



Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

December 6, 2018



Welcome



Richard Kuper, Esq.
Executive Director

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Board of Director's Meeting

December 6, 2018
Melreese Country Club
1802 NW 37th Avenue
Miami, FL 33125

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Mayor, Miami Gardens

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Hon. Orlando Lopez
Mayor, Sweetwater
Hon. Richard Block
Councilman, Virginia Gardens
Hon. Eduardo Muñia
Mayor, West Miami

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



WELCOMING REMARKS:

*President Jordan W. Leonard,
Council Member, Town of Bay Harbor Islands*

1. INVOCATION:

*Second Vice President Keon Hardemon,
Chairman, City of Miami*

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

*Board Member Wilfredo "Willy" Gort,
Commissioner, City of Miami*

3. MINUTES: November 1, 2018

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Monthly Disbursement

5. STATE ATTORNEY PRESENTATION:

*Hon. Katherine Fernandez-Rundle,
State Attorney, Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Miami-Dade County*

6. FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION:

*Mr. Jeff Branch,
Legislative Advocate, Florida League of Cities*

7. LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION PRESENTATION:

*Hon. Michael Grieco,
State Representative, District 113*

8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRESENTATION:

*President Jordan W. Leonard,
Council Member, Town of Bay Harbor Islands*

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Richard Kuper, Esq.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **12th Annual Turkey Drive Highlights**
- **Beat Culture Brewery – After Meeting Reception:** *Thursday, December 6, 2018*
- **12th Annual Toy Drive:** *December 13, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.*
- **Board of Directors Meeting:** *Thursday, February 7th, 2019*
Location: T.B.A

11. ADJOURNMENT





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Minutes

November 2, 2018

The Ritz Carlton Hotel

President **Jordan Leonard** called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m..
President **Leonard** introduced Assistant Mayor **Seth Salver**, Bal Harbour Village, to give the invocation.

Vice Mayor **Daniel Gielchinsky**, Town of Surfside, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President **Leonard** introduced **Mayor Gabriel Groisman**, Bal Harbour Village, **Vice Mayor Joshua Fuller**, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, and **Board Member Daniel Gielchinsky**, Vice Mayor, Town of Surfside for the host municipalities presentation. Each Mayor spoke of the shooting that occurred inside a Pittsburgh synagogue that killed 11 congregants. They expressed their worries and spoke of the current events in society and in the Jewish community. They all asked that everyone help as elected officials and public servants; lead by example and keep our community's safe. President **Leonard** then brought up that there have also been multiple racist attacks. There are people amongst us that have real hate. We have to come together and be ONE community to conquer hate. He applauded everyone for their service and stated, "Regardless of your party affiliation, your

religion, your background or where you live, we are all on the same side to fight this together.”

