

GOOD MORNING EVERYONE!

LET ME START BY THANKING THE FELLOWS FROM CODE FOR AMERICA FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

TODAY, I WANT TO OFFICIALLY WELCOME THEM TO OUR BEAUTIFUL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!

I AM PROUD OF THE FACT THAT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WAS CHOSEN AS THE ONLY COMMUNITY IN FLORIDA, AND AMONG A SELECT FEW IN THE NATION, TO HOST CODE FOR AMERICA FELLOWS.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE CODE FOR MIAMI BRIGADE FOR JOINING US TODAY. I'M AWARE OF THEIR EFFORTS AND RECOGNIZE THEIR IMPORTANCE AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD BETTER CIVIC TECHNOLOGY.

I WANT TO THANK IMPORTANT PARTNERS WHO HAVE INVESTED IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CODE FOR AMERICA:

-THE MIAMI FOUNDATION CEO MR. JAVIER SOTO AND STUART KENNEDY FOR SUPPORTING THIS INITIATIVE FROM THE START.

ALSO, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR ALL THE GREAT WORK THAT THEY DO.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST MR. MATT HAGGMAN FROM THE KNIGHT FOUNDATION, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION AND FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY INFORMED AND ENGAGED.

TODAY I AM THRILLED TO JOIN ALL OF YOU AT CODEACROSS 2015 IN CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL OPEN DATA WEEKEND WHERE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE GATHER IN MULTIPLE CITIES AROUND THE GLOBE TO SHARE IDEAS ABOUT OPEN DATA.

CODE FOR AMERICA COMING TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS A CONFIRMATION OF ALL OUR EFFORTS AT POSITIONING OUR COMMUNITY AS A TECH HUB AND CENTER FOR INNOVATION.

FROM THE TIME I BECAME MAYOR, I HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FUTURE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND OUR ABILITY TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON GROWING

TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION, AND  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

THIS IS WHY WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO PUTTING  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ON A PATH TOWARD OPEN  
DATA.

AS SOME OF YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW, THE CFA  
FELLOWS WILL HELP US ORGANIZE A NETWORK OF  
PEOPLE AND PROJECTS THAT ARE ALREADY  
DEDICATED TO MAKING GOVERNMENT SERVICES  
SIMPLER, MORE EFFECTIVE, AND EASIER TO USE.

AND TODAY WE ARE MAKING A VERY IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE ARE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHING OUR OPEN DATA  
PORTAL - [OPENDATA.MIAMIDADE.GOV](http://OPENDATA.MIAMIDADE.GOV).

WE'RE STARTING WITH 311 AND GIS DATA AND  
WILL CONTINUE TO GROW THE SITE THROUGHOUT  
THE YEAR.

SOME MY ASK WHY IS THIS NECESSARY?

WELL BECAUSE AS I HAVE SAID IN THE PAST, WE  
CANNOT ATTRACT INNOVATORS WITHOUT BEING  
INNOVATIVE OURSELVES.

BEYOND CONNECTING CITIZENS TO GOVERNMENT, EXPANDING TECHNOLOGY ALSO TRANSLATES TO ANOTHER BENEFIT: JOBS.

SO BY POSITIONING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS AN EMERGING LEADER IN TECHNOLOGY, NOT ONLY ARE WE USING TECHNOLOGY TO INCREASE THE INTERACTION AND PARTICIPATION OF OUR CITIZENRY, BUT WE ARE CREATING A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

I WANT TO THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR BEING HERE AS WE TAKE ANOTHER STEP TOWARD BECOMING THE NEXT GREAT TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION HUB. ENJOY OUR BEAUTIFUL MIAMI-DADE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION!

