



Dear Guests & Colleagues:

As we convene tonight, we succeed a legacy set forth in Miami-Dade County nearly six decades ago in which elected municipal officials from throughout the area unite to establish policy and platforms that shape the future of our environment, economy, businesses, residents, and quality of life.

Together we inherit the undertaking to be the guardians of our multicultural and ever growing metropolis. Miami-Dade County is indeed a community of communities and, as such, it will be my priority to work with each of you during the year ahead of us in efforts to protect the rights of our municipalities and its residents from the infringing interests of higher jurisdictions.

From Golden Beach in the north to Florida City in the south; from the Everglades in the west to the shores of Miami Beach in the east we collectively represent a vast 2.4 million square miles in which children, professionals, and seniors must travel to schools, workplaces, and public health facilities. In recognizing our extensive geography we are set with the challenge to find viable solutions to our transportation needs in Miami-Dade County. I am confident that working together we can bring forth positive recommendations to improve public transit and promote alternative modes of transportation.

As the League's sixtieth anniversary quickly approaches, the future of Miami-Dade County is in our hands. Honored to accept the Presidency of this organization and fortunate to ascend into this office with the support of a great Executive Board and Board of Directors, I aim to make 2013 our most impactful year yet!

Sincerely,

Commissioner Deede Weithorn