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CEOs' wishlist for the 2 new mayors

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Two major cities in Miami-Dade have new mayors: Miami Beach and Miami. What issues would you like to see Mayors Dan Gelber and Francis Suarez address this year?

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Count me as deeply excited about the leadership in both Miami and Miami Beach. Beyond any one issue, I am hopeful that both Mayors Gelber and Suarez use their positions to begin to expand our

individual community's concerns about issues relevant to Greater Miami and all Miamians.

**Vance Aloupis, CEO,
The Children's Movement of Florida**



Resiliency and sustainability are two key issues all local leaders will need to place a larger emphasis on in the coming years. We need to work together to continue to help Miami grow as a gateway city and an attractive long-term destination for

both international and domestic visitors.

**Michael A. Comras, president,
The Comras Company of Florida**



I would like to see the new mayors address social mobility, equality, and job creation. South Florida is an incredible, thriving area, and we need to do more as a society to target our opportunities around these areas, so we become even

better in 2018.

Jose R. Costa, CEO, For Eyes



Mayor Gelber will need to address sea level rise, the commercialization of residential neighborhoods (AirBnB), and the ongoing problems of safety for tourists on Ocean Drive. Mayor Suarez will have to address the financial woes of the city, particularly in regards to the recent decision reversing the pay and pension cuts to the police and fire departments. Along with Mayor

Gelber, sea level rise had become a major issue for the City of Miami. Mayor Suarez is inheriting about \$400 million from a bond initiative to specifically address this.

Raymond Mobayed, owner, 4IT Inc.



For both cities: traffic, thoughtful development, infrastructure maintenance/development (i.e., roads, sewer systems, bridges, etc.), crime control/reduction, well-managed local government organizations.

Julie Neitzel, partner, WE Family Offices



Transportation, accessibility and resiliency should be key priorities for the new administrations. We need to give people a reason to get out of their cars and onto the street — and the best way to do this is by creating an environment that is clean,

safe and walkable. There are a number of projects already underway, such as the Underline, Baywalk-Riverwalk, and the Flagler Street revitalization effort that should help by activating the street via wider sidewalks and adding more green space, pedestrian and bike paths, and ground level retail. We also need to invest in real solutions that will improve our public transit infrastructure, because adding more highways and roadways is simply not sustainable. Additionally, we need to keep investing in our resiliency to protect against the effects of stronger storms and sea level rise. Miami-Dade County voters thankfully approved a general obligation bond this November that will allocate at least \$200 million to this effort. Now we need to translate those dollars into meaningful action.

**Kim Stone, general manager and EVP,
AmericanAirlines Arena**