Executive Director **Richard Kuper** gave his Executive Director's report. Mr. Kuper thanked everyone who was in attendance and thanked Bal Harbour Village, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, and Town of Surfside for coming together to sponsor this board meeting at such a beautiful venue. He then informed everyone that the 8th Annual Best Practices Conference was a success; over 400 people attended throughout the course of the day. He mentioned that, “an objective of the league is to make the conference each year bigger and better. The only way to accomplish this objective is by working in collaboration. Collaborating is how we become better public servants.” He also asked that everyone come together to think of session topics that will benefit them as public servants that they would like to attend at the next Best Practices to let him know by e-mailing the League office or calling him directly. He expressed what a success the Eleventh Annual Turkey Drive was and thanked everyone for working together in helping those in need. The League was able to distribute 1000 turkeys and bags of non-perishable foods, along with a number of food items provided by FarmShare. He thanked everyone for everything they do; and expressed that this is the reason that the Miami-Dade County League of Cities is the largest and strongest local league. **Mr. Kuper** introduced the **Executive Board Members** present: President Jordan W. Leonard, Councilman, Bay Harbor Islands, First Vice President Claudia Cubillos, Mayor, El Portal, Second Vice President Keon Hardemon, Chairman, Miami. **Board Members** present: Assistant Mayor Seth Salver, Bal Harbour, Councilman Robert Yaffe, Bay Harbor Islands, Mayor Tracy Truppmann, Biscayne Park, Mayor Peggy Bell, Cutler Bay, Councilman Harold Mathis, El Portal, Commissioner Micky Steinberg, Miami Beach, Commissioner Rodney Harris, Miami Gardens, Councilman Tim Daubert, Miami Lakes, Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps, North Bay Village, Councilman Alix Desulme, North Miami, Vice Mayor Daniel Gielchinsky, Surfside, Vice Mayor Dana Goldman, Sunny Isles Beach. **Past President's** present: Councilman Isaac Salver, Bay Harbor Islands, Former Councilman Michael Blynn, North Miami Beach, Former State Rep. and Councilman, Eduardo Gonzalez, Hialeah, Former State Rep. and Commissioner Richard Steinberg, Miami Beach, Former Mayor Cindy Lerner, Pinecrest. **City Clerks** present: Roseann Prado, Biscayne Park, Yenise Jacobi, El Portal, Marilane Lima, Indian Creek, Dep. Clerk Lorelei Rivera, Indian Creek. **Managers** present: Jorge Gonzalez, Bal Harbour, Christia Alou, El Portal, Lewis Velkin, North Bay Village, Guillermo Olmedillo, Surfside, Juan Pena, West Miami. **Attorney's** present: Susan Trevarthen, Bal Harbour, Charles Citrin, Hialeah Gardens, Mitch Bierman, Cutler Bay, Pinecrest. **Judges** present: Don Dohn, County Court, Migna Sanchez-Llorens, Circuit Court. **County member** present: Samantha Laurel, Dade Delegation. **Legislator's** present: Senator Jason Pizzo, State Representative Joseph Geller. **Police Chief** present: Raleigh Flowers, Bal Harbour. **Candidate** present: Dianne Raulson, North Miami Beach Commission. **New Associate Members** present: Jaime Montalvan, Bank Leumi, Taryn Mazone, MASTEC. **Associate Members** present: Carlos Penin, Raul Rodriguez, Jose Miranda, Raul Rodriguez, C.A.P. Government, Inc., Aletha Player, FPL, John Brunetti, Jr., Vivian Casals-Muñoz, Hialeah Park, Barton Fye, George Puig, Kimley-Horn & Associates, Taryn Mazone, MASTEC, Josh Olmsted, Miami-Dade

College Foundation, Jose Diaz, Gabriela Navarro, Robert M. Levy & Associates, Verra mobility, Orlando Torres, Mitch Bierman, Susan Trevarthen, Weiss Serota Helfman...

President **Leonard** introduced State Representative Joseph Geller for the Legislative session presentation. Representative Geller spoke of Home Rule. Home Rule is under attack. He brought up "Dillon's Rule". He explained that under *Dillon's Rule*, a municipal government has authority to act only when : the power is granted in the express words of the statute, private act, or charter creating the municipal corporation, the power is necessarily or fairly implied in, or incident to the powers expressly granted; or the power is one that is neither expressly granted nor fairly implied from the express grants of power, but is otherwise implied as essential to the declared objects and purposes of the corporation. He stated, "We need to fight for Home Rule." This upcoming legislative session is an opportunity to make yourself heard. With all of these newly elected official's it is a chance to make a major change and to fight for what we believe in and want for our communities.

President **Leonard** introduced Michael Williams, Vice President and COO of OurKids. Mr. Williams reminded every one of the Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc. Memorandum Of Understanding. He explained that this MOU is a public commitment that your community will assure to partner with OurKids to encourage and promote the idea of foster parenting among those in our communities This can help increase the number of children living in a safe, positive and healthy environment. He asked that the municipalities support this good cause and adopt the memorandum to establish a protocol for Foster and Adoptive Parent Recruitment within the municipality. (See agenda for memorandum.)

Mr. **Kuper** explained that every year the MDCLC and MDCLC Associate Member Miami-Dade College partner together to award 5 Miami-Dade College students that have an interest in municipal service with a scholarship. The recipients must have a 3.0 GPA or higher and will intern in a municipality. The objective of the scholarship program is to provide the students with experience in local government. The scholarship was awarded to Bruny Alonso Orama, Political Science Major, Jennifer Garcia, Public Administration Major, Melissa Ricardo, Political Science Major.

