



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 25-107

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*

DATE: July 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Daphnee A. Sainvil Recognized with 2025 Home Rule Hero Award

I am pleased to announce that the Florida League of Cities (FLC), the united voice for Florida's municipal governments, has honored Daphnee A. Sainvil, Public Affairs Division Manager, with the 2025 Home Rule Hero Award. This distinction recognizes her outstanding advocacy, leadership, and results during the 2025 Legislative Session—specifically her efforts to prevent preemptive legislation from passing and her success, in coordination with delegation members, contract lobbyists, and City staff, in securing funding for critical local projects.

Daphnee worked tirelessly to promote local voices making local choices, sharing insights, local data, and real-world examples to inform state lawmakers and elevate the voice of Fort Lauderdale and Florida's cities. Her advocacy was instrumental in defending Fort Lauderdale's ability to address local needs without undue state interference, a core principle of Home Rule. She also played a key role in protecting local authority against sweeping preemptive bills that would have limited the City's ability to solve community challenges and innovate on behalf of residents.

In addition to her policy work, Daphnee and the Public Affairs team successfully advocated for \$3.75 million in state funding for local projects, including infrastructure improvements and streetscape revitalization, ensuring that Fort Lauderdale continues to thrive and meet the needs of its residents and businesses.

Please join me in congratulating Daphnee on this well-deserved recognition. Her leadership and advocacy continue to elevate Fort Lauderdale's reputation and ensure our city's voice is heard at every level of government.

c: D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney
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