



VILLAGE OF PINECREST

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Councilmember James E. McDonald Honored with 2019 Home Rule Hero Award

Pinecrest was officially recognized for advocacy efforts during the 2019 legislative session.

Pinecrest, FL – The Florida League of Cities recently recognized Councilmember James E. McDonald with a 2019 Home Rule Hero Award. Councilmember McDonald earned this prestigious award for their tireless efforts to protect the Home Rule powers of Florida's municipalities and advance the League's legislative agenda during the 2019 legislative session.

"The dedication and effort of these local officials during the 2019 legislative session was extraordinary," said FLC Legislative Director Scott Dudley. "These are some of our biggest advocates for municipal issues, and they're shining examples of local advocacy in action. On behalf of the League and its legislative team, we're proud to recognize each and every one of them and thank them for their service."

Home Rule is the ability for a city to address local problems with local solutions with minimal state interference. Home Rule Hero Award recipients are local government officials, both elected and nonelected, who consistently responded to the League's request to reach out to members of the legislature and help give a local perspective to an issue.

Councilmember McDonald is honored to receive the award on behalf of all locally elected officials.

"While I am grateful for the award, it is really for all of the locally elected officials who continually work against preemption of local authority by the legislature. It never ceases to amaze me that our legislature continually sides with corporate special interests to try to prevent local government from enacting ordinances aimed at protecting the quality of life in our municipalities," said Councilmember McDonald. Adding that, "Pinecrest is grateful that Governor DeSantis vetoed a prime example of legislative preemption that would have overridden Pinecrest's plastic straw ban ordinance."

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