

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
**International Affairs Coordinating Council (IACC)**  
**Sister Cities Committee**

**Workshop Zoom Meeting of January 11, 2021**

**ONLINE PARTICIPATION**

<b>Members:</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Commissioners</b>
<b>Lourdes Cuzán</b>	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Mayor Raúl Valdés-Fauli
<b>Claudio Pastor</b>	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Vice Mayor Vince Lago
<b>Alma Kadragic</b>	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Comm. Patricia Keon
<b>Vacant</b>	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Comm. Jorge L. Fors, Jr.
<b>Volker Anding</b>	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Comm. Michael Mena
<b>Alejandra Collarte</b>	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Peter Iglesias, City Manager
<b>Rafael Gavarrete</b>	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Council-at-Large Appointment

**SUMMARY:**

Chairperson, Ms. Lourdes Cuzán called the “Workshop” meeting via zoom to order at 3:05 p.m. A quorum was not achieved due to lack of physical presence. Additionally, no decisions were made during this workshop; however, discussions took place:

- Mayor Valdés-Fauli welcomed guests in attendance from the Consulate General of Mexico in Miami. Self-introductions were made.
- Mr. Volker Anding inquired about the Mexican Consulate General’s vaccine distribution initiative. Ms. Núñez Bachmann explained that the Consulate has been collaborating with Miami-Dade County and the Ventanilla de Salud within the Mexican Consulate in order to provide members of the general public with COVID-19 vaccinations twice per month. Mr. Claudio Pastor thanked the representatives for the work the Consulate is undertaking for the community.
- Mr. Anding reported on his email exchange conversation with his counterpart. No further updates available.
- Mayor Valdés-Fauli stated that he will be following up with Venice, Italy. Updates will be provided once it is available.
- Ms. Cuzán informed the members of her email and phone call exchange with Seville, Spain. Initiatives are still on standby.
- Ms. Leticia Perez reported on the Economic Development Department ongoing initiative with the Consulate Generals and multi-national corporations in Coral Gables.
- Mr. Anding reported on a meeting held by the Global Affairs Business Committee of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce (CGCC) where the success of the “Flags on Ponce” program was addressed. Chairperson for the committee, Deirdre Nero, reiterated on the success of the program.

- Ms. Cuzán reminded the members of the pending collaboration between the IACC committee and the Miami-Dade Sister Cities program. A report will be provided during the next IACC meeting.

**GUESTS:**

**Raúl Valdés-Fauli**, Mayor of the City of Coral Gables

**Leticia Perez**, Coral Gables Economic Development Department

**Deirdre Nero**, Vice Chair, Global Affairs Business Committee, Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce

**CONSULATE GENERAL OF MEXICO IN MIAMI**

**María del Socorro Córdova Hurtado**, Minister of Political, Press and Media Affairs

**Alexia Núñez Bachmann**, Consul of Economic-Commercial and Promotional Affairs

**Adriana Torres Sánchez**, Director of the Cultural Institute in Miami (Cultural and Educational)

**Araceli Elizabeth Grave Aguilar**, Technical-Scientific Cooperation, Educational and Support for Cultural Affairs Department

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Respectfully submitted,  
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