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**FLORIDA BLACK CAUCUS
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President's Message



Greetings FBC-LEO Members and Friends!

This is the season for giving and showing your love for others.

As president of FBC-LEO, I would like to challenge you all to spread a smile, to lend a helping hand, and/or share any acts of kindness throughout this holiday season and beyond. Remember we are blessed to be a blessing.

If you have any news/information you would like to share regarding your city and/or member, please feel free to email us at fbcleo@flcities.com. We love celebrating our member cities and members.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next General Membership Meeting, January 9, 2024.

Sincerely,

President Morris West
Commissioner, City of Haines City

2024 FBC-LEO Dues



2024 FBC-LEO dues will be emailed in early January.

If you would like a copy of the dues invoices to be sent to someone other than yourself, please notify staff at fbcleo@flcities.com before January 1, 2024.

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

2024 FBC-LEO Essay Contest



Essay Contest

Deadline:
January 22, 2024
at **5:00 p.m. ET**

For more information visit fbcleo.org/essay-contest

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2024 FBC-LEO Annual Confernece

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2024



FBC-LEO
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

APRIL 4-5

Embassy Suites
Kissimmee, Florida

Registration Opening Soon!

FBC-LEO Membership Inquiry Form



FBC-LEO Membership Inquiry Form

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 form](#)

IN MEMORIAM



Former Lauderhill Commissioner, Margaret Bates passes away at the age of 78.

Bates started her political career in 1995 when she was a member of the code enforcement board and former president of the New Lauderhill Homeowners Association.

In 2006, the Florida League of Cities bestowed the title of **Council Member of the Year** to Bates, then the city's vice mayor.

From there she would go on to serve for more than 20 years in elected office, until she was termed out of office in November 2020. She is credited with starting the city's public art projects.

FBC-LEO President West and the entire FBC-LEO membership offers their deepest condolences to the family, friends, and the entire City of Lauderhill.

You can learn more about her life and legacy by clicking below.

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From Our Partners

2024 FLC Legislative Action Days



FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES

The 2024 Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days will be held January 29-31, 2024 in Tallahassee. [Register Now](#)

If you are a first-time attendee to Legislative Action Days, don't miss the "Know Before You Go Session" on Monday, January 29,

from 5:15 p.m.- 5:45 p.m. at Sittig Hall (details of location listed below).

The registration fee for Legislative Action Days is \$50.00. Also, on Monday, January 29, the Florida League of Cities is offering a four-hour ethics workshop that meets the state requirements for Continuing Education in Ethics. The cost to attend the Ethics workshop is \$50.00. The cost to attend both Legislative Action Days and the Ethics workshop is \$100.00.

Note: To cancel your registration, submit your request no later than Friday, January 19, 2024, to Heidi Hogarth, hhogarth@flcities.com. Cancellations are subject to a \$25.00 cancellation fee.

The Florida League of Mayors will also be holding events during this time.

SAVE THE DATE

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

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
5:00 p.m. ET via Zoom

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2024
6:00 p.m. ET via Zoom

2024 FBC-LEO Essay Contest

Please share on all of your social media platforms and neighboring high schools.

Deadline for submissions:
January 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. ET

For more information visit
<https://fbcleo.org/essay-contest/>

FBC-LEO Annual Conference

April 4-5, 2024
Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista
Kissimmee, FL

Registration Opening Soon!

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