


Memorandum



Date: December 22, 2021

To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Announcement Regarding the Director of the Seaport

Our Port Director and CEO Juan M. Kuryla, a 33-year loyal and dedicated Miami-Dade County professional, has accepted a new position with a leading cruise line. Juan has been an outstanding port leader and the County has benefited tremendously from his hard work and dedication to growing PortMiami – a vital economic engine that supports more than \$43 billion in economic impact and over 330,000 jobs. Juan helped navigate the port through the unprecedented challenges of the last two years, growing cargo trade to historic new levels and working hand-in-hand with our industry partners to usher back the safe return of passenger cruising. We are so grateful for his contributions and wish him much success in his new endeavor. His last day with the County will be January 16, 2022.

I am proud to announce that I’m appointing Deputy Port Director Hydi Webb as Interim Director of PortMiami, effective January 17, 2022, while we conduct a search for a new Port Director. Hydi is a maritime industry expert and 28-year veteran of Miami-Dade County. She began at PortMiami as a college intern, and throughout her long career at the Port, she has held several key executive positions and her work has helped solidify Miami as the Cruise Capital of the World and one of the leading container ports in the nation. Her experience ranges from strategic oversight of cruise and cargo business development, including the negotiations of long-term agreements, client relations, marketing and communications, external affairs, and operations.

I am confident in Hydi’s leadership, and know she will continue Juan’s great work and legacy building and growing PortMiami with the support of the team and key stakeholders. Please join me in thanking our outgoing PortMiami Director for his many years of service to this community and wishing him all the best in his new role, as we congratulate Hydi on her interim appointment.

c: Office of the Mayor Senior Staff
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