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Florida League of Cities Elects New Officers for 2019-2020

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Bay Harbor Islands Council Member Isaac Salver was elected president of the Florida League of Cities on Saturday during the association's 93rd annual conference in Orlando. Salver was elected by membership and will serve a one-year term.

During his inaugural address, Salver announced his presidential priority for the coming year.

"My initiative can be summed up in one phrase: 'From Readers to Leaders,'" said Salver. "I'm working with the League to create civic education resources and a children's book that will teach our young people about the importance of the cities they live in and the key role that municipal government has in shaping their lives. Our goal is to ultimately create a generation of people who are more aware of the importance of local government and its positive impact on their quality of life."

Civic education is part of the League's mission. By creating Florida city-specific resources and a children's book, the League will help young children learn about municipalities in a current and compelling way. Once the book is published, elected officials will be given a copy of the book to take into their local schools and read to children in pre-K through second grade.

Salver will join an impressive list of Florida leaders serving as officers with the Florida League of Cities for the 2019-20 term including:

- Florida League of Cities 1st Vice President: **Antonio "Tony" Ortiz, commissioner, City of Orlando**
- Florida League of Cities 2nd Vice President: **Randall Henderson, mayor, City of Fort Myers**

Salver has been an active Home Rule advocate and dedicated public servant for 20 years. He was first elected to the Bay Harbor Islands Town Council in 1999. Since then, he has served on the council in several capacities, including two terms as mayor and one as vice mayor. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the Florida League of Cities, is a past president of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities and sits on numerous local boards including The Children's Trust.

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Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida's cities. Florida's cities are formed by their citizens and governed by their citizens. The League is founded on the belief that local self-government is the keystone of American democracy. For more information, visit floridaleagueofcities.com.