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Welcome

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
2019 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

On behalf of the City of Fort Lauderdale, I am honored to welcome you to the International Economic Development Council's 2019 Leadership Summit.

We are thrilled to host the premier worldwide organization for economic development here in the "Venice of America." I hope you have a chance to enjoy the many entertainment, dining, shopping and recreational options our City and the surrounding areas have to offer.

Our City's "Main Street" is named Las Olas Boulevard, which means the waves in Spanish, so it's fitting that the conference theme is "Waves of Change." In a community like ours and many throughout Florida, we have embraced change by celebrating our rich diversity, fighting for inclusiveness and navigating new political and social landscapes. This has helped us stay ahead of the curve in many ways. Embracing change relates closely to the important work of economic development leaders like yourselves. We also believe in the power of collaboration between the many public and private entities that drive our City forward, working together for the greater good.

Fort Lauderdale is a highly desirable, global, innovative and entrepreneurial, business-friendly community where talent of all ages and backgrounds come to realize their potential.

Thank you for all you do to strengthen and diversify your local economies. Enjoy your time in Fort Lauderdale!

Sincerely,

Dean Trantalis
Mayor, City of Fort Lauderdale