Thursday, February 1, 2018***  
Location: Tallahassee, FL  
Register at: <http://dadedays.com/>
  
- **Board of Directors Meeting: *Thursday, February 8, 2018***  
Location: T.B.A
  
- **SAVE THE DATE: MDCLC 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala - *Saturday, May 12, 2018***  
Location: Hilton Miami Airport Hotel  
5101 Blue Lagoon Drive  
Miami, FL 33126

### 14. ADJOURNMENT









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#### Minutes

December 14, 2017

The Grand Bay Club

**President Gilbert** was unable to attend the meeting since he was traveling out of town to attend the African-American Mayor's Association's Board of Trustees meeting and asked that **Secretary Claudia Cubillos** chair the MDCLC meeting. Secretary Claudia **Cubillos**, Mayor, Village of El Portal, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary **Cubillos** introduced Councilman **Luis F. de la Cruz**, Village of Key Biscayne, to give the invocation.

Councilman **Brett Moss**, Village of Key Biscayne, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary **Cubillos** then introduced Mayor Mayra Peña Lindsay, Village of Key Biscayne. Mayor Lindsay welcomed all and provided a brief history of the Village, she then thanked everyone for visiting the municipality.

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

Secretary **Cubillos** introduced Former State Senator and CRC Commissioner **Chris Smith** who gave a presentation on the CRC Proposal 61. CRC Proposal 61 establishes a transparent process for the Legislature to follow when preempting the constitutional Home Rule powers granted in Article VIII, Section 2(b). Proposal 61 requires legislation restricting municipal home rule authority to pass each house of the Legislature by a two-thirds vote; state with specificity the statewide necessity justifying the restriction; be no broader than necessary to accomplish the statewide necessity expressed; contain only one restriction of municipal home rule authority; relate to only



one subject; and be considered by at least one committee of each house, each of which must publicly notice the legislation no less than 48 hours prior to its consideration. Commissioner Smith asked the MDCLC members to contact the CRC members and ask them to support this proposal.

Secretary **Cubillos** then explained that this year the League hosted its Eleventh Annual Turkey Drive on November 16, 2017. Thanks to the support of our sponsors we were able to distribute 1000 turkeys and bags of non-perishable foods to those families in need during this thanksgiving holiday. A token of appreciation was presented to the following individuals and organizations that were sponsors of this event: Ms. Maria Luisa Gonzalez, Baptist Health South Florida, Mayor Yioiset de la Cruz and Mr. Manuel Carrera, City of Hialeah Gardens, Mr. Manuel Maroño and Mr. Gil Chez, TruckMax, and Mr. Patrick G. Morris of Wells Fargo for your support and participation.

Secretary **Cubillos** called up **MDCPS Board member Susie Castillo** to give the "Educational minute" presentation. Ms. **Castillo** informed everyone that in November the school board held Chair elections and congratulated the new Chair: Perla Tabares Hantman, District 4. Ms. Castillo asked that everyone support this year's school boards legislative priorities and asked that everyone support their local schools by visiting and attending holiday programs and shows. She then reminded everyone that the school break ends on January 7<sup>th</sup>, and school is to begin again on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. She thanked everyone for their support and wished everyone a happy holidays.

