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Mayor Cindy Lerner to attend National Summit on Increasing Threat of Coastal Flooding/ Sea Level Rise

Pinecrest, FL – Mayor Cindy Lerner will join a bipartisan group of more than 30 mayors and local officials to raise awareness that coastal flooding/sea level rise demands more attention from leaders at all levels of government. She is part of a delegation of elected local leaders from coastal states attending the [Rising Tides Summit](#) in New Hampshire on October 23-25, to express concern over the rapidly increasing impacts of coastal flooding/sea level rise and to ensure that national leaders are more responsive to the issue.

With more than 123 million Americans living in coastal shoreline counties, sea level rise has become a national concern. Coastal flooding is causing increasingly costly impacts on businesses, infrastructure, private property along America's shorelines, and affecting tourism. In Pinecrest sea level rise poses growing threat to businesses, citizens and tourism. This is an important issue which needs attention at the local, state and national level.

Mayor Lerner is committed to building a more resilient Pinecrest. The Village's leadership role in implementing climate adaptation elements in its comprehensive master plan creates a blueprint for other Miami-Dade County municipalities to assess and implement climate change adaptation, mitigation and resiliency measures.

"There are tremendous financial costs associated with protecting our communities, and the inability of local government to absorb those costs creates a critical need for Federal and State infrastructure investments," said Mayor Lerner.

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Mayor Lerner was invited to participate in this bipartisan event by co-hosts Mayor Bob Lister (D - Portsmouth, NH) and State Senator Nancy Stiles (R - Hampton, NH). During the summit, she will collaborate with local leaders from nearly all coastal states and federal agencies that play a crucial role in helping communities address the urgent challenge of sea level rise, including:

- Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, Administrator, NOAA
- Roy Wright, Deputy Associate Administrator for Insurance and Mitigation, FEMA
- Jonathan White, Rear Admiral, Navy
- Incoming Principal Deputy of the Army Corps of Engineers

The Rising Times Summit is invite-only but open to the media. For more information, please visit www.risingtides2015.com.

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