



Welcome to the 60th annual MDCLC Installation of Officers. The League offers all elected officials throughout the County's thirty four municipalities numerous opportunities throughout the year to engage with others in advancing municipal priorities, and to build competencies and leadership skills to better serve our communities.

I look forward to this being a year of empowerment, of expanding our horizons and most importantly, of raising our voices! We plan to engage in ongoing discussion with the Miami Dade legislative delegation, in an effort to build a stronger alliance on behalf of our shared constituents. It is critically important that we have them as allies to help us protect home rule and advocate for the needs of all of Miami Dade County.

Your local League can also serve as a conduit for information from the state and national Leagues, to provide the resources to build competences of the busy individual elected official, and their staff. This league serves as a venue for learning best practices from each other and from the state and national leagues as well. We look forward to our fourth annual Best Practice Conference in October, which attracts more than 300 elected officials, staff and associate members to enhance their knowledge together.

For the past year, the League's Energy, Environment and natural Resources Committee has begun a dialogue with the County, with a focus on the four county South East Florida Regional Climate Action Plan. We developed a survey that each city will complete, to create a baseline of information and to share the recommendations for how we all become more resilient communities. This coming year we will host discussions on sustainability and assessing vulnerability to sea level rise and climate change adaptation, advancing the critically necessary information and tools necessary to advance our resiliency to address sea level rise and other adverse impacts on all of south Florida

Also this past year under the leadership of the immediate past President, Commissioner Deede Weithorn, a Transportation committee was created to begin a process that will increase our input and impact on transportation and transit issues that affect our cities and the county as a whole. My vision is for a Miami Dade County MPO that looks more like Broward's; where every municipality has a voice at the table.

The League also offers significant opportunities to our Associate members, to those corporations and organizations who engage with our municipalities, in business and on policy issues. We have built significant relationships with each other, and can accomplish much together.

Here's to a great year ahead!

Mayor Cindy Lerner  
Village of Pinecrest