



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 22-015

Date: February 10, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Re: Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) Knope Award

Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) is soliciting entries for their 2022 award for top local government places known as the #ELGLKnope Award. This year they are celebrating the best historic and cultural sites managed or supported by local government. Applications are accepted through February 25th and there is not a fee to enter.

We will be nominating South Side Cultural Arts Center (South Side School) as a historic and cultural site managed by the City for consideration of this award. South Side Cultural Arts Center is not only a representation of our City's early development and schooling system, but it continues to serve the community as an educational and community space. This nomination is also fitting since South Side School is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. South Side School was constructed in 1922 but opened for the first class in 1923.

In March, ELGL will highlight 32 locations from those nominated and will create a bracket-style voting system to engage with the community. The winner of this contest is expected to be announced in early April and will receive a trophy, world acclaim recognition, a free All-In membership to ELGL for the year, and of course, bragging rights.

More information about ELGL and this award may be found on their website at <https://elgl.org/>.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Anthony Fajardo, Director of DSD at afajardo@fortlauderdale.gov.

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