



Welcome to the 58th Annual Installation Gala of the Miami Dade County League of Cities. As your incoming President I look forward to working with each and every one of you. Our cities continue to deal with great challenges due to the economic down turn, increased pension demands, unfunded federal, state and county mandates. It is now more important than ever that we join together to protect our Municipal Home Rule and continue to provide the basic services expected by the citizens of our communities.

It is important that we place aside our political differences and act in the best interest of those we serve. As elected officials we carry the burden of taking time away from our families to make this community a better environment for future generations. We must protect our education system and allow for equal opportunity to all. It is our responsibility to act sound when creating policies to protect the American Way of Life.

During my tenure I would like to achieve numerous things but one of the most important for me is to; reduce barriers that create cumbersome bureaucratic process's that lead to indirect taxation on small business preventing economic growth. As stated by the immediate MDCLC past president, Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez in his address "Economic growth of our communities holds the key to overcoming some of the local issues which most affect our County."

I would like to thank outgoing President, Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez for his work and leadership this past year. It has been a pleasure serving with you. To the Board of Directors and local elected officials thank you for the personal time each of you give to make your community a better place.

I am honored and humbled to be here today and to lead the Miami-Dade County League of Cities in the coming year. Together we will continue to improve and make our community a positive place for families and their financial well being. My commitment to you as the League president, is to implement positive changes for all of the residents of Miami Dade County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Luis Gonzalez'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Luis' and last name 'Gonzalez' clearly distinguishable.

Council Vice-President Luis Gonzalez
City of Hialeah

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