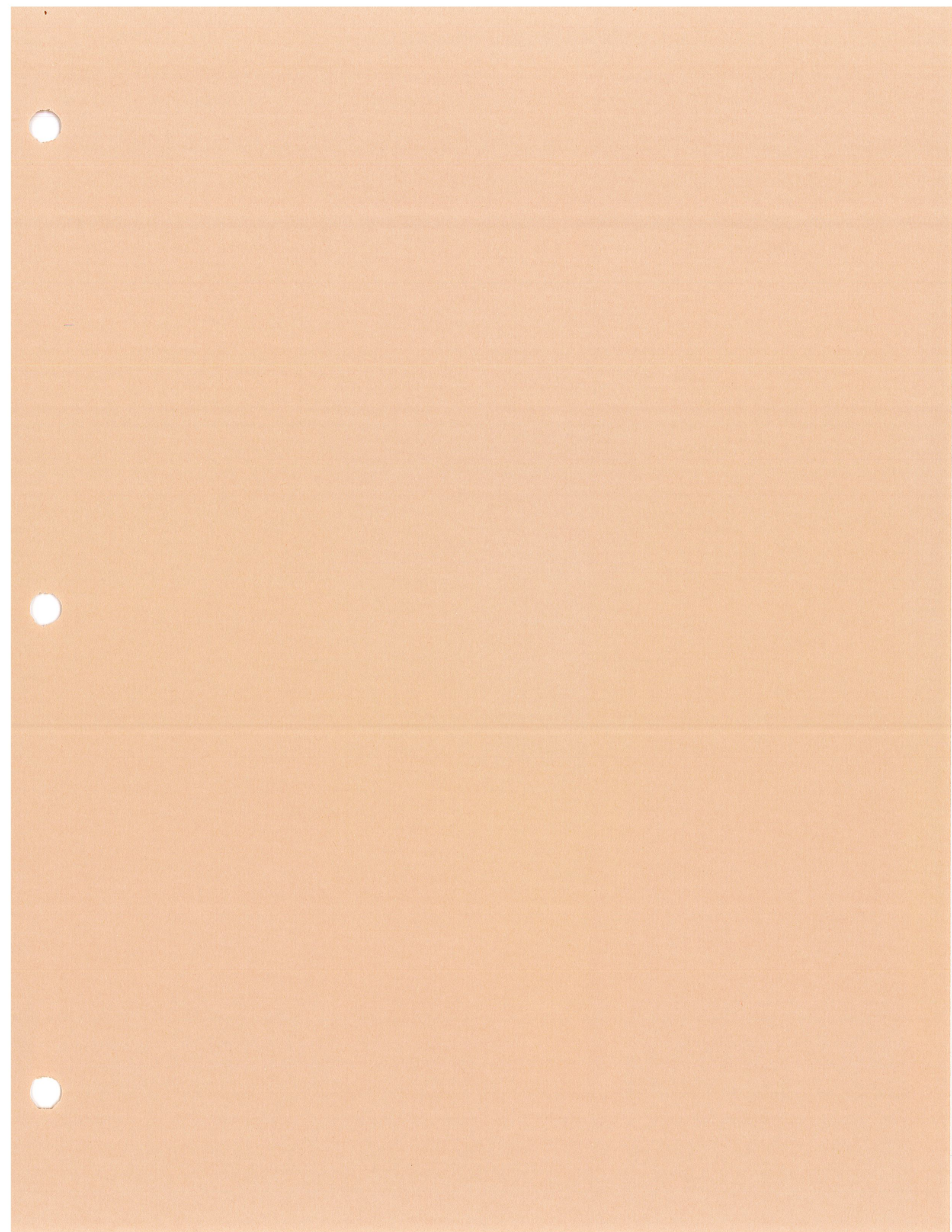
FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH RESOLUTION No: 2018-30484

President **Leonard** mentioned that the 12th Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive will take place Friday, November 16th, 2018, He invited all to Judge Don Cohn Retirement Festivities on November 30th, 2018, and the next Board of Directors Meeting will be Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the Melreese Country Club, 1802 NW 37th Avenue, Miami, FL 33125.

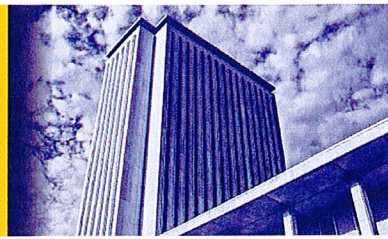
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Summarized minutes





2019 Legislative Action Agenda



Priority Statements and Policy Positions

Finance, Taxation & Personnel

Priority Statement: Communication Services Tax Protection

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation to reform the Communications Services Tax in a manner that is revenue neutral; provides for a broad and equitable tax base; provides for enhanced stability and reliability as an important revenue source for local government; and provides a uniform method for taxing communication services in Florida. Reform should promote a competitively neutral tax policy that will free consumers to choose a provider based on tax-neutral considerations.

Policy Position: Local Business Tax Protection

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that protects general revenues collected from the local business tax. These revenues are used to provide essential municipal services, such as public safety and constructing and maintaining roads and bridges, public parks and open spaces. Maintaining a diversified revenue base strengthens the fiscal stability of local governments and improves their ability to serve citizens and businesses.

