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Date: March 28, 2014

To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa,  
and Members of the Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

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Subject: Mayoral Appointment  
Director – PortMiami

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under the provisions of Section 2.02-C of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, effective April 1, 2014, I hereby appoint Juan Kuryla to the position of Director of PortMiami.

Mr. Kuryla began his career with Miami-Dade County in 1987 and has held positions in a number of departments, including Parks and Recreation, Finance and Public Works before being promoted to Assistant Administrator in the County Manager's Office in 1996.

In 1998, he went to the Port of Miami as Assistant to the Port Director, where he oversaw the Department's local, state and federal legislative agenda. From 2001 to 2007, Mr. Kuryla was Assistant Port Director for Intergovernmental Affairs and Assistant Port Director for Intergovernmental Affairs and Promotions.

Subsequently, Mr. Kuryla was promoted to Assistant Port Director for Maritime Services. In this capacity, he served as co-lead negotiator for the Port on all long term agreements executed with cruise and cargo customers, and oversaw Port operations, facilities management, berthing, and property management, in addition to the customer service, business development, public information and media relations. In 2009, Mr. Kuryla was promoted to Deputy Port Director and is responsible for directly overseeing the Port's five assistant Port directors. Mr. Kuryla is a nationally recognized leader in his field and, just last April, after a national search, was offered the position of Chief Executive Officer for the Jacksonville Port Authority by an unprecedented unanimous vote. In May 2013, Mr. Kuryla was named Seaport Director Designee, where he continued with Deputy Port Director responsibilities.

Mr. Kuryla holds a Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Business Administration from Florida International University. In 2010, Mr. Kuryla obtained his Professional Port Manager PPM® degree from the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA).

Attached for your information is Mr. Kuryla's resume.

## Attachments

c: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk of the Courts  
R. A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney  
Office of the Mayor Senior Staff  
Department Directors

**Juan Kuryla**

**EDUCATION:**

M.B.A. Florida International University, Miami, Florida  
August 1990 – August 1994  
B.B.A. Florida International University, Miami, Florida  
August 1987 – May 1989  
A.A. Miami Dade Community College, Miami, Florida  
August 1985 – May 1987

PPM® - Professional Port Manager Degree  
American Association of Port Authorities

Certificate of Completion – Driving Government Performance for Miami-Dade County Executives  
Harvard University – John F. Kennedy School of Government

**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

1998 – Present  
Miami Dade County, Seaport Department (Port of Miami/Port)

**Seaport Director Designee**

May 2013 - Present

**Deputy Port Director**

April 2009 – May 2013

- Responsible for day to day management and operations of the Port of Miami; overseeing the Port's four assistant port directors in charge of Finance and Administration, Capital Development and Information Technology, Safety and Security and Business Initiatives; and directly overseeing the Port's Cruise/Cargo Operations, Facilities Management, Human Resources, Intergovernmental Affairs, Public Affairs and Media Relations functions as well as continuing to serve as lead negotiator on all long/short term business deals with cruise and cargo customers

**Assistant Port Director for Maritime Services**

February 2007 - April 2009

- Oversaw Port operations, facilities management, berthing, marketing, property management, business development, public affairs and media relations
- Served as lead negotiator for the Port on all long term agreements with cruise and cargo customers -- doubling the Port's guaranteed annual revenues

**Assistant Port Director for Intergovernmental Affairs and Promotions**

October 2002 – February 2007

- Developed the Port's promotional, business development, public information and media relations programs
- Supervised the Port's Permits, Contracts Management and Cargo Operations sections
- Oversaw the Seaport Department's local, state and federal legislative agenda

**Assistant Port Director for Intergovernmental Affairs**

February 2001 – October 2002

- Prepared the Seaport Department's local, state and federal legislative agenda
- Represented the Port in various community organizations, chambers of commerce and industry associations

#### **Assistant to the Port Director**

May 1998 – February 2001

- Prepared and oversaw the Seaport Department's local, state and federal legislative agenda
- Assisted Port Director in coordination of interdivisional activities and special projects

March 1996 – May 1998

Miami Dade County, County Manager's Office

#### **Assistant Administrator/Assistant to the County Manager**

March 1996 – May 1998

- Assisted in the oversight of several County departments' activities related to their reporting to the County Manager. Departments included Solid Waste; Planning, Development and Regulation; Park and Recreation; Libraries; Water and Sewer; Port of Miami; Cultural Affairs; Elections; Public Works; Transit; and the Metropolitan Planning Organization

Miami Dade County, Public Works Department

May 1995 – March 1996

#### **Section Head**

May 1995 – March 1996

- Prepared and managed the Road, Bridge and Canal Maintenance Division's operating and capital budgets
- Supervised the Division's purchasing, asset management and inventory control functions

Miami Dade County, Finance Department

December 1993 – May 1995

#### **Administrative Officer III – Tourist Development Council Coordinator**

December 1993 – May 1995

- Organized and implemented the goals and objectives of the Tourist Development Council (TDC)
- Implemented the Tourist Development Grant Program which included reviewing grant applications and corresponding funding recommendations for tourism development related events
- Coordinated activities with the County Manager's Office, County Attorney's Office, Communications Department, Audit and Management Services Department and Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Prepared monthly, quarterly and annual grant award budget summary

Miami Dade County, Parks & Recreation Department

December 1989 – December 1993

#### **Park & Recreation Manager IV**

September 1993 – December 1993

- Supervised the day to day administration, operation, and maintenance of Crandon Park, Crandon Marina, and the Crandon Park Tennis Center
- Prepared and forecasted budgets for these facilities
- Reviewed and monitored professional service agreements and permits to conduct business on County

- property with several agencies/groups
- Coordinated logistical support for several major special and sporting events

**Park & Recreation Manager II**

September 1992 -- September 1993

- Coordinated the day to day administration, operation, and maintenance of Crandon Park and the Crandon Park Tennis Center
- Prepared and forecasted budgets for these facilities
- Reviewed and monitored professional service agreements and permits to conduct business on County property with several agencies/groups
- Coordinated logistical support for several major special and sporting events

**Park & Recreation Manager I --**

December 1989 --September 1992

- Supervised collection of all of the Crandon Park District's revenues and preparation of related paperwork for daily deposits
- Supervised the maintenance of athletic fields at Crandon Park
- Coordinated the procurement of goods and services needed by the District