

**RESILIENT 305 BOOTCAMP – INAUGURAL EVENT
PORT MIAMI TERMINAL E, TUES. 02.18.20, 8:30 a.m.**

GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.

I AM GLAD TO SEE SO MANY MAYORS, CITY MANAGERS AND MUNICIPAL STAFF HERE AT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S FIRST "RESILIENT 305 BOOTCAMP."

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY MAYOR GREG FISCHER. HE WILL BE SHARING INSIGHTS FROM HIS CITY LATER THIS MORNING.

AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION'S MANAGING DIRECTOR OTIS ROLLEY. WE APPRECIATE THE CONTINUING SUPPORT HE AND HIS ORGANIZATION HAVE GIVEN TO OUR COMMUNITY.

TODAY'S BOOTCAMP WAS MADE POSSIBLE WITH BACKING FROM THE MIAMI FOUNDATION AND THE J-P MORGAN CHASE FOUNDATION. SO, WE APPRECIATE THEIR COMMITMENT TO OUR WORK.

AS MANY OF YOU ALREADY KNOW, DURING MY FIRST TERM AS MAYOR, WE CREATED THE NATION'S FIRST COUNTYWIDE OFFICE OF RESILIENCE.

UNDER JIM MURLEY'S LEADERSHIP, THAT OFFICE WORKS WITH ALL 25 DEPARTMENTS IN OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE.

THIS MORNING, WE WILL LEARN ABOUT NEW WAYS TO WORK TOGETHER ON OUR SHARED MISSION OF RESILIENCE.

OUR TEAMWORK MOVING FORWARD WILL ENSURE THAT MIAMI-DADE AND ALL ITS CITIES CONTINUE TO THRIVE DESPITE THE THREAT OF SEA-LEVEL RISE.

WE MUST HAVE A STRONG ECONOMY TO GIVE US THE MONEY WE NEED TO MEET FUTURE CHALLENGES HEAD-ON. SO, WE HAVE FOCUSED ON BUILDING UP OUR ECONOMY DURING MY TENURE AS MAYOR.

NEW JOBS, NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN HELPING US ADAPT TO OUR CHANGING WORLD.

AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, WE PUT OUR RESOURCES WHERE WE CAN GET THE BIGGEST BANG FOR THE BUCK.

THIS YEAR, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS INVESTING \$466 MILLION OF ITS OPERATING BUDGET ON RESILIENCE EFFORTS.

THIS WILL HELP US OVERCOME THE LONG-TERM STRESS OF SEA LEVEL RISE, AS WELL AS SHORT-TERM SHOCKS, LIKE THE HURRICANES THAT INEVITABLY HIT OUR REGION.

WE ALSO HAVE CLOSE TO \$3.2 BILLION DEDICATED TO OUR COUNTY'S LONG-TERM "COMMUNITY RESILIENCE CAPITAL PLAN."

THIS IS A WHOLE NEW WAY OF LOOKING AT MIAMI-DADE'S BUDGET.

MIAMI-DADE IS ALSO THE FIRST COUNTY IN THE NATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION'S 100 RESILIENT CITIES PROGRAM.

WE PARTNERED WITH THE CITIES OF MIAMI AND MIAMI BEACH ON THIS COLLABORATION.

I WANT TO THANK MIAMI BEACH MAYOR DAN GELBER AND MIAMI MAYOR FRANCIS SUAREZ, AS WELL AS MIAMI BEACH CITY MANAGER JIMMY MORALES AND ALL OUR COMBINED STAFF FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS IMPORTANT INITIATIVE.

TOGETHER, WE LAUNCHED THE RESILIENT-305 STRATEGY LAST MAY. AND WE HAVE INVITED ALL 34 MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY TO JOIN US IN THIS WORK.

MANY OF YOU HAVE ALREADY PLEDGED YOUR CITY'S SUPPORT, AND WE HOPE TO SOON HAVE EVERY MUNICIPALITY IN THE "305" ON BOARD.

WE ALSO ARE COLLABORATING WITH MONROE, BROWARD AND PALM BEACH COUNTIES ON RESILIENCY.

COLLABORATION WILL BE THE KEY TO OUR ABILITY TO THRIVE IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

WE HAVE NOW BECOME A PROUD COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE ADRIENNE ARSHT – ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION RESILIENCE CENTER.

THE RESILIENT-305 STRATEGY IS NOT JUST A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. MANY OF YOU ARE ALREADY WORKING ON ITS 59 ACTION ITEMS.

BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN TACKLE THE CHALLENGES POSED BY OUR CHANGING ENVIRONMENT.

THIS YEAR, WE BEGAN A “COUNTYWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN” TO BRING COUNTY BUILDINGS UP TO CODE.

THIS PLAN WILL HELP US FLOOD-PROOF OUR REGION. IT WILL ALSO IMPROVE ENERGY USE, HEIGHTEN SECURITY, AND ACHIEVE OTHER RESILIENCE GOALS NOW AND FAR INTO OUR FUTURE.

