

GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE!

THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE AND FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE VISITING, WELCOME TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY!

LET ME BEGIN BY THANKING ALL OF YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY AS WE SHARE IDEAS ON HOW WE CAN MODERNIZE THE WAY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OPERATE AND HOW TECHNOLOGY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO PROVIDING BETTER SERVICES TO OUR CONSTITUENTS.

MR. MARK JOHNSON THANK YOU FOR THAT INTRODUCTION AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GREAT WORK THAT YOU DO AT ORACLE.

I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER MR. PEDRO GARCIA AS WELL AS OUR IT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ANGEL PETISCO, THANK YOU BOTH FOR JOINING US TODAY.

AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOUNDER OF THE EMERGE AMERICAS, MR. MANNY MEDINA. THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS THE EPICENTER FOR THE EMERGE AMERICAS CONFERENCE.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO JOIN YOU THIS AFTERNOON AT THIS PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVE ROUNDTABLE TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN MOVE OUR COMMUNITIES FORWARD THROUGH THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY.

HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, WE ARE TAKING MULTIPLE STEPS TO BE AN ENABLER OF INNOVATION, NOT A BARRIER TO IT. EVERY DAY WE WORK HARD TO FIND WAYS TO USE TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES TO OUR 2.6 MILLION RESIDENTS AND ALL OF OUR VISITORS, AND WE HAD A LOT OF THEM LAST YEAR - 14.6 MILLION TO BE EXACT.

I CONSIDER MYSELF A TECH MAYOR - BECAUSE I HAVE WITNESSED WHAT TECHNOLOGY CAN DO TO IMPROVE OUR LIVES AND THE SERVICES THAT GOVERNMENT PROVIDES.

THAT IS WHY MY ADMINISTRATION, HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON ENHANCING THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT'S TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES SO THAT WE CAN BETTER SERVE OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES.

I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COULD BE THE NEXT GREAT TECH HUB.

IN FACT MY ADMINISTRATION IS ALREADY WORKING ON THAT!

IN 2012, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MADE AN INVESTMENT IN A TECHNOLOGY START-UP CALLED VENTURE HIVE.

LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN MIAMI, NOT TOO FAR FROM WHERE WE ARE, VENTURE HIVE HAS HELPED RELOCATE MORE THAN TWENTY START-UPS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

THAT INVESTMENT PAID OFF IN ANOTHER WAY. EARLY LAST YEAR, MICROSOFT OPENED THE FIRST MICROSOFT INNOVATION CENTER IN THE UNITED STATES AT VENTURE HIVE.

THE MIC BRINGS TOGETHER INNOVATORS ALONG WITH STUDENTS AND OTHERS TO ACCELERATE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES, CREATING THE TECH JOBS OF TOMORROW - SOMETHING THAT WE ARE VERY PROUD OF.

RECENTLY, DURING THE INTERNATIONAL OPEN DATA WEEKEND WE OFFICALLY LAUNCHED OUR

OPEN DATA PORTAL - OPENDATA.MIAMIDADE.GOV TO CREATE A LARGER ECOSYSTEM FOR HOME-GROWN TECH COMPANIES TO THRIVE.

THAT WEEKEND, WE ANNOUNCED THE UPCOMING LAUNCH OF OUR NEW 3-1-1 APP THAT WILL STRENGTHEN OUR RESIDENTS ABILITY TO SUBMIT SERVICE REQUESTS TO OUR COUNTY.

ALSO, THE NEW MIAMI-DADE AUDIO TRAFFIC APP WAS LAUNCHED LAST WEEK TO PROVIDE USERS WITH UP-TO-THE-MINUTE TRAFFIC UPDATES, LAW ENFORCEMENT BULLETINS AND COMMUNITY NEWS THROUGH THEIR SMARTPHONES.

SPEAKING OF TRAFFIC, I BELIEVE TECHNOLOGY IS ALSO CONTRIBUTING TO THE MOBILITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

OUR COUNTY NEEDS MORE MOBILITY OPTIONS, ESPECIALLY ONES THAT INCORPORATE THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO CONNECT WITH USERS.

