

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

RICK KRISEMAN, MAYOR

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International Economic Development Council 734 - 15th Street N.W. Suite 900 Washington, DC 20005

Dear IEDC Members and Colleagues:

On behalf of the City of St. Petersburg, I am pleased to welcome the International Economic Development Council's 2020 Leadership Summit to the Sunshine City!

Our vision for St. Pete has always been to be a city of opportunity where the sun shines on all who come to live, work and play. In the last decade, St. Pete has hit its stride. It's been nationally recognized for its quality of life, attractive talent pool and surge of opportunity. But there is still work to be done to ensure we, as we like to say in the 'burg, 'grow smart.'

We can't wait to have you all here next year. St. Pete's downtown brings together a beautiful, active waterfront park system with an exciting urban experience; museums and mural-adorned walls, award-winning restaurants, historic neighborhoods and commercial main streets, professional sports and diverse architecture. I invite you to enjoy and explore it all!

Look forward to seeing you in February.

Sincerely,

Rick Kriseman

Mayor