



Today we reaffirm and we renew our solemn pledge to build our city on a hill... to build the greatest city in America.

Throughout the years, the City of Miami had been known for many things, yet leadership and stability were never among them.

Opportunists played off our various communities, pitting us against each other and exploiting our differences for personal and political gain.

These divisions resulted in strife, and they kept us from fulfilling our true potential. We were known for being diverse, but not for being united.

Four years ago we came to change all of that. And we have done it. To borrow a line from our newest Commissioner, Michelle Spence-Jones, Miami has clearly chosen less talk and more results. That is what we are here to celebrate.

For those out there that may still disagree, let me say this... if you have nothing positive to add or say then don't stand in our way.

This is a time when the people of Miami have taken a collective and decisive step to separate themselves from the past and to fully embrace their future.

To look beyond demagoguery and empty rhetoric and to reach out for the truth. To reject negativity and to follow a positive vision of opportunity and hope for all.

For those of us honored to be public servants, we are humbled by the bond of trust we share with the people who chose us to guard their welfare, dreams and their aspirations.

The people of Miami have placed their trust in us because we come with a message of unity. A message that for our city to prosper, all of our neighborhoods and all of our people must move forward together.

For the first time in a long time, all of Miami's communities have chosen to unite behind one Mayor. One City, One Future.

With this team of City Commissioners, Chairman Gonzalez, Vice-Chairman Gonzalez, Commissioner Winton and Commissioner Spence-Jones, with our city staff and with all of you... I have no doubt that we are ready to face the challenge of the next four years and beyond.

Today, let us pledge to continue this discourse of public policy and ideas that keep us together.

Let us pledge to use the same spirit of unity, determination and resolve that brought us here.

Let us pledge to continue our political and financial stability.

Let us pledge to keep our neighborhoods safe and vibrant.

Let us pledge to continue creating a climate of prosperity for all, and then – and only then – will we fulfill our pledge to make Miami the greatest City in the world.