THAT IS WHY WE WILL BE SUPPORTING AN ITEM THAT WILL BE PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONER ESTEBAN BOVO TO THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PERMIT THE

**OPERATION OF APP-BASED MOBILITY COMPANIES
IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.**

**THAT PROPOSAL WILL INCLUDE RESPONSIBLE
REGULATION THAT WILL PROTECT CONSUMERS,
BUT ALSO INTRODUCE THESE OPTIONS AS
ALTERNATIVES TO TRADITIONAL METHODS OF
TRANSPORTATION.**

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LYFT ARE HERE TO STAY FOLKS. THE COUNTY
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**IT IS A PRIORITY FOR ME AS MAYOR, AND I'M
OPTIMISTIC THAT COMMISSIONERS WILL APPROVE
THE LEGISLATION LATER THIS YEAR.**

**FRIENDS, I VIEW TECHNOLOGY AS BEING SO
IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY THAT I PERSONALLY FLEW TO SAN
FRANCISCO LAST FALL
TO MEET WITH JENNIFER PAHLKA, THE FOUND
ER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CODE FOR
AMERICA.**

CODE FOR AMERICA IS A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT BUILDS OPEN SOURCE TECHNOLOGY DEDICATED TO MAKING GOVERNMENT SERVICES SIMPLER, MORE EFFECTIVE AND EASY TO USE.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS THE FIRST GOVERNMENT IN FLORIDA TO BE AWARDED A FELLOWSHIP FROM CODE FOR AMERICA. THE ONE-YEAR PROGRAM BRINGS THREE TECHNOLOGY SPECIALISTS HERE TO MIAMI-DADE TO WORK WITH COUNTY STAFF TO BUILD APPS AND FOSTER NEW APPROACHES TO PROBLEM-SOLVING THROUGHOUT COUNTY HALL.

WE ALSO HAVE THE CODE FOR MIAMI BRIGADE, A LOCAL VOLUNTEER GROUP, WHO IS HELPING BUILD A GREATER TECH COMMUNITY HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

EARLIER I MENTIONED THAT MR. MANNY MEDINA IS WITH US HERE TODAY. WELL, I AM PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE SECOND ANNUAL EMERGE AMERICAS CONFERENCE TAKING PLACE AGAIN HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, IS YET ANOTHER SIGN THAT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS QUICKLY

BECOMING A HUB FOR INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE EMERGE TEAM IS EXPECTING 10,000 PARTICIPANTS AT THE MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER AND OTHER VENUES THIS MAY. THAT'S AN INCREASE FROM THE 6,000 PARTICIPANTS EMERGE WELCOMED LAST YEAR!

ANOTHER AREA THAT OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS FOCUSED ON IS SIMPLIFYING THE PERMITTING PROCESS.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE ONE CENTRALIZED COMPUTER SYSTEM HANDLING ALL THE ELEMENTS OF THE PERMITTING PROCESS – FROM BEGINNING TO END.

IT WILL BENEFIT OUR RESIDENTS, BUSINESS OWNERS, AND THOSE INTERESTED IN STARTING BUSINESSES. MY ADMINISTRATION'S GOAL IS TO OFFER ALL 34 MUNICIPALITIES IN OUR COUNTY THE OPPORTUNITY TO OPT-IN TO THIS SYSTEM BECAUSE THEIR RESIDENTS ARE OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TOO.

AS MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MY TOP PRIORITY IS PUBLIC SAFETY.

ALL OF YOU IN THIS ROOM KNOW THAT TECHNOLOGY IS ALSO KEY TO THE FUTURE OF OUR POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

OVER TWO YEARS AGO – WELL BEFORE EVENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY SPARKED FIERCE DEBATE – I ASKED OUR MIAMI-DADE POLICE DIRECTOR JD PATTERSON TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL USE OF BODY CAMERAS ON OUR POLICE OFFICERS.

WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN TESTED, THE USE OF BODY CAMERAS HAS RESULTED IN A DECREASE IN THE USE OF FORCE AND JUST AS IMPORTANT, RESULTED IN A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS.

I ALSO BELIEVE CAMERAS ARE CRITICAL TO RAISING THE LEVEL OF TRUST BETWEEN POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND RESIDENTS. IN FACT, SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS – LARGE AND SMALL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY – ARE INVESTING IN CAMERA TECHNOLOGY FOR THEIR OFFICERS.

IN OTHER WORDS, BODY CAMERAS ARE A 21ST CENTURY TECHNOLOGY THAT I BELIEVE WILL BE A STANDARD PART OF THE OFFICERS' UNIFORM IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

I'M PLEASED THAT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INCLUDED IN OUR BUDGET THE PURCHASE OF 500 CAMERAS FOR MIAMI-DADE POLICE OFFICERS THIS FISCAL YEAR. SOON, OUR OFFICERS WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH THIS TECHNOLOGY.

FOLKS, I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT BY POSITIONING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AS AN EMERGING LEADER IN TECHNOLOGY, NOT ONLY ARE WE INCREASING THE INTERACTION AND PARTICIPATION OF OUR CITIZENRY, WE ARE ALSO CREATING A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. THIS IS WHY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY REMAINS COMMITTED TO OPEN DATA WHICH WILL GIVE BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS UNPRECEDENTED ACCESS TO THE MANY RESOURCES THE COUNTY HAS TO OFFER.

THANK YOU ALL FOR SELECTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO HOLD THIS IMPORTANT ROUNDTABLE!

I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY HERE!

THANK YOU ALL!