Policy Position: Sales Tax Fairness

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation to reform Florida's sales tax laws that apply to online/e-commerce sales from out-of-state retailers. Changes to these laws are needed to ensure retailers are treated equitably.

Land Use & Economic Development

Priority Statement: Community Redevelopment Agencies

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation to protect and improve municipalities' use of community redevelopment agencies to effectively carry out redevelopment and community revitalization in accordance with Home Rule.

Policy Position: Annexation

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that facilitates the municipal annexation of unincorporated areas, while protecting private property rights, and respecting municipal boundaries.

Municipal Administration

Priority Statement: Short-Term Rentals

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that restores local zoning authority with respect to short-term rental properties thereby preserving the integrity of Florida's residential

neighborhoods and communities. The Florida League of Cities OPPOSES legislation that preempts municipal authority as it relates to the regulation of short-term rental properties.

Policy Position: Medical Marijuana

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation restoring municipal authority to regulate medical marijuana facilities within municipal boundaries.

Policy Position: School Resource Officers Funding

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation creating a dedicated and recurring state revenue stream to offset any impacts for those cities providing SROs to schools.

Policy Position: Sober Homes

The Florida League of Cities will SUPPORT legislation requiring businesses classified as “Day or Night Treatment with Community Housing” to comply with current statutory requirements for certified recovery residences. In addition, the League will SUPPORT legislation clarifying the fire-safety standards that can be imposed on sober homes in order to ensure compliance with federal fair housing laws.

Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations

Priority Statement: Transportation Funding

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that preserves local control of transportation planning. The legislation should create an equitable transportation funding formula between the state, municipalities, and counties, while providing for additional transportation revenue to support innovative infrastructure and transit projects to meet the surging transportation demands driven by dramatic growth throughout Florida.

Policy Position: Affordable Housing

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that requires all funds from the Sadowski State and Local Housing Trust Fund be used only for Florida’s affordable housing programs.

Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works

Priority Statement: Water Supply & Water Quality

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation to address the state’s critical water resource and water quality deficiencies to mitigate the negative economic impact of these issues through priority corrective actions and funding. The legislation should include:

- establishment of a dedicated and recurring source of state funding to meet current and projected local government water supply and water infrastructure needs;
- annual assessment by the State of the state, regional and local water resource and water quality infrastructure improvement needs; and
- development of regional plans to prioritize actions and schedules for addressing integrated water quality and water supply needs based on objective criteria.





