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IMPACT

CONFERENCE 2017



HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED...

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's **IMPACT Conference | 2017** was a success! Hundreds gathered at the DoubleTree by Hilton Miami Airport & Convention Center to make an **IMPACT** and focus on moving our community forward.

We welcomed our new Chamber Chairman, Gene Schaefer, Miami Market President of Bank of America, who shared his vision for South Florida and kicked off a new Chamber Year by unveiling the 2017-2018 Goals Florida and introducing our new leadership.

GENERAL SESSION



PANEL HIGHLIGHTS

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TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

It was a candid conversation on where South Florida stands as a transportation hub and addressed where the region should focus its priorities for funding.

POINT OF IMPACT

"Miami, and South Florida as a whole, must think and speak more as a region in order to get the attention (and money) from the feds."



TRADES AND GOODS

Panelists discussed how recent executive orders and the changing political landscape are impacting trade and global business

POINT OF IMPACT

"We need robust immigration policies that do not limit trade into

Miami" -- G. Lee Sandler, Founder of Sandler Travis & Rosenberg

SOUTH FLORIDA HOUSING SOLUTIONS

The conversation on housing accessibility and affordability for the community's workforce noted how affordability is a function of all three factors: adequate/affordable transportation, income equality and housing cost.

POINT OF IMPACT

"We need "going-to-the-moon" type leadership that envisions creative solutions to solve the seemingly impossible housing problems" - Former City of Miami Mayor Manny Diaz



MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN FLORIDA

The related business opportunities that come from Medical Marijuana in Florida, as well as workplace human resource considerations, impacts to the healthcare industry, and legal implications were discussed.

POINT OF IMPACT

"The law enforcement community is well prepared to deal with medical marijuana, though clarity and additional resources are needed in order to identify and confirm those who may legally possess marijuana.



SMART CITIES, INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

How is big data being used to deal with unforeseen disruptions and threats? Panelists discussed where South Florida stands versus other major metropolitan areas and how if that data were shared, it could lead to efficiencies and spark collaborations

POINT OF IMPACT

"Smart City efforts need to address problems/challenges for the community. Any effort should start with what it is aiming to address."



BUSINESS LEADERS ROUNDTABLE

Three of Miami's top business leaders: Lisa Lutoff Perlo of Celebrity Cruises, Kieran Bowers of Swire Properties, and Ralph Lopez of American Airlines sat down for a frank and in-depth discussion on the state-of-affairs in Miami, addressing what's working and what needs improvement in South Florida's business community.

POINT OF IMPACT

"Miami needs to change its image and tell its story better. We have to move the world's opinion of Miami from sun and beaches to being the nexus of trade and entrepreneurship, much like Hong Kong" - Kieran Bowers, CEO of Swire Properties.

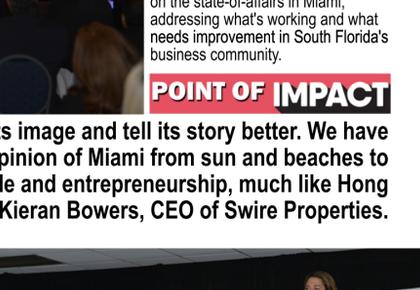


RESILIENT GREATER MIAMI & THE BEACHES

This interactive discussion focused on the interconnectivity of the issues facing our region and how our community plans to address unexpected stressors.

POINT OF IMPACT

"The cities that are best prepared to handle the inevitable are the cities that will be successful." -- GMCC Resilience Committee Chair George Burgess, Becker Poliakoff



CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP

Salute to Miami's Leaders



Honored leaders in South Florida that enable Miami to be a stronger, more vibrant community.

Leadership Miami Graduation



LM participants celebrated their impactful and extraordinary accomplishments this year.

M. Athalie Range & Henry Flagler Awards



The Chamber honored T. Willard Fair and Lydia Muniz for their pioneering vision and community leadership.

South Florida Good to Great Awards



Applauding businesses throughout the region that have achieved greatness in their mission and established themselves as industry leaders.

MOJITOS, MARTINIS AND MORE



The celebration continued into the night with our Mojitos, Martinis, and More reception!

Thank you for attending!