Secretary **Cubillos** introduced Executive Director **Richard Kuper**, for the Executive Director's report. **Mr. Kuper** introduced the **Executive Board Members** present: Secretary Claudia Cubillos, Mayor, El Portal. **Board Members** present: Assistant Mayor Seth Salver, Bal Harbour, Councilman Robert Yaffe, Bay Harbor Islands, Mayor Mayra Peña Lindsay, Key Biscayne, Councilman Nelson Rodriguez, Miami Lakes, Councilwoman Mara Zapata, Miami Springs, Susie Castillo, MDCPS, Councilman Richard Block, Virginia Gardens. **Past Presidents** present: Council President Luis Gonzalez, Hialeah, Former Councilman Michael Blynn, North Miami, Former State Representative Eduardo "Eddy" Gonzalez, Councilman Isaac Salver, Bay Harbor Islands, Councilman Jon Burgess, Homestead, Manuel Maroño. **City Managers** present: Christopher Russo, Sunny Isles Beach, John C. Gilbert, Key Biscayne. **City Clerks** present: Yenise Jacobi, El Portal, Marilane Lima, Indian Creek, Jennifer Duque, Key Biscayne. **City Attorney** present: Lorenzo Cobiella, Miami Lakes. **Judge** present: Tanya Brinkley, County Court, Patricia Marino Pedraza, County Court, Alex Bokor, County Court. **Judicial Candidates** present: Milena Abreu, Jacqueline Woodward, Carlos Lopez. **State Rep. Candidate** present: Ana Leen Martinez. **Associate Members** present: American Medical Response, David Sanford, Bank United, Raphael Garcia, Axel Lacau, Baptist Health South Florida, Maria Luisa Gonzalez, C.A.P. Government, Inc., Carlos Penin, Jose Miranda, CPH, Inc., Todd Hendrix, Florida City Gas, Miguel Bustos, Hialeah Park, Vivian Casals Muñoz, Jackson Health system, Rochelle Lewis, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Faisal Awan, Barton Fye, Carlos Florian, Gabriela Ramirez, Jacqueline Carreño, Noel Ramirez, Levy & Associates, Jose Diaz, Samantha Laurel, JC Canabal, Marrero & Wydler, Oscar Marrero, Esq., Midtown Towing, Michael Tur, The Corradino Group, Joseph Corradino, Michelle Lopez, SFM Services, Inc., Christian Infante, University of Miami, Maite Alvarez, Verizon Wireless, Beth Bailey, Pamela Galban, Marilynn Vallori.



Mr. **Kuper** announced that the League will be having their Eleventh Annual Toy Drive on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at the Jackson Holtz Children's Hospital and thanked everyone for the toys they have donated. He wished everyone a happy holidays and a happy, healthy new year.

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

- **CITY OF MIAMI BEACH RESOLUTION NO. 2017-30043**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO SUPPORT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS THROUGHTOUT THE COUNTRY AND TO PROVIDE ON-SITE SCHOOL SERVICES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SCREENINGS, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSESMENTS, CRISIS INTERVENTIONS, AND MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS, FACILITATE THE EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF BEHAVIORAL ISSUES

- **CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI RESOLUTION NO. 221-17-15022**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING PARQUES REUNIDOS SERVICIOS CENTRALES, S.A., THE OWNER AND OPERATOR OF MIAMI SEAQUARIUM, TO RELOCATE THE ORCA NAMED LOLITA TO A SEA PEN IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

*Summarized minutes*







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**WHEREAS**, Robert M. Levy attended Valley Forge Military Academy and Pennsylvania State University; and

**WHEREAS**, he also served in the United States Army, and spent two and a half years in the Republic of Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS**, due to his heroic actions while in Vietnam, he was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and three Purple Hearts; and

**WHEREAS**, after being honorably discharged from the military, he began working as a political consultant and lobbyist, and founded the lobbying firm, Robert M. Levy & Associates; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as a pro bono legislative consultant for the Miami-Dade County League of Cities for many years.

**WHEREAS**, he also served as a consultant to many judicial candidates and as a mentor to many who would eventually serve in elected office; and

**WHEREAS**, he was a founder of Miami-Dade Days, an annual event held in Tallahassee during the legislative session; and

**WHEREAS**, for over four decades, he represented charitable and non-profit organizations pro bono; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert M. Levy passed away in April of 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2017 legislative session, the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 2017-193, Laws of Florida (Senate Bill 368), which designated that portion of State Road 997/Krome Avenue between SW 344 Street and SW 177 Court as “Robert M. Levy Memorial Boulevard”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 334.071, Florida Statutes, Miami-Dade County passed a resolution in support of an honorary road designation in Robert M. Levy’s honor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County League of Cities President, Mayor Oliver Gilbert III and Board of Director's finds it in the best interest of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities to support Senate Bill 368, enacted in Chapter 2017-193, which designated a portion of State Road 997/Krome Avenue as "Robert M. Levy Memorial Boulevard."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES PRESIDENT, MAYOR OLIVER GILBERT III AND BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** That the above stated recitals are hereby adopted and confirmed.