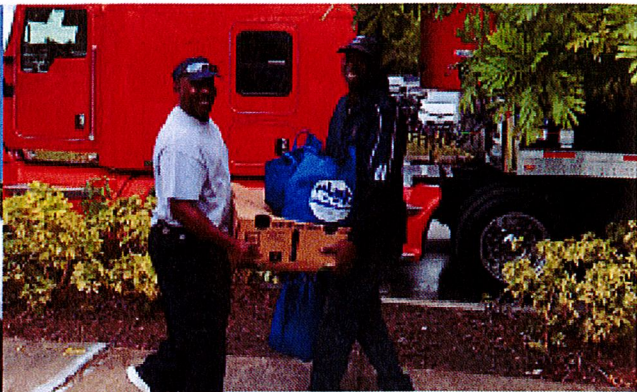
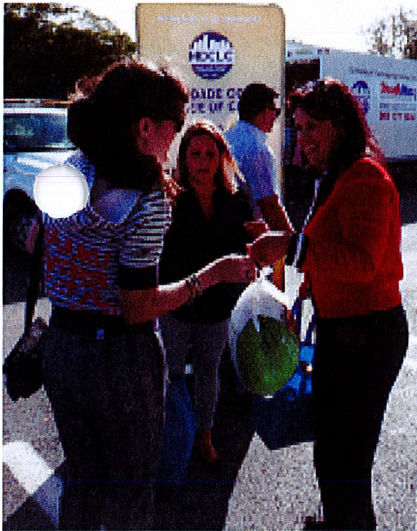
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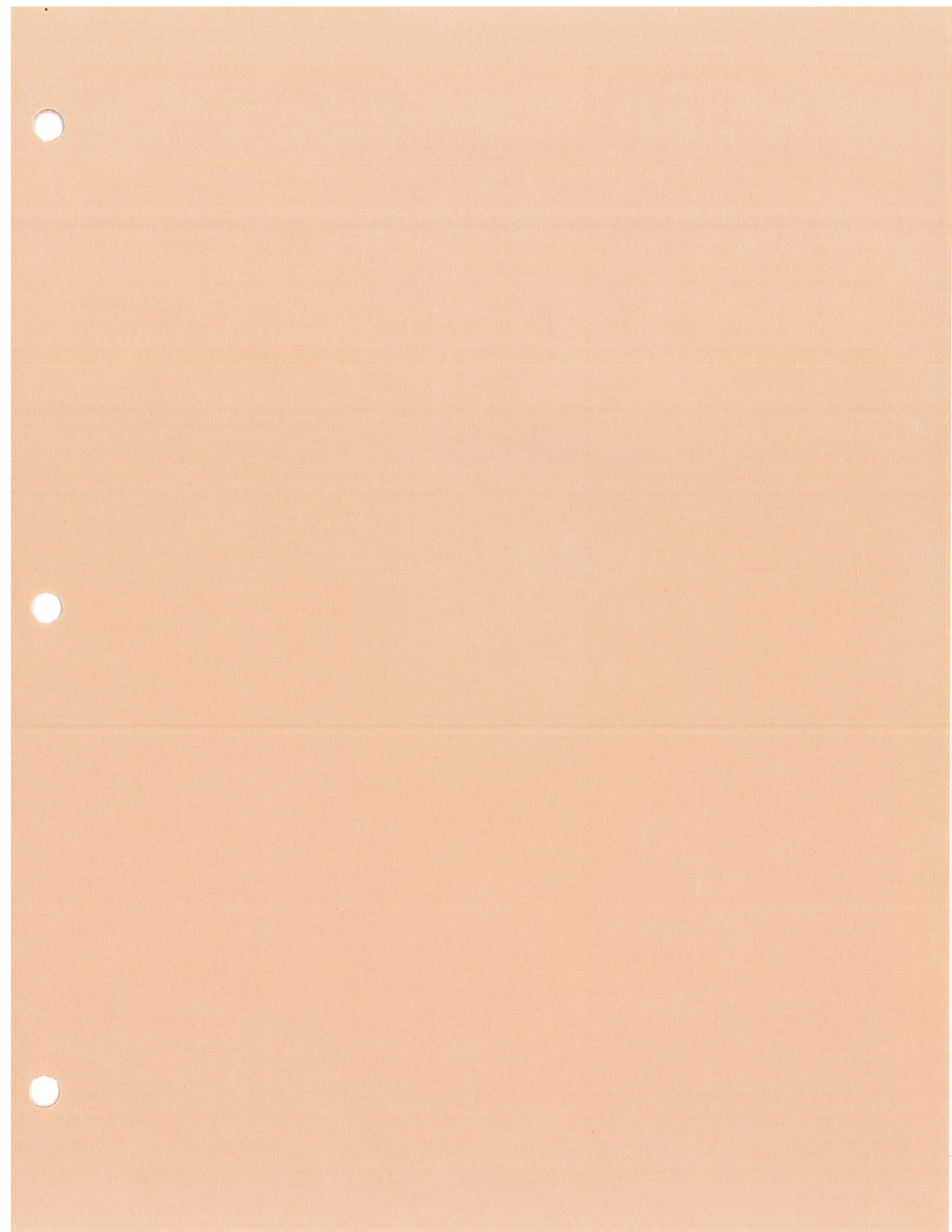
With the help of our Member Cities, Elected Official's, Associate Members, & Sponsors...

City of Hialeah Gardens
City of Doral
Baptist Health South Florida
Wells Fargo
TruckMax
Farm Share

The Miami-Dade County League of Cities was able to provide 1000 turkey's, bags of non-perishable foods and fresh produce to needy families throughout Miami-Dade County.

We wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous holiday season.





After-Meeting Reception

Cheers! Dan Espino cordially invites you to his new brewery, *Beat Culture Brewery*, for a special evening just for the Miami-Dade County-League of Cities!

Thursday, December 6 2018
Immediately following the MDCLC Board Meeting
until 10:00 PM

Beat Culture Brewery
7250 NW 11th Street
72nd Avenue Exit on 836 Expressway
Two Exits West of Melreese Golf Course

Complimentary Beer for MDCLC Members







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 Violet 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.







State & Local Ethics Training

THURSDAY, DEC. 20, 2018

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)

In order to facilitate both mandatory State and Local Ethics training for our elected officials, training this year is offered as a partnership between Miami-Dade County League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics.

Thus, it is important for elected officials to be in attendance for the entire session starting at 8:30 a.m..

City of Miami Gardens Council Chambers
18605 NW 27th Ave, Miami Gardens, FL 33056

Registration - 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Training Course will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Courses are free of charge, courtesy of the MDCLC.

MUST RSVP.

RSVP Form attached.

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