

March 2021

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President's Message



Greetings FBC-LEO Members and Friends:

March is finally here, which means we are just weeks away from our 2021 FBC-LEO Spring Conference! I am elated for the opportunity to be together, in-person, March 18 -19, at the Embassy Suites in Lake Buena Vista South. We are confident that you will benefit greatly from the programming we have put together for you, and I want to reassure you, we are putting every precaution in place to keep you safe, during your time with us.

We have officially been battling the COVID-19 pandemic in Florida, for an entire year, now. Oh, what a year we have overcome! Many of us have been personally touched by the pains of loss and financial hardship this year has wrought on our country. I do not take for granted the precious gift it is to see the bloom of another spring season. Spring is the season of new beginnings and growth. FBC-LEO is experiencing so many new beginnings. New beginnings like our re-imagined spring conference programming and location, as well as our refreshed brand assets, just to name a few. I look forward to sharing these changes, and so much more with you, when we come together in a few weeks. My hope is that you will be encouraged and motivated to take an active role in contributing to the growth of FBC-LEO and moving our organization forward in the direction of positive change, over the coming years. I wish you all safe travels to the conference. Be safe and be blessed!

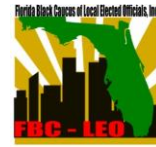
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa Watkins Brown".

President Teresa Watkins Brown
Councilwoman, City of Fort Myers

2020-2021 Dues Invoices Reminder

FBC-LEO 2021 dues were emailed on Friday, January 8th.

If you did not receive your invoice, be sure to check your spam/junk folder. If you need the invoice emailed to you again, contact Nykierama Cooper at ncooper@flcities.com.



Thank you for your membership. We appreciate your continued support of FBC-LEO.

Member News

Welcome to our new FBC-LEO Members

Warmest welcome! We are delighted to have each of you as members of the FBC-LEO organization and look forward to getting to know you.

- Michael C. Blake, Mayor, City of Cocoa
- James Goins, Deputy Mayor, City of Cocoa
- Denise Grant, Vice Mayor, City of Lauderhill
- Willie Jones, Commissioner, City of Palatka
- Clayton Lopez, Commissioner, City of Key West
- Karlene Maxwell-Williams, Commissioner, City of Lauderdale Lakes
- Yvonne Minus, Councilwoman, City of Melbourne

Health and Wellness

How Local Leaders Can Support Equity in COVID-19 Vaccinations

NLC CEO Clarence Anthony and Dr. Oscar Alleyne, Chief of Programs & Services at the National Association of County & City Health Officials, spoke in a conversation and Q&A about the role of local leaders in vaccine distribution. Click the button below to view the recording.

[**View the Recording**](#)

FLC Report



FLC Releases New Report: Forecasting Florida Municipal Revenue Impacts From COVID-19

The **Florida League of Cities Center for Municipal Research** has released a new report, [*A Recovery Landscape – Forecasting Florida Municipal Revenue Impacts from COVID-19*](#), which forecasts impacts to municipal revenue due to the pandemic through fiscal year 2023 for all 411 Florida municipal governments. By historically examining the impact of local unemployment on municipal revenues from 2008 to 2018, this analysis offers new insights regarding what revenue streams may look like over the next few years. We hope you find the report to be valuable as you guide your cities, towns and villages through the upcoming budget cycle. [View FLC Report](#)

Legislative Action Resources



Want to stay up-to-date on legislative action that affects Florida's cities and residents? **Sign up to receive text alerts!** Simply **text the keyword Home Rule to 50457** and when you receive a text confirmation, click the link and add your information so we can communicate with you during session.

Be sure to download the [2021 Legislative Action Agenda](#) and familiarize yourself with the five priority issues that will affect Florida's cities so you can help the Florida League of Cities advocate for local voices making local choices!

Ready to learn more? Check out the League's [Advocacy Tools](#) page for additional resources designed to help city officials advocate for their cities' unique needs.

FBC-LEO 2021 Spring Conference



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March 18-19, 2021

Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando
Lake Buena Vista South
Kissimmee, Fla.

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**Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South
4955 Kyngs Heath Road
Kissimmee, FL 34746**



**Registration: \$150.00
Room Rate: \$125.00 per night + tax**

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At this time, the conference will be an in-person event. FBC-LEO is monitoring the situation and may switch to a virtual event if needed.

Reserve your hotel room two ways:

1) Call 1.800.446.6677. Use the group code (FBL).

-or-

2) [Click here](#) to book online.

Parking:

Self-parking daily and overnight for guests: Free
Daily parking for non-guests: \$7.00

For additional information or assistance with registering, please contact
fbcleo@flcities.com or 850.222.9684.

[Register Online Today](#)

[Download Registration Form](#)

Sessions-At-A-Glance

Opening Keynote Address

Tony Ortiz, President, Florida League of Cities and Commissioner, City of Orlando

BUILDING STRONGER CITIES

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Tony Ortiz

President, Florida League of Cities
Commissioner, City of Orlando

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Innovative Affordable Housing Projects and Solutions

Panel:

- *Frances De Jesus*, Housing and Community Development Program Coordinator, City of Kissimmee.
- *Oren J. Henry*, Director of Housing and Community Development Department, City of Orlando.
- *Regina I. Hill*, Commissioner, City of Orlando.
- *Shannon Nazworth*, President and CEO, Ability Housing.

Economic Development: Building a Robust Economy

Panel:

- *Barkari F. Burns*, Commissioner, City of Orlando.
- *Ken Thomas*, Director of Economic Development, City of Leesburg.

President's Dinner Keynote Address

Clarence Anthony, CEO and Executive Director, National League of Cities



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CLARENCE ANTHONY

CEO and Executive Director
National League of Cities



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Communicating to our Community in Difficult Times: COVID Outreach

Panel:

- *Nina Mahmoudi*, Marketing Director, City of St. Petersburg.
- *Nikki Gaskin-Capehart*, Director of Urban Affairs, St. Petersburg.

Promoting the Local Economy: The Roles of MBEs, CRAs and CVBs in Minority Business Programs

Panel:

- *Ardail S. Allen*, CCA (Certified Compliance Administrator), Business Analyst, Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Office, City of Tampa.
- *Eddie Cole*, Mayor, Town of Eatonville.
- *DT Minich*, CEO, Experience Kissimmee.

Closing Keynote Address

Darrell Butler, President, Butler Consulting Group - BC Innovations

RESPECTING DIFFERENCES FOR CULTURAL COMPETENCE

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Events & Training Opportunities

FLC Legislative Monday Morning Call-In

March 1 - April 26 (Mondays During Legislative Session)

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. ET



Call the phone number below, and when prompted, enter the conference room number to join the call.

Phone Number: 888.585.9008

Conference Room Number: 301-563-714#

#FLCities Strong Webinar Series

March 8, 2021

10:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. ET



Tune in for insight and encouragement as Dr. Scott Paine and Shwanda Barnette host engaging conversations that take us beyond today's headlines.

[Register Here](#)

Virtual Legislative Action Week

March 15-19, 2021

With concerns about COVID-19 making it impossible to hold our usual in-person Legislative Action Days, as well as visits to the state capitol, the Florida League of Cities has planned an active week of virtual events.



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Officials