**Section 2. Miami-Dade County League of Cities President, Mayor Oliver Gilbert III and Board of Director's Support Senate Bill 368.** The Miami-Dade County League of Cities President, Mayor Oliver Gilbert III and Board of Director's supports Senate Bill 368, enacted in Chapter 2017-193, which designated a portion of State Road 997/Krome Avenue as "Robert M. Levy Memorial Boulevard."

**Section 3. Effective Date.** That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11 day of January, 2018.

ATTEST:

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CLAUDIA CUBILLOS  
SECRETARY

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OLIVER GILBERT, III  
PRESIDENT







**Subject:** CRC Proposal 61

**Date:** Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 11:33:00 AM Eastern Standard Time

**From:** MDCLC

At our December 14, 2017 Board of Directors meeting, Former State Senator Chris Smith , currently serving as a Commissioner of the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC) briefed us on proposal 61 and asked our members to contact the committee members to express our support. The Committee will meet on January 18, 2018 and it is important that we contact the members now and once again in January prior to their meeting. Below are the committee members information and in particular Nicole Washington, who is the Miami-Dade County appointee.

I am also attaching talking points that were provided by David Cruz, Assistant General Counsel of the Florida League of Cities.

### **CRC Local Government Committee Members**

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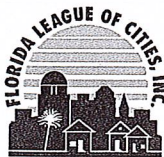
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Thank you,

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**PREEMPTION TRANSPARENCY PROPOSAL  
(CRC PROPOSAL 61)  
MUNICIPAL HOME RULE POWERS  
Talking Points**

**STRENGTHENS *LOCAL DECISION-MAKING***

Proposal 61 is based on a simple idea: Local decisions should be made by local communities, not distant government. In a state as big and diverse as Florida, each city, town and village should be governed by residents who are elected by the citizenry.

**EMPOWERS PEOPLE BY *LIMITING GOVERNMENT***

Proposal 61 says the state must justify passing policies that concentrate power in Tallahassee at the expense of local cities and taxpayers. Furthermore, it requires that state policies curtailing local rights pass by a two-thirds majority vote and be no broader than necessary. Those are sensible, balanced checks against the aggressive expansion of state powers.

**REQUIRES *GREATER TRANSPARENCY***

Proposal 61 requires the state Legislature to provide at least 48 hours public notice before restricting the decision-making rights of a city and its citizens. That will give state lawmakers, local leaders and all Floridians time to review bills that could restrict the rights and freedoms of local communities.

**PROMOTES *COMMONSENSE POLICYMAKING***

Proposal 61 says that any policy to restrict the rights of local communities should be considered on its own merits, as a standalone bill, and not be tacked on to "must-pass" legislation during the final hours of the legislative session, without the benefit of a full debate in broad daylight.









# 11th Annual TOY drive

On Tuesday, December 19, 2017 the MDCLC held its Eleventh Annual Toy Drive. MDCLC President Oliver Gilbert, III, First Vice President Jordan W. Leonard, Secretary Claudia Cubillos, Past President Francis X. Suarez and Jackson Health Foundation Chairman Rudolph Moise assisted Santa Claus in the distribution.

We want to thank Mayor Yiolet de la Cruz of the City of Hialeah Gardens for sending his Santa Claus (Manuel Carrera) to distribute toys. Thanks to your and MDCLC's donations we were able to distribute over 200 toys this year to children hospitalized at the Holtz Children Hospital, Jackson Health System. It was a heart-warming pleasure to spend time with these children and see their faces light up as they are greeted by Santa Claus. We wish them and their families the happiest of Holidays.







# Save The Date

## 64th Annual Gala Saturday, May 12th, 2018

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Hilton Miami Airport Hotel  
5101 Blue Lagoon Drive  
Miami, FL 33126

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