



Miami-Dade County League of Cities April BOD Meeting

The MDCLC held its Board of Director's meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at the Miami Shores Country Club. The meeting was well attended. Various topics were discussed such as civil penalties for certain misdemeanor violations, the New American Workforce, My Brother's Keeper Community challenge, Active Design Miami and upcoming events.

MDCLC Past President, Councilman Isaac Salver, Town of Bay Harbor Islands gave the invocation. Councilwoman Herta Holly, Village of Miami Shores, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Civil Penalties:

Commissioner Sally Heyman, Miami-Dade County presented a County ordinance related to civil penalties for certain misdemeanor violations. Commissioner Heyman spoke of misdemeanor crimes that have been added to Section 8 CC of the Miami-Dade County Code (MDCC) making them enforceable as civil citations: Florida Litter law, illegal use of dairy cases, egg baskets, poultry boxes or bakery containers, trespass on property other than structure or conveyance, retail theft by removal of a shopping cart, loitering and prowling, possession of cannabis ("marijuana") in an amount of 20 grams or less, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Officers now have the option to issue civil citations for these offenses and should use their discretion when observing these violations. Issuing civil citations can help save millions of dollars in agencies such as the department of Corrections. Officers are encouraged to consider issuing a civil citations in the following situations: The violator has no criminal history, the violator has a criminal past, but it's unrelated to the current violation, the violator has a past criminal record that is more than 3 years old, and to educate the offender for a minor violation of law. Commissioner Heyman asked the elected officials to speak to their managers/chiefs of police of their respective municipalities and to support this measure.



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Mayor Alice Burch, Village of Miami Shores giving her welcoming remarks during the Village host presentation.

Installation of Board Members:

President Francis X. Suarez introduced Judge Laura Ann Stuzin and Judge Diana Vizcaino of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Judge Vizcaino and Stuzin were then asked to swear in several Board Members who were not able to attend the 62nd Annual Gala: Commissioner Howard Weinberg, City of Aventura, Commissioner Wifredo “Willy” Gort, City of Miami, and Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, City of North Miami. Congratulations to our newly installed Board members!



(left to right) MDCLC President, Commissioner Francis X. Suarez, City of Miami, Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, City of North Miami, Commissioner Howard Weinberg, City of Aventura, Commissioner Wifredo “Willy” Gort, City of Miami, Judge Diana Vizcaino, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Judge Laura Ann Stuzin, Eleventh Judicial Circuit.

President Francis X. Suarez introduced Manager Jimmy Morales, City of Miami Beach for the New American Workforce presentation. Mr. Morales explained that the New American Workforce is a program of the National Immigration Forum that assists employees that are immigrants to apply for their U.S. Citizenship. Legal specialist partners of New American Workforce assist employees at their worksite to explain requirements, determine individual eligibility and navigate the citizenship application filing process. Mr. Morales then introduced Ms. Abbey Chase of the New American Workforce to explain further details once you decide to work with the New American Workforce.

- **Save the Date**

May BOD Meeting

When: May 5, 2016

Where: Melreese Country Club

1802 NW 37th Ave.

Miami, FL 33125

PLEASE RSVP



Mayor Mayra Peña Lindsay, Village of Key Biscayne explained that *My Brother’s Keeper* was an initiative started by President Obama as a response to the Nationwide issue of opportunity gaps, barriers, and challenges for boys and young men of color and their inability to reach their full potential due to violence, lack of resources and lack of mentors. Mayor Lindsay asked everyone to formally support the *My Brother’s Keeper* community challenge and resolution.