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## **Town of Surfside and City of Hialeah Forge New Sister City Partnership**

***The Two Communities are Holding a Sister City Signing Ceremony on Wednesday, Feb. 14***

**SURFSIDE, Fla.** — The Town of Surfside and the City of Hialeah are broadening their horizons and entering into a new partnership. The two municipalities will hold a Sister City Signing Ceremony on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 11:15 a.m. at the Hialeah Council Chambers, 501 Palm Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. Surfside's Mayor Shlomo Danzinger will join Hialeah Mayor Esteban Bovo Jr. for the occasion.

Located about a half hour's drive from each other, the two cities share a mutual desire to experience the unique cultures that make up their diverse tapestry of residents. In recent years, both municipalities have made dedicated efforts to increase community offerings including events focused on leisure, educational programs, and the environment.

*"Municipal partnerships like this are emblematic of our commitment to fostering strong relationships and building bridges across cities. The Sister City agreement with Hialeah, whose residents embody community pride and a shared dedication to cultural exchange, community enhancement, and public safety collaboration, will not only enhance the quality of life for our residents but also serve as a beacon of unity and cooperation between two distinct yet thriving communities within Miami-Dade County. We look forward to the positive impact this partnership will have on both Surfside and Hialeah residents alike,"* said Surfside Mayor Shlomo Danzinger.

The Sister City partnership will also carry a Mutual-Aid Agreement with the Hialeah Police Department that will include staff support and shared training resources. The Hialeah Police Department is one of the largest in Miami-Dade County. Equipment donations for schools and Town-sponsored educational field trips are also part of the package.

Recent meetings between Mayor Danzinger and Mayor Bovo Jr. helped create momentum for the Sister City relationship. In January, Mayor Danzinger and Surfside staff joined Mayor Bovo Jr. and his team at Hialeah Elementary School for a special Three-Kings-Day celebration that included classroom activities and gift donations and brought holiday cheer to all in attendance.

In addition to the Feb. 14 Ceremony at Hialeah Council Chambers, the Town is creating a mini-Flamingo Park near Biscayne Bay to highlight the unique partnership that will be unveiled in the coming weeks. The Park will house two distinct sculptures representing the two communities – a colorful sea turtle for the Town of Surfside and a flamingo from the City of Hialeah.

With more than 224,000 residents, the vibrant City of Hialeah is the sixth largest municipality in the State of Florida. The City is also one of the oldest in Miami-Dade County, incorporated in 1925 with a proud

history of diversity and inclusion – more than 94 percent of the City’s residents are Hispanic and primarily of Cuban descent.

By contrast, the Town of Surfside is one of the smallest in the region, made up of just one square mile. Surfside is also one of the county’s older municipalities, having been established in 1935 by members of The Surf Club. Today, the Town is home to approximately 6,000 residents from a variety of backgrounds, including a sizeable number of Jewish and Hispanic residents (among many others.)

Please refer to the next page for the Feb. 14 Ceremony flyer.

**ABOUT THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE:**

Surfside is a quaint oceanfront community between the City of Miami Beach to the South and the Village of Bal Harbour to the North. Incorporated in 1935, Surfside is home to nearly 6,000 residents and features a tranquil and charming residential neighborhood, multi-family condominium and apartment buildings, and a traditional, walkable business district. Surfside is also a premier travel destination, offering a wide range of upscale resorts and spas, award-winning restaurants, boutique shopping, and leisure activities for visitors year-round. For more information, visit [www.townofsurfsidefl.gov](http://www.townofsurfsidefl.gov) or follow Surfside on social media at [@surfsideflorida](https://www.instagram.com/surfsideflorida) and [@visitsurfside](https://www.instagram.com/visitsurfside).

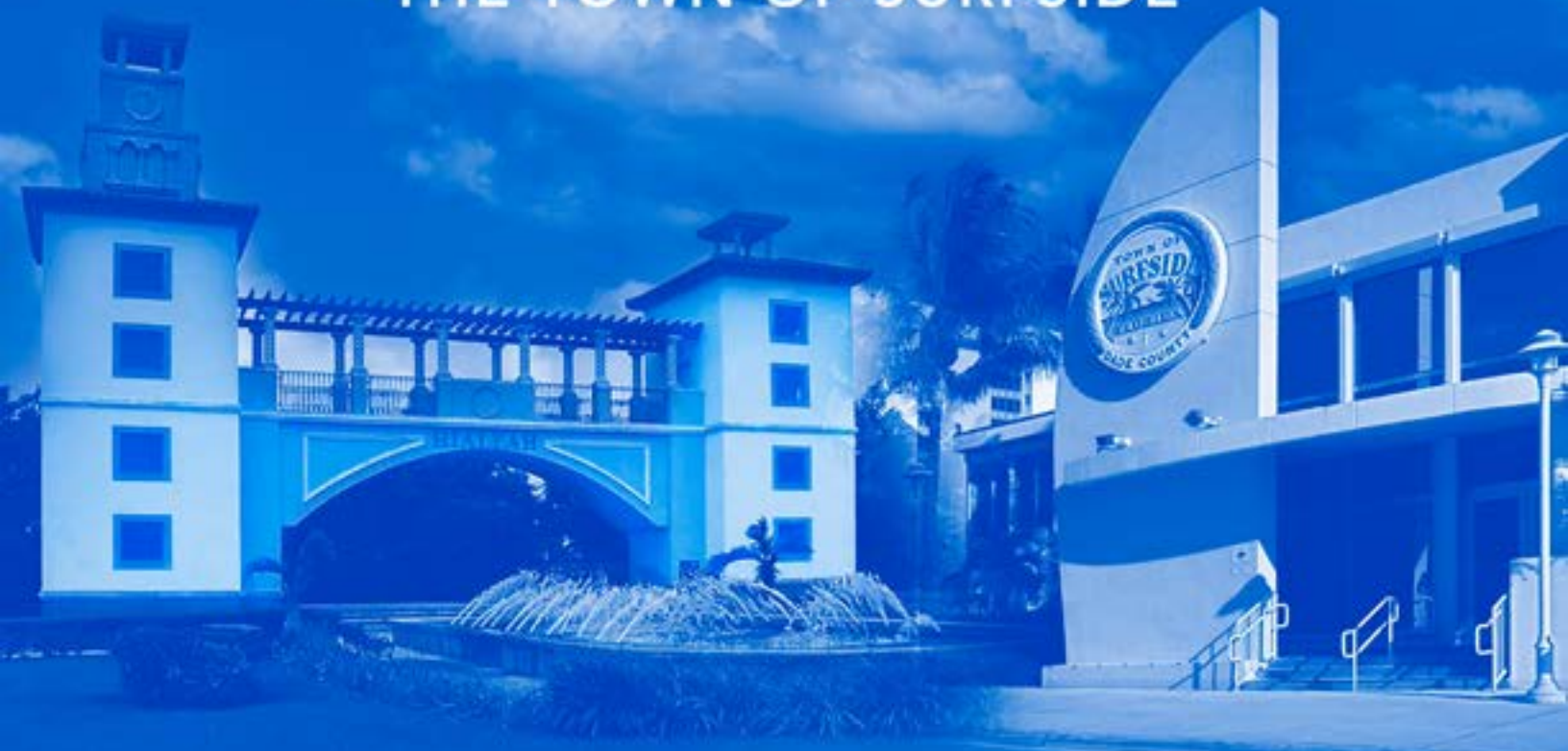
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**MAYOR ESTEBAN BOVO, JR., MAYOR SHLOMO DANZINGER,  
THE HIALEAH CITY COUNCIL AND THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE COMMISSION CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE**

# **SISTER CITY SIGNING CEREMONY**

**BETWEEN THE CITY OF HIALEAH AND  
THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE**



**WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 14, 2024  
11:15 AM**

**HIALEAH COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
501 PALM AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR, HIALEAH, FL 33010**

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