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President's Corner



Greetings FBC-LEO Family,

As we continue welcome October, we are reminded of the many ways leadership extends beyond the council chambers and into the daily lives of those we serve. This month provides an opportunity to recognize important causes and the individuals whose courage, compassion, and service strengthen our communities.

October is a month of awareness, advocacy, and gratitude. As we recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we honor survivors, support those currently battling the disease, and remember loved ones whose lives have been impacted by breast cancer. We also observe Domestic Violence Month, raising awareness about an issue that affects individuals and families in every community while reaffirming our commitment to supporting, protecting, and promoting safe and healthy communities. Additionally, on National First Responders Day, October 28th, we proudly recognize the law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and other first responders who serve with courage and dedication every day. Together, these observances remind us of the importance of advocacy, service, and standing united in support of those who protect, uplift, and strengthen our communities.

As members of the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, we understand that meaningful leadership is rooted in service. Whether advocating for public health, supporting victims and survivors, or honoring those who protect our communities, we each play a role in making a positive difference.

Thank you for your vision and devotion to public service you provide throughout Florida. Together, we will continue to build stronger, healthier, and more resilient municipalities.

Warm Regards,

President Justin Campbell

Commissioner, City of Palatka

Member Highlight



The Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials is proud to spotlight Chevella Young, Vice Mayor and City Council Member for District 10 in the City of Lake City. A lifelong public servant, Vice Mayor Young has dedicated her career to serving others through government, community engagement, and faith-based leadership.

With professional experience spanning the Baker County Clerk of Court, Northeast Florida State Hospital, and the Lake City VA Medical Center, Vice Mayor Young brings a wealth of knowledge and compassion to public service. She is also the owner of Pen It Here Notary and More, LLC, demonstrating her commitment to entrepreneurship and community support.

A graduate of the Florida League of Cities Institute for Elected Municipal Officials, Vice Mayor Young is passionate about advancing opportunities for residents and strengthening the quality of life in Lake City. Her leadership extends beyond City Hall through active service in her church and numerous community organizations.

As a proud mother, grandmother, and advocate for her community, Vice Mayor Young exemplifies the spirit of servant leadership and continues to make a positive impact throughout North Florida.

New Member News



Welcome the newest FBC-LEO Members:

We are thrilled to have you as members of the FBC-LEO organization and look forward to getting to know you.

- Commissioner Beverly Nash, City of Quincy
- Commissioner Jennifer Ringersen, City of Alachua
- Commissioner Jackson Youmas, City of Alachua

Please join us in welcoming our new members as we continue to strengthen our organization through advocacy, collaboration, and service.

2027 FBC-LEO Essay Scholarship Contest



Click Here For More Information

Submit Essay Here



Want some extra bragging rights? The municipality with the most essay contest entries will earn a special prize. Rally your community and encourage students to participate!

2027-2028 FBC-LEO Board of Directors Nominations



Call for Nominations: 2027-2028 FBC-LEO Board of Directors

Lead, Serve, and Make an Impact

The Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (FBC-LEO) is now accepting nominations for the **2027-2028 Board of Directors**.

As an FBC-LEO member, serving on the Board of Directors is more than a leadership opportunity. It is a chance to help shape the future of the organization, develop strategic initiatives, strengthen member engagement, and advance the mission of FBC-LEO throughout Florida. Your experience, ideas, and perspective can help guide the organization and create meaningful opportunities for current and future members.

Nominations are being accepted for the following positions:

- 2nd Vice President
- Treasurer
- Assistant-Treasurer
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Parliamentarian
- Regional Coordinator/Membership Director (North)
- Regional Coordinator/Membership Director (South)
- Historian
- Chaplain
- Sergeant-At-Arms

The position of **2nd Vice President** will serve a **two-year term**. All other positions will serve **one-year terms**.

Eligible members must be a Regular Member in good standing and have been a Regular Member for at least one year.

New officers will be sworn in at the Annual Conference that will be held February 25, 2027.

The FBC-LEO Board of Directors meets at 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month. If you wish to be considered for a board position, please complete the form below.

All nominations must be submitted by Friday, December 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. EST.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us at **fbcleo@flcities.com.**

Click Here to Submit Your Nomination

Regional Member Events



We're excited to introduce new regional engagement events and a statewide membership campaign designed to bring members together, foster meaningful relationships, and expand FBC-LEO's reach across Florida. These initiatives will provide additional opportunities to connect, share ideas, and support one another in our service to communities throughout the state.

More details will be announced soon, so stay tuned for ways to participate and help spread the word.

Thank you for your leadership and unwavering commitment to FBC-LEO.

Together, we will continue building a stronger, more connected organization that advances excellence in local leadership and service.

FBC-LEO Membership Inquiry Form



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FBC-LEO strives to continuously enhance and serve our members. We kindly request that you fill out our Membership Re-Election Inquiry Form. Completing the short form will significantly impact the initiatives set by the FBC-LEO Board of Directors.

All information provided will be kept confidential and used solely for the purposes intended.

CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE FORM



Be sure all of the upcoming FBC-LEO events are on your calendar.

FBC-LEO **Board of Directors Meeting**	October 13, 2026 via Zoom at 5:00 p.m. ET Click Here to Register
FBC-LEO **General Membership Meeting**	October 13, 2026 via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. ET Click Here to Register

2027 FBC-LEO Annual Conference	February 24-26, 2027 Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, Kissimmee, FL **Registration Opening Soon!**

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