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## President's Message



Greetings FBC-LEO Members and Friends!

I am pleased to announce that nominations for the 2025-2026 Board of Directors are now open. This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to our organization's future and continue driving our mission forward. I encourage all eligible members to consider nominating themselves or others who are passionate about our cause.

Additionally, I invite you to join us for the FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast on August 16, 2024, at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, FL. This event is a wonderful chance to connect and engage with one another, fostering the relationships that make our association strong.

Please register today and share this exciting event with your friends and colleagues!

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and dedication. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Breakfast and witnessing the continued growth and success of FBC-LEO.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. West". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President Morris West

Commissioner, City of Haines City

**2024 FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast**



**August 16, 2024 - 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.**

**The Diplomat Beach Resort**

**3555 S. Ocean Dr.**

**Hollywood, FL 33019**

Register today for the **FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast!** This year we are proud to be hosting special guest speaker **Meredith Lilly, Senior Advisor to U.S. Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock (D-GA).**

(This breakfast will be held in conjunction with Florida League of Cities' Annual

Conference.)

Registration Cost:

Member - \$50.00 per person

Non-Member - \$60.00 per person

**The deadline to register for the meeting is Friday, August 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

[Click Here to Register](#)

**2024 FBC-LEO Booth at the FLC Annual Conference**



**Volunteers Needed!**

Join us at the 2024 Florida League of Cities Annual Conference where FBC-LEO will be hosting a booth in the exhibit hall at the **Diplomat Beach Resort Hollywood, 3555 S. Ocean Drive, Hollywood, FL 33019.**

**We're calling all members to volunteer at the booth and engage with conference attendees on August 15-16, 2024.**

This booth aims to enhance FBC-LEO's visibility and provide valuable information about our association.

**To volunteer, please sign up no later than August 9, 2024, using the link below.**

[Volunteer Sign-up Here](#)

If you have questions about time slots or duties, please contact Caressa Andrews-Moye at (850) 701-3621 or [candrewsmoye@flcities.com](mailto:candrewsmoye@flcities.com).

**Now Accepting Nominations for the 2025-2026 FBC-LEO**

**Board of Directors**



As an FBC-LEO member, serving on the Board of Directors is an opportunity to develop strategic plans and make a lasting impact on your association. FBC-LEO can benefit from your ideas and perspective.

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 for two years. All other positions will serve for one year.

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 in February 2025.

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.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us at [fbcleo@flcities.com](mailto:fbcleo@flcities.com).



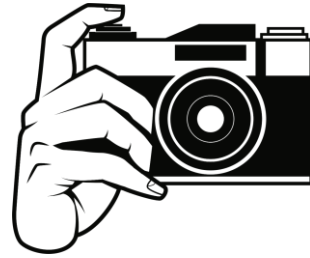
**The submittal deadline is 09/30/2024.**

Thank you for your nomination

[Submit Nomination](#)

### Online FBC-LEO Directory

In October, FBC-LEO will release its 2024-2025 online membership directory. Being placed in your organization's online membership directory is an important membership benefit, which allows members to connect and network easily.



If you would like to update your photo or have not yet submitted it, please send it to [fbcleo@flcities.com](mailto:fbcleo@flcities.com) by Friday, August 23rd.

### 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.

- Mayor Omar Arroyo, City of Haines City
- Commissioner Kim Downing, City of Haines City
- Commissioner Vernestine Williams-Palmer, Village of Indiantown

### **FBC-LEO Apparel Available Online**



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**Purchase your shirt now to wear at the 2025 FBC-LEO Annual Conference in February!**

There are many colors and styles for you to choose from. Short-sleeve and long-sleeve shirts are available.

**Click the "View Shirts" button below to view available options and to place your order.**

If you are paying with a city/town/village credit card and need the sales tax turned off, please call Full Press Apparel before placing your shirt order. The phone number for Full Press Apparel is (850) 222-1003.

**FBC-LEO Apparel is now available for online ordering until November 29, 2024.**

[View Shirts and Pricing](#)

### FLC Legislative Policy Committees Sign-Up



Sign Up to Serve on FLC Legislative Policy Committees

Are you interested in serving on a Florida League of Cities (FLC) legislative policy committee?

Now is your opportunity! Sign up is now open to serve on a 2024-2025 committee. The FLC legislative policy committees help set the League's legislative platform. The Committees include:

- Finance and Taxation Committee
- Development, Code Compliance, and Redevelopment Committee
- Municipal Operations Committee
- Intergovernmental Relations, Mobility, and Emergency Management Committee
- Utilities, Natural Resources, and Public Works Committee

**If you want to serve on a committee, sign up by August 19.** If you served on a policy committee this past year, you still need to sign up again.



From Our Partners

# FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES



The Florida League of Cities 2024 Annual Conference will be held August 15-17 at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood.

The conference is an opportunity for municipal officials and senior staff to enhance leadership skills, learn from municipal experts, share ideas with peers, discuss strategies for Florida's future and discover the latest products and services for municipal governments.

This year's conference will include breakout sessions, committee meetings, keynote presentations, awards and more. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, network and share.

Registration is now open! [Register Online](#)

Paid registration is required to receive housing information, so sign up early! The hotel reservation deadline is July 12, and the conference registration deadline is August 2. Click [here](#) to view the full announcement with additional details.

Be sure to join us on August 7 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. for the Know Before You Go webinar! [Register Now](#)

Sponsor and exhibitor information for the 2024 Annual Conference is now available.

Click [here](#) to download the 2024 FLC Annual Conference Exhibitor Kit.

**SAVE THE DATE**

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

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

5:00 p.m. ET via Zoom

[Register Here](#)

**General Membership Meeting**

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

6:00 p.m. ET via Zoom

[Register Here](#)

**FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast**

**Registration Now Open!**

Friday, August 16, 2024

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Cities Annual Conference

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