TO HELP US MAKE SMART DECISIONS, MIAMI-DADE IS CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTING THE FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND “RESILIENCE SCORECARD.”

THIS SCORECARD WILL HELP ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TRACK THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY’S FUTURE. THAT WAY, WE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE PROGRESS WE ARE MAKING.

WE HAVE LAUNCHED MANY INNOVATIONS IN RECENT MONTHS.

JUST THREE WEEKS AGO, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT UNVEILED A NEW FLOATING SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATION ON “BLUE LAGOON.” THAT IS THE LAKE RIGHT NEXT TO MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE 400 PANELS THERE NOW MAKE UP THE LARGEST FLOATING SOLAR ARRAY IN THE SOUTH-EASTERN UNITED STATES.

AND THOSE PANELS ARE HELPING US POWER OUR AIRPORT.

OUR FLOATING SOLAR STATION SENDS A MESSAGE LOUD AND CLEAR TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.

IT TELLS EVERYONE THAT WE ARE ONE OF THE MOST RESILIENT COMMUNITIES ON THE PLANET.

IN FACT, FPL ALSO PARTNERED WITH THE COUNTY LAST YEAR ON A SOLAR ENERGY CENTER WITH 300,000 PANELS IN SOUTH DADE.

WE HAVE LOTS OF SOLUTIONS THAT ARE ALREADY UP AND RUNNING.

ONE OF OUR MOST CREATIVE HIGH-TECH TOOLS FOR REDUCING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT IS THE “VELOCIA” MOBILITY APP LAUNCHED IN DECEMBER.

THAT APP OFFERS REWARDS FOR SMART TRANSIT DECISIONS THAT HELP PEOPLE BREAK THE HABIT OF TRAVELING ALONE IN THEIR CARS.

IN ADDITION, OUR CARPOOLING PARTNERSHIP WITH WAZE HAS HELPED REDUCE GRIDLOCK AND CUT OUR CONSUMPTION OF FOSSIL FUELS.

ALL OF THESE SOLUTIONS ARE STARTING TO ADD UP TO BIG GAINS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

OUR “CAN DO” ATTITUDE GIVES INVESTORS CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE AND RISING SEAS HEAD ON.

WE ALSO HAVE A VERY CLEAR VISION OF THE TYPES OF DEVELOPMENT THAT WE WANT TO SEE MOVING FORWARD.

THE COUNTY HAS A “BUILDING EFFICIENCY 305” PLAN. THIS IS PART OF THE NATIONAL “CITY ENERGY PROJECT INITIATIVE.”

IT HELPS US MAKE WISE USE OF WATER AND ENERGY IN LARGE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUILDINGS IN ALL OUR MUNICIPALITIES.

WE ARE ALSO ENCOURAGING “TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENTS.”

THEY ARE DESIGNED TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR CARS. HOUSING IS BUILT RIGHT NEXT TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, SHOPPING AND ENTERTAINMENT.

ON THE PUBLIC TRANSIT FRONT, WE WILL BE BRINGING OUR FIRST FLEET OF ELECTRIC BUSES ONLINE IN THE FALL.

OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF INCLUDING MANY OF THESE RESILIENCE PRINCIPLES IN MIAMI-DADE’S “COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN.”

AND THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE RESILIENCE CONCEPTS THAT ARE EASY FOR OUR RESIDENTS, VISITORS AND INVESTORS TO SEE.

BEHIND THE SCENES, THERE IS LOTS MORE GOING ON.

FOR EXAMPLE, FOR MORE THAN A YEAR NOW, WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO STUDY STORM SURGE IN OUR “BACK BAY” REGION.

MIAMI BEACH HAS AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT STUDY UNDERWAY THAT IS LOOKING AT “COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT.”

THE SPEAKERS LINED UP THIS MORNING WILL OFFER DETAILS ON OTHER STUDIES AND PROJECTS.

AND YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE LATER TO SHARE NEWS OF THE SPECIFIC CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN YOUR OWN CITIES.

SINCE THIS IS OUR FIRST BOOT CAMP, I WANT TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF STAYING CONNECTED IN THIS WORK.

RIISING SEAS DO NOT AFFECT JUST ONE COMMUNITY. AND THERE IS NOT ONE SIMPLE SOLUTION TO CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD.

SO, WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT SMART WAYS TO WORK TOGETHER AND GET THE WORD OUT THAT WE ARE BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES.

THE IMPACT OF OUR COMBINED EFFORTS WILL FAR OUTWEIGH ANYTHING WE COULD HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH ALONE.

WE WANT TO LEAVE SOUTH FLORIDA STRONGER AND MORE RESILIENT FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN AND FOR ALL THE NEW RESIDENTS WE EXPECT WILL KEEP COMING.

THIS BUSTLING PORT AND OUR BEAUTIFUL BAY ARE HERE AS A REMINDER OF WHAT WE CAN ACHIEVE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS BY WORKING TOGETHER.

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THANK YOU. MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.

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