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Manny Diaz

A force in local, state and national politics for nearly three decades, Manny Diaz was first elected Mayor of the City of Miami in 2001, having never before held elective office. He was reelected to a second term in 2005, and was chosen to lead the United States Conference of Mayors as its President in 2008.

Mayor Diaz developed a vision for Miami as an international City that embodies diversity, economic opportunity, effective customer service and a highly rated quality of life. To achieve this goal, he re-engineered Miami government from top to bottom.

During his two-term tenure, Manny was recognized for completely transforming the City of Miami and for many nationally recognized innovative programs in the areas of urban design, sustainability and green initiatives, education, infrastructure investment, affordable housing, law enforcement, poverty and homelessness, and arts and culture.

Manny has received nearly 100 awards and recognitions including America's Best Leaders by US News and World Report and The Center for Public Leadership (Kennedy School of Government); the Urban Innovator of the Year by the Manhattan Institute; University of Pennsylvania Institute for Urban Research-Annual Urban Leadership Award; Americans for the Arts-National Award for Local Arts Leadership; American Architectural Foundation Keystone Award; The American Institute of Architects Presidential Citation; the AIA (Miami Chapter) Governmental Leadership Award; The Congress for the New Urbanism- Groves Award; Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce Power Leader of the Year and Green Visionary Awards; the Government Award by Hispanic Magazine; the Business Leader of the Year Award by South Florida CEO Magazine; Poder Hispanic Magazine/Global Crisis Foundation Climate Award of the Year; and was named an Outstanding American by Choice by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service.

Manny is a member of the Homeland Security Advisory Council of the US Department of Homeland Security, and serves as Vice-Chair of the Town Square Neighborhood Development Corporation Board of Directors and Honorary Regional Chair of NewDEAL. He also serves as the Chair for Fair Districts Florida and is a member of the Board of the Bloomberg Family Foundation; the University of Pennsylvania's Institute for Urban Research; the Miami Foundation ... and also serves in leadership positions with many other organizations and foundations, including as a member of the USGBC South Florida Chapter's Advisory Council.

Manny recently served as a Resident Fellow at Harvard's Institute of Politics, and is the author of a best-selling book, *Miami Transformed: Rebuilding America One Neighborhood, One City at a Time*. He has resumed his successful corporate and real estate law practice as a senior partner at Lydecker Diaz in Miami.

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