

Welcome to the 54th Annual Dinner of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities. It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I take office as your President. I look forward to continuing the extraordinary leadership that my predecessors have demonstrated.

Over the past six years, I have been actively involved with this prestigious organization and have seen our League thrive under the stewardship of our Past Presidents and Boards of Directors. I would especially like to acknowledge and thank President Maroño for his unrelenting dedication to our League. His integrity and foresight are inspirational.

I have been honored to serve on your Executive Board and to be your advocate on legislative issues as the Chairman of the Legislative Committee. As your President, I look forward to continuing to work with all of you to make our League even stronger. Together, we will continue to advance the League's agenda to better our communities. Municipal government is the primary source of basic services that affect the daily lives of citizens. Therefore, we must strive to protect our local control that is often challenged at the state and county levels. With all of your support, I am confident that we will have a successful year in which our League will continue flourish. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Richard L. Steinberg President, Miami-Dade County League of Citics 2007-2008 Commissioner, City of Miami Beach

