



Welcome to the 53rd Annual Dinner of the Miami-Dade League of Cities. As your President, I look forward to an exciting year and the challenges that face us.

I am deeply honored and privileged to have the opportunity to serve as President of this prestigious organization. I commend my predecessors in office, President Salver and President Chernoff, as well as the Board of Directors, for having the vision and courage to make the changes necessary to guarantee the financial viability of our League.

As your President, I will continue the progress that we have made. I intend to advance the League's agenda and advocate positions that respect the primary function and importance of local, municipal government. Local government is the incubator of the basic freedoms of our country and the provider of essential daily services that affect the lives of everyday citizens. With such responsibility, it is imperative that the League protects municipal funding sources and powers that are often challenged and eroded at the state and county levels. I trust that I can assume this responsibility with the same energy and vision as my predecessors. I count on your support and with it, I feel confident that this year will be a success.

Sincerely,

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