

THANK YOU FOR THAT INTRODUCTION, KASRA, AND FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU AND YOUR TEAM ARE DOING TO BRING GREATER MOBILITY, AND OPTIONS, TO OUR WORLD-CLASS COMMUNITY.

GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE!

THIS DAY IS MORE THAN TWO YEARS IN THE MAKING, AS WE OFFICIALLY WELCOME UBER TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!

I SHARE THIS EXCITEMENT WITH ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS BECAUSE WE'RE THE TRUE WINNERS IN THIS PUSH TO LEGALIZE UBER, AND TO MODERNIZE OUR COUNTY'S FOR-HIRE REGULATORY CODE.

WE WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY WITHOUT THE LEADERSHIP OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER ESTEBAN BOVO. SO I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO MOVING THIS CRITICAL LEGISLATION FORWARD. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER AUDREY EDMONSON FOR INITIALLY PROPOSING THE REGULATING OF TRANSPORTATION NETWORK ENTITIES MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO.

TODAY IS REALLY A TRIPLE WIN FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

WE'VE BROUGHT MIAMI-DADE INTO THE FUTURE BY INTEGRATING NEW TECHNOLOGY AND AFFORDABLE, CONVENIENT, SAFE AND RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS THAT OUR RESIDENTS WANT AND DESERVE.

WE'RE ALSO ENCOURAGING THE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BY HELPING TO SOLVE THE FIRST-AND-LAST MILE ISSUES THAT OUR CURRENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM DOESN'T COVER.

AND, WE'RE MAKING OUR ECONOMY STRONGER BY BRINGING MORE JOBS TO MIAMI-DADE, AND ALLOWING OUR RESIDENTS TO MAKE EXTRA MONEY.

THAT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT, AND WHY WE'RE ALL HERE TODAY.

UBER NOT ONLY OFFERS OUR RESIDENTS A NEW WAY TO GET FROM POINT A TO B, IT ALSO OFFERS RESIDENTS A NEW WAY TO WORK: ON THEIR OWN TERMS.

BEING AN UBER DRIVER PROVIDES A GOOD INCOME WITH AUTONOMY AND FLEXIBILITY. AND THIS PARTNER SUPPORT CENTER IS A PERMANENT, PHYSICAL HUB FOR THE MORE THAN 10,000 DRIVER PARTNERS WHO OPERATE ON THE UBER PLATFORM.

WORKING ALONGSIDE UBER, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN OUR PARTNER NETWORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR COMMUNITY. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU HERE.

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME THIS MORNING.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL, AND CONTINUE TO BLESS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!