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Dania Beach Welcomes New City Manager

The City of Dania Beach is pleased to welcome Ana M. Garcia, ICMA-CM as the new City Manager.

"We are excited to welcome our new City Manager, Ana Garcia, to Dania Beach." said Mayor Lori Lewellen. "She has the right combination of experience, vision and enthusiasm to help us move forward into the future. We look forward to great things happening with Ana as part of the Dania Beach family!"

Ms. Garcia is a visionary and innovative results-oriented leader. She encourages teamwork and a collaborative approach to achieving organizational excellence while promoting and achieving community prosperity. She has a passion for good government embodied in the personal philosophy of "Respect, Integrity, Service and Excellence."

"I believe Dania Beach is a City in transition, a City on the brink of greatness with its best years certainly on the horizon! The city also faces challenges and great opportunities due to growth and development. Challenges I have faced and dealt with successfully."

As City Manager of The City of North Miami Beach, a diverse city of approximately 45,000 residents, from 2013 to 2018, she stewarded a \$165 million budget and led a team of 500 employees in 10 departments.

She has served as Director of Community Services/Assistant Village Manager for a newly incorporated City of Palmetto Bay and served as Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of South Miami, an "All-America City."

Ms. Garcia was recently awarded the Kathryn E. Hensley Distinguished Public Service Practitioner Award by the American Society for Public Administration - SECoPA 2018, and was inducted this past May into the South Miami Senior High - Hall of Fame.

She has a B. S. in Parks & Recreation Management from Florida International University, is an ICMA Credentialed Professional Manager.

She has officially assumed office in Dania Beach on March 13th, 2019, the day after her swearing-in ceremony at the City's Commission Meeting.



“There are so many reasons why we chose Ana, why I chose Ana. I feel so sure that I made the right decision tonight.” said Vice Mayor Odman at the Swearing-in ceremony. “You were chosen for your commitment to integrity. You were chosen for your commitment to excellence and to constantly raise the bar on yourself and therefore others. I’m already filled with so much gratitude that you are here with us. Welcome home.”

