

# City of Miami, Florida

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Dear Friends:

Welcome to **Miami**, where the **Future is Now**. Every company today—from cars and banks to governments—is now a tech company. Algorithms, sensors, blockchain, and cloud storage are foundations of the future, creating new efficiencies and accelerating the pace of innovation. While we must mitigate the risks involved, we must also harness the democratization, decentralization, and disruption that is leading to more access to capital, opportunities for empowerment, and the advancement of human progress.

We have an extraordinary opportunity to build generational prosperity. Combining low taxes, a \$100 million SoftBank investment in Miami-based startups, the relocation of top Venture Capital firms such as Founders Fund and General Catalyst, millions of dollars to drive diverse tech talent, and a web3 ecosystem, it's no wonder that Miami is building the country's leading and most inclusive innovation economy. Connecting a top international airport, a vibrant arts and culture scene, and great weather with a commitment to combatting climate change, Miami shines bright as one of the top emerging tech cities in the U.S. and the ideal host of the Smart City Expo USA.

As Mayor of Miami and the 80th President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, I am honored to partner with Fira de Barcelona to host the Smart City Expo USA and convene the most brilliant minds to build cities of the future. I invite all of you to bring your "moonshot ideas", your transformative startups, your frontier technologies, and your desire to make a difference to Miami in September. We hope you join us in future-proofing our cities and building a hopeful and sustainable tomorrow—the time is now!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Francis X. Suarez". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Francis X. Suarez  
Mayor of Miami  
President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors