



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-139

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: May 13, 2026
SUBJECT: **Proposal to Host the 96th U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting in June 2028 – Update #1**

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide an update regarding the City's proposal to host the 96th United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) Annual Meeting in June 2028. As referenced in LTC No. 26-106, dated April 8, 2026, staff advised the City Commission of the intent to submit a proposal to host the meeting.

After the issuance of LTC No. 26-106, the USCM extended the proposal submission deadline to May 8, 2026, and the City Manager's Office timely submitted the application in accordance with the revised deadline (Attachment 1).

The proposal highlights Fort Lauderdale's strong hospitality and destination assets. The local hospitality industry offers a wide range of high-quality accommodations, from beachfront and luxury resorts to business-class hotels, complemented by a diverse culinary landscape that includes MICHELIN-recognized and other award-winning restaurants. Fort Lauderdale's signature beaches and scenic waterways, supported by an extensive Water Taxi network, provide unique opportunities for off-site events, tours, and family activities that showcase the City's natural beauty and quality of life.

The submission also emphasizes Fort Lauderdale's ability to support youth, family, and partner programming through its recreational, sports, arts, and cultural assets. Venues such as the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Baptist Health IcePlex, FTL War Memorial, The FORT pickleball complex, and the International Swimming Hall of Fame offer distinctive settings for special events, demonstrations, and wellness activities, while the City's historic districts, cultural neighborhoods, downtown, and riverfront create an authentic and welcoming environment for delegates and visitors.

Supporting this effort, the Omni Fort Lauderdale submitted a complementary headquarters hotel proposal (Attachment 2) offering 801 guestrooms, approximately 120,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space, and a range of amenities and event accommodations designed to support a national conference of this scale.

The City will now await the decision of the appropriate USCM committee regarding host city selection. Staff will keep the City Commission informed of any updates related to the review process and any next steps associated with the proposal.

For additional information, please contact Daphnee Sainvil, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, at 954-299-7806 or dsainvil@fortlauderdale.gov, or Judy Erickson, Beach Business Improvement District Manager, at 954-828-4599 or jerickson@fortlauderdale.gov.

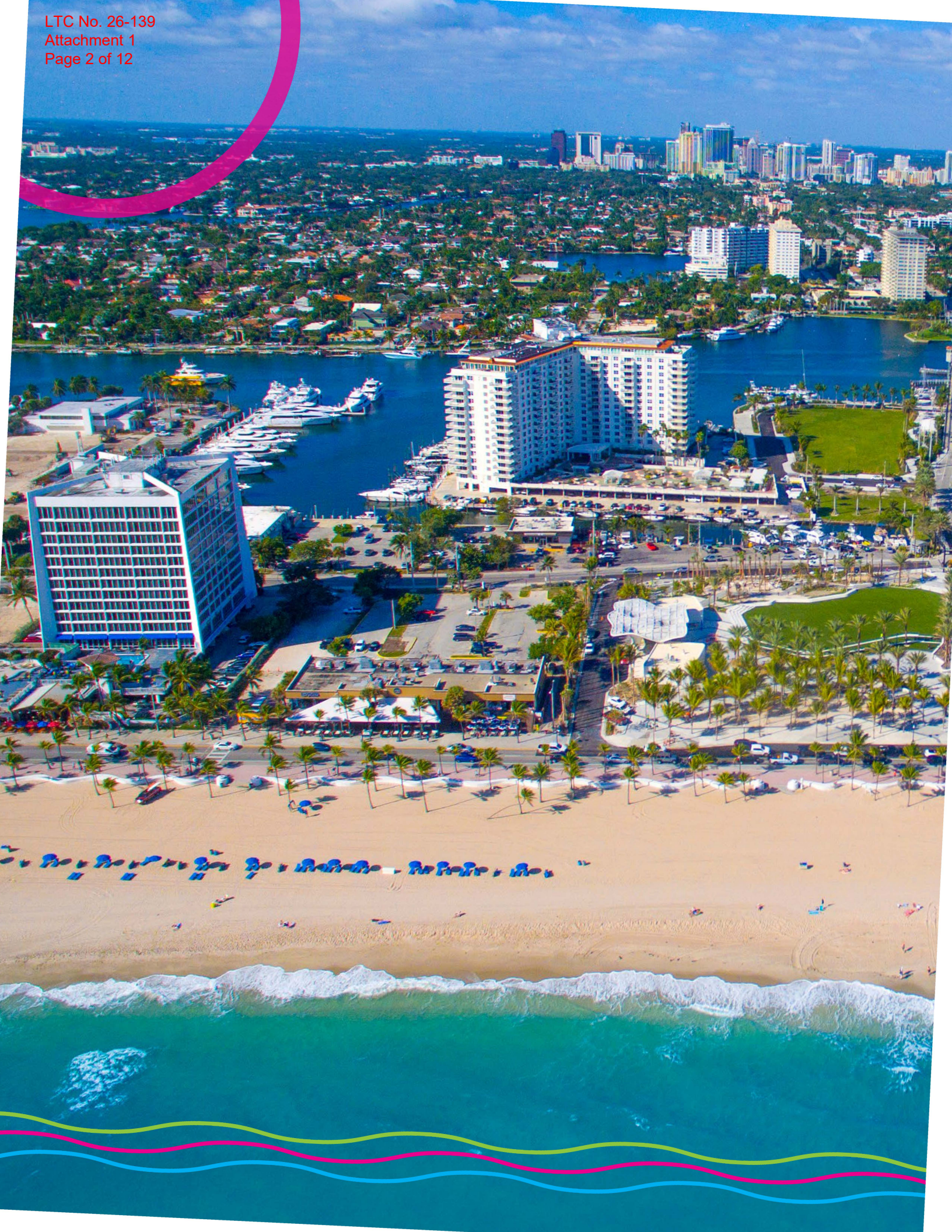
Attachments:

1. City of Fort Lauderdale Proposal
2. Omni Proposal

c: Shari L. McCartney, City Attorney
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City Manager's Office
Department Directors



**THE CITY OF
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL**
**Proposal to Host
the US Conference of
Mayors Annual Meeting**
June 22-25, 2028





CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Friday, May 8, 2026

US Conference of Mayors
Michael Buttner
Chairman & CEO
Globetrotter Travel Management Services, Inc.

Dear Mr. Buttner:

Fort Lauderdale offers the U.S. Conference of Mayors something few cities can: a meeting destination that feels effortless, memorable and unmistakably connected to the future of urban life.

Set between a world-class waterfront convention campus and one of America's most recognizable beaches, and home to the two-time Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers, the 2028 Annual Meeting would give mayors and their families more than a seamless conference experience. It would place them in a city where meetings, hospitality, mobility, dining, culture and outdoor experiences are all connected by water, walkable districts and coastal energy.

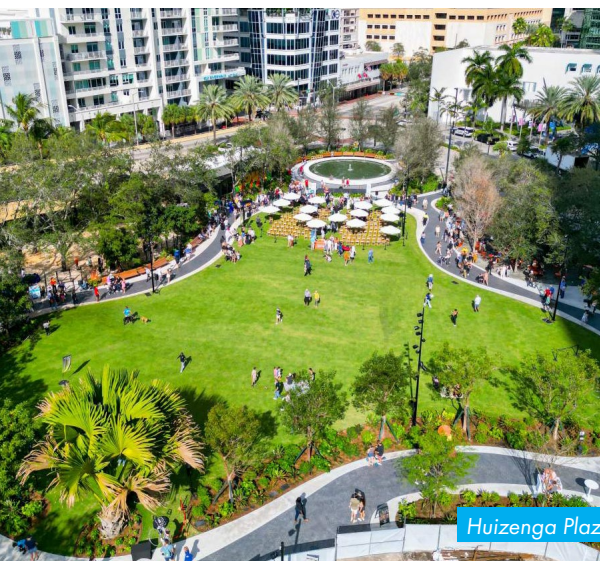
Anchored by the newly expanded Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center and the Omni headquarters hotel, the conference would be minutes from Fort Lauderdale Beach, downtown, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, signature restaurants and major event venues. From arrival to closing night, Fort Lauderdale would not simply host the Annual Meeting. It would become part of the experience.

Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor, City of Fort Lauderdale





Omni Waterway Terrace



Huizenga Plaza



The FORT Pickleball Complex

Key attributes of Fort Lauderdale as a host city include:

- A waterfront meeting experience at the newly expanded Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center and Omni headquarters hotel, which sit directly on the Intracoastal Waterway with panoramic water views and light-filled public spaces.
- A walkable and connected campus featuring outdoor plazas, restaurants, entertainment venues, landscaped gathering spaces, and seamless links to waterfront dining, arts venues, and Fort Lauderdale Beach.
- Ease of access through Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport just four miles from the convention campus, with robust domestic and international service, complemented by rail and local circulator options once attendees arrive.
- Strong community and sponsor support from civic, hospitality, business, and tourism partners prepared to assist with sponsorships, volunteer recruitment, local programming, and in-kind support.
- Visible public-private partnership success stories in projects such as Huizenga Park, the Convention Center expansion, The FORT, and the International Swimming Hall of Fame redevelopment, which offer on-the-ground examples of transformational investment in public space, recreation, and infrastructure.
- An outdoor lifestyle and year-round energy that allows delegates to enjoy waterfront promenades, beaches, marina districts, and indoor-outdoor venues throughout the conference window.

Taken together, these elements allow the annual meeting to function as both a working conference and a live case study in urban redevelopment, mobility, placemaking, and tourism-based economic development.

Meeting Experience and Program Framework

The City, in partnership with the Omni and Visit Lauderdale, would work closely with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Globetrotter to design a comprehensive meeting framework that aligns with the Conference’s programmatic needs. Core components would include general sessions, committee meetings, sponsor activations, exhibitor space, and media operations, all supported by the convention center’s modern meeting rooms, pre-function spaces, and technology infrastructure.

Within this framework, Fort Lauderdale can add value in several ways:

- Integrating on-site and off-site programming so that mayors can see firsthand how key projects such as Huizenga Park, The FORT, and the International Swimming Hall of Fame have been implemented and sustained.
- Leveraging the convention center’s pre-function spaces, including the 16,300-square-foot Waterway Pre-Function area, to host exhibitors and sponsor activations with natural light and direct visual connections to the Intracoastal Waterway.
- Coordinating logistics so that Water Taxi, Brightline, and local circulators become part of the attendee experience rather than simply transportation.

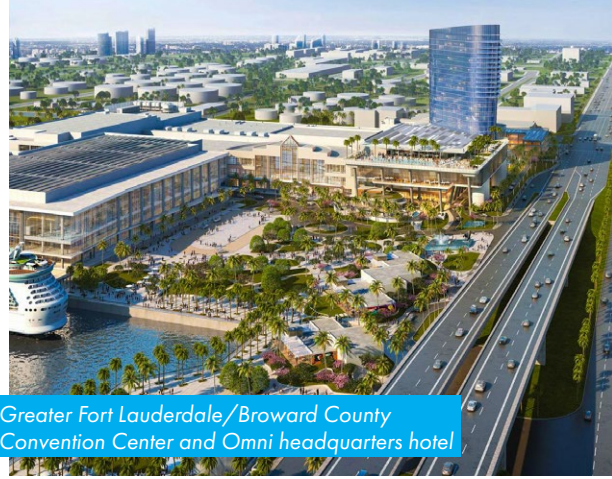
This approach allows USCM to maintain its established session structure while layering in site-specific experiences that reinforce the meeting’s policy themes.

Family, Youth, and Partner Offerings

Fort Lauderdale would build on the Omni’s first-class meeting experience with a host-city program that reflects its identity as a coastal, multicultural, arts-driven community—on the beach, along the river, in historic neighborhoods, and in emerging creative hubs such as the THRIVE Progresso/Thrive Art District. In addition to the Omni’s on-site amenities and direct access to the Water Taxi and convention center, the City can organize and support a robust family, youth, and partner program featuring complimentary or reduced-price activities.

Illustrative offerings include:

- Beach and waterfront experiences, including hosted beach cabanas, sunrise and sunset walks along the oceanfront, discounted watersports such as paddleboarding, kayaking, and snorkel excursions near the central beach, and beach volleyball tournaments under the stars at Las Olas Oceanside Park.
- Relaxed evening activations such as starry beach bonfires, casual s’mores stations, and informal gathering spaces along the Atlantic shoreline.
- On-the-water exploration through daytime Water Taxi passes from the Omni area, with hop-on/hop-off access to Las Olas,



Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center and Omni headquarters hotel



Family paddleboarding



Las Olas Oceanside Park



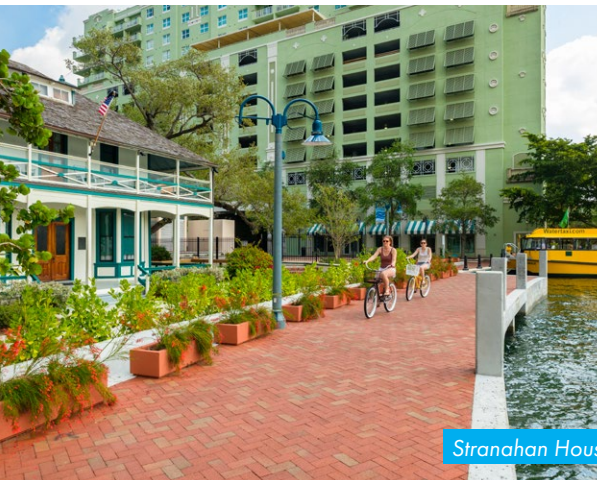
Fort Lauderdale Beach Sunrise



Water Taxi on the New River



Museum of Discovery & Science



Stranahan House



Thrive Art District in Progresso Village

Riverwalk, and the beach, plus narrated tours that highlight the city's history, neighborhoods, and infrastructure investments.

- Cultural and historic immersion through guided tours along the Sistrunk Historical Corridor, visits to the THRIVE Progresso/Thrive Art District, and curated experiences featuring local artists, youth docents, and community storytellers.
- Museums, attractions, and nature experiences, including the Museum of Discovery & Science, the International Swimming Hall of Fame, Stranahan House, Bonnet House, NSU Art Museum, Hugh Taylor Birch State Park, Riverwalk, and optional Everglades eco-tours curated by Visit Lauderdale.
- Performing arts and shopping opportunities, including hosted blocks at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and The Parker, and excursions to Las Olas Boulevard, Progresso/THRIVE, and other Broward retail destinations.
- Youth-focused programming in a kids' and teens' room at or near the Omni, with art workshops led by THRIVE and Sistrunk artists, STEM activities tied to the Museum of Discovery & Science, and creative writing or music sessions led by local partners.

These offerings ensure that spouses, partners, and families are integrated into the overall meeting experience without detracting from the substantive policy and governance work of the Conference.

Culinary and Dining Assets

Fort Lauderdale has emerged as a culinary destination, including recent recognition in the MICHELIN Guide Florida with distinguished restaurants such as the Chef's Counter at MAASS, Heritage, Daniel's, Evelyn's, and Larb Thai-Isan. With more than 4,000 restaurants across 31 municipalities, Greater Fort Lauderdale can support everything from intimate leadership dinners to large-scale themed receptions.

For USCM's purposes, several dining dimensions are particularly relevant:

- Waterfront dining and group-friendly venues that can accommodate large delegations while maintaining a sense of place, such as Ocean Prime Fort Lauderdale, Mastro's Ocean Club, Boatyard, and S3 on Fort Lauderdale Beach.
- Las Olas Boulevard as the heart of culinary culture, offering a mix of upscale steakhouses, Michelin-recognized establishments, waterfront bistros, and international cuisine, all within walking distance or a short transfer from key hotels and the convention center.

These assets can be integrated into the evening program, sponsor functions, and off-site dinners to reinforce the destination's quality while making logistics straightforward for meeting planners.

Pre-, During-, and Post-Conference Opportunities

In addition to the official program, Fort Lauderdale can support pre-, during-, and post-conference experiences that extend delegate stays and enhance the overall value of the trip. Options include additional waterfront cruises and receptions, behind-the-scenes tours of Port Everglades, sporting outings with professional teams, performances at The Parker or Broward Center for the Performing Arts, and visits to the Museum of Discovery & Science and NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale.

These experiences can be positioned as optional add-ons or integrated into spouse, family, or sponsor programming, allowing the Conference to tailor the overall experience to its membership's needs.

Large-Scale Evening Event Options

Each evening, attendees would experience a curated signature event featuring exceptional cuisine, entertainment, transportation to and from the Omni headquarters hotel, and memorable waterfront experiences that showcase Fort Lauderdale's hospitality, culture, and destination-defining venues. Local restaurants, caterers, entertainers, arts organizations, and small businesses – from Riverwalk to Sistrunk to THRIVE Progresso and the beach – would be woven into the three-night sequence so that mayors and their families experience Fort Lauderdale as a city of water, culture, creativity, and inclusive redevelopment.

Night 1 – New River Welcome Evening

The proposed welcome evening would begin on the water and culminate downtown, highlighting Fort Lauderdale's riverfront renaissance. Delegates would transfer from the Omni to the reimagined Huizenga Park along the New River, traveling by Water Taxi or charter vessels and experiencing the illuminated skyline, Riverwalk, and marina activity along the route.

At Huizenga Park, the program would feature:

- Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres sourced from local chefs and restaurants.
- Live music and cultural performances that reflect Fort Lauderdale's diversity.
- Interpretive elements that tell the story of the park's transformation through a public-private partnership led by the Downtown Development Authority.

The evening concept allows for a staged progression that could include a culminating reception at Pier Sixty-Six, where delegates would experience panoramic views from the iconic Pier Top and additional indoor-outdoor event spaces. Together, these venues underscore Fort Lauderdale's combined strengths in waterfront development, hospitality, and downtown revitalization.



The Parker



Broward Center for the Performing Arts



NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale



FTL War Memorial/Baptist Health IcePlex



Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center and Omni



View from Pier 66



The FORT Pickleball Complex

Secondary 1st Night Option – Jungle Queen Welcome Evening

This would feature a signature welcome aboard the Jungle Queen, one of Fort Lauderdale’s most iconic waterfront experiences and a natural way to introduce visiting mayors to the city from the water. Departing near the convention campus, attendees would enjoy an evening cruise along Fort Lauderdale’s waterways with skyline views, marina activity, and the distinctive setting that has long defined the destination as the “Venice of America.”

The Jungle Queen evening can be designed as a full welcome event or as the opening component of a progressive night. Guests could begin with cocktails, light entertainment, and branded sponsor recognition onboard, followed by docking for an enhanced reception, dinner, and cultural programming at a complementary waterfront venue if desired. This format would combine the authenticity of a classic Fort Lauderdale marine experience with the scale, production value, and culinary quality expected for a national gathering of mayors.

Programming elements may include:

- A branded welcome reception and sponsor recognition onboard.
- A narrated cruise highlighting Fort Lauderdale’s waterways, marina economy, and waterfront redevelopment story.
- Live music, South Florida-inspired cuisine, and curated local entertainment.
- Optional pairing with a dockside finale at Huizenga Park, Pier Sixty-Six, or another waterfront venue to expand capacity and production flexibility.

This evening would distinguish Fort Lauderdale from other host cities by centering the delegate experience on the water from the outset and by showcasing one of the destination’s most recognizable and enduring attractions.

Night 2 – The FORT Pickleball Complex: Social Sports and Networking

Night two would feature an exclusive experience at The FORT in Snyder Park, the world’s first dedicated pickleball stadium and social sports destination. The 10-acre waterfront campus offers expansive indoor–outdoor event spaces, lakeside views, and a flexible layout that can accommodate both structured programming and informal networking among mayors.

The FORT in Snyder Park is an exceptional nighttime event destination perfectly suited to welcome over 1,600 mayors from across the nation. This 10-acre waterfront entertainment complex – the world’s first dedicated pickleball stadium and social sports destination – features stunning lakeside views, sweeping outdoor



Inter Miami CF Stadium at Lockhart Park

spaces along tranquil waters, and flexible indoor venues that can accommodate gatherings from 10 to 2,000 guests.

Elements of the evening could include:

- Rotating social-sports experiences – pickleball courts, bocce, cornhole, beach volleyball, and a dedicated dart room – designed as optional, low-pressure engagement zones.
- Elevated cuisine curated by James Beard–nominated chefs and Top Chef alumni, with opportunities to showcase Florida-inspired menus and regional ingredients.
- Lakeside lounges, music, and lighting designed to create a relaxed yet polished atmosphere suitable for a national gathering of municipal leaders.

This night reinforces themes of health, recreation, and creative reuse of public land while providing an informal environment for relationship building and peer exchange.

Secondary Night 2 Option – Professional Sports Experience

This offers a professional sports–anchored evening built around one of Greater Fort Lauderdale’s premier athletic venues, creating a high-energy experience centered on competition, hospitality, and community investment. This alternative would complement the active, social spirit of The FORT while giving the U.S. Conference of Mayors a more traditional spectator and VIP hospitality experience tied to the region’s major sports assets.

One concept would center on Chase Stadium, home to Inter Miami CF’s Fort Lauderdale operations and an established venue for private and corporate events.



Two-time Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers'

Depending on league schedules and availability, attendees could enjoy a premium match-night experience, a stadium reception, or a private event featuring field-level access, branded hospitality areas, behind-the-scenes tours, and opportunities for sponsor recognition in a dynamic professional sports setting.

A second concept would center on the FTL War Memorial/Baptist Health IcePlex campus, the two-time Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers’ practice and community facility in Fort Lauderdale. The complex includes two regulation ice rinks, stadium seating, hospitality amenities, retail and fan engagement areas, and the restored War Memorial campus, which has been repositioned as a sports and entertainment hub through a major revitalization partnership. This setting would allow for an evening program that could include a private reception, skating or skills demonstrations, Panthers-branded experiences, and a networking event that highlights both recreation and adaptive reuse of a historic civic venue.

This secondary option would provide several advantages for the Conference:

- A recognizable professional sports setting with strong appeal for delegates and guests.
- Built-in opportunities for VIP hospitality, sponsor integration, and branded experiences.
- A program that aligns with themes of health, recreation, community activation, and public-private partnership.





International Swimming Hall of Fame and Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center complex



Las Olas Oceanside Park (LOOP)



Friday Night Sound Waves concert series at the LOOP

Night 3 – An Oceanfront Experience

For the final evening, Fort Lauderdale proposes an oceanfront celebration at Las Olas Oceanside Park (The LOOP) and the surrounding beach, showcasing municipal leadership against the backdrop of the Atlantic Ocean. The LOOP serves as the centerpiece of a \$65 million, four-park system at the heart of Fort Lauderdale Beach and has successfully hosted major events such as the Fort Lauderdale Air Show, Tortuga Music Festival, and the Friday Night Sound Waves concert series.

The LOOP offers:

- Expansive open green spaces, ocean breezes, and direct beach access.
- Proven capacity for major concerts and festivals, including the Friday Night Sound Waves concert series, which has hosted nearly 130 bands and more than 700 musicians.
- Flexibility for staging, food stations, sponsor activations, and family-friendly zones.
- A choreographed drone show over the Atlantic Ocean, subject to regulatory approvals and feasibility, providing a visually striking and media-friendly conclusion to the conference.

Entertainment for the evening could include a professional DJ, live band, and a popular musical artist, creating a program that appeals to a broad cross-section of participants while celebrating South Florida’s music scene. This combination of oceanfront setting, operational flexibility, and established event history makes The LOOP an ideal backdrop for a closing-night experience that is lively, scenic, and uniquely Fort Lauderdale.

Secondary Closing-Night Option – International Swimming Hall of Fame & Aquatic Center

As a clearly defined secondary option, the closing night celebration could instead be hosted at the International Swimming Hall of Fame

and Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Center complex on Fort Lauderdale Beach. This venue highlights another transformative public-private redevelopment project and offers a distinctive aquatic and rooftop setting for a memorable finale.

The International Swimming Hall of Fame Aquatic Complex adds unique aquatic entertainment possibilities with two Olympic-sized 50-meter pools and one 25-yard dive well directly on Fort Lauderdale Beach. The facility – currently undergoing a \$220 million redevelopment scheduled for completion in upcoming phases – will feature event spaces with 360-degree views of the Intracoastal, Aquatic Center, and Atlantic Ocean, plus a new museum, aquarium, café, restaurant, and large event spaces totaling nearly 331,000 sq. ft.

Potential elements of this alternative program include:

- A signature dive show, synchronized swimming demonstrations, or water polo exhibitions in the Olympic-sized pools and dive well.
- Rooftop dining and reception spaces with 360-degree views of the Intracoastal Waterway, Aquatic Center, and Atlantic Ocean.
- A marine aquarium experience, museum exhibits, and waterfront promenades that create a walkable, interactive environment.
- A choreographed drone show over the Atlantic Ocean, subject to regulatory approvals and feasibility, providing a visually striking and media-friendly conclusion to the conference.

Recommendation and Next Steps

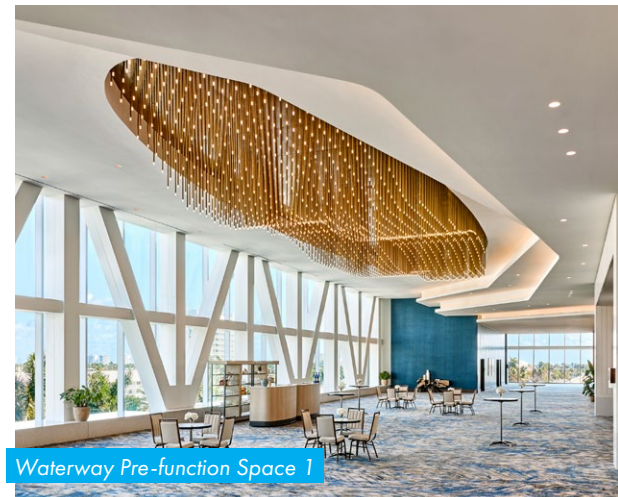
Fort Lauderdale respectfully requests consideration to host the U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting on June 22-25, 2028. The City is prepared to work closely with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Globetrotter Travel Management Services, the Omni Fort Lauderdale Hotel, Visit Lauderdale, Broward County, and local partners to refine the program, confirm venue sequencing, and assemble a host-city package that is logistically sound, financially responsible, and memorable for attendees.

Should Fort Lauderdale advance to the next stage of review, the City would welcome the opportunity to host a site visit, provide detailed floorplans and capacity charts, and further develop concepts for general sessions, committee meetings, evening events, family programming, and sponsor opportunities. Additional information on security coordination, transportation planning, public safety, and contingency plans for weather or other disruptions can be furnished at your convenience.

Thank you for your consideration of Fort Lauderdale as a future host city for the U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting. The City looks forward to the possibility of welcoming America's mayors, their families, and partners to a waterfront destination that reflects the energy, innovation, and community spirit of municipal leadership nationwide.

Additional Information – Space Requirements

Within the Omni Proposal, exhibitors can be hosted in Waterway Pre-Function space which is 16,300 sq. ft. We've attached the images for your review and reference.





CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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Meetings *inspired by* the coast.



The US Conference of Mayors

June 21-25, 2028

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Prepared: April 15, 2026

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OMNI
HOTELS & RESORTS



Golden Hour Gatherings on the Golden Coast

Situated on the blue waters of the Atlantic and conveniently located adjacent to the convention center, Omni Fort Lauderdale Hotel offers 801 guestrooms, 120,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space and exclusive dining, retail space, amenities and outdoor spaces that will ensure a memorable, luxury meeting experience.



Group Room Block

We are pleased to offer the following dates. The proposed rates are valid up to **45** days from proposal date. *Please note the outlined rates, space, and dates are not currently on hold.* At your request we will prepare the agreement to secure the room block on a definite basis.

Day	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Date	6/21/2028	6/22/2028	6/23/2028	6/24/2028
Run of House	750	750	750	750

Group Room Rates

We are pleased to offer the following special group rates.

Room Type	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
Run of House	\$309.00	\$309.00	\$329.00	\$349.00

All special fully rated room rates are quoted net non-commissionable or commissionable at 10% to Globetrotter Management Services, Inc. and are exclusive of appropriate state and local taxes, fees and assessments, currently 13% and are subject to change without notice.

Housekeeping Fee: \$4.00 (For all guestrooms charged to the master account)
 Porterage: \$12.00 Round-Trip (Only charged for Group arrivals i.e. Motorcoach)

Destination Fee \$30.00

Destination Charge Includes
 Complimentary Premier Wi-Fi in all Guest Rooms
 Bottled water refreshed daily in-room
 Digital access to The Wall Street Journal
 Local & Toll-Free Phone Calls
 Turn down service (upon request)
 Access to rooftop pool
 Access to state-of-the-art fitness center
 Restful sleep kit amenities (Upon Request)
 In-room coffee and tea station



Meeting Space

Based on your anticipated events, a banquet Food & Beverage minimum of **\$300,000** exclusive of tax and service fee will apply. All menu prices and applicable room rentals are subject to a 25% taxable service charge & 7% sales tax. Service charge and sales tax are subject to change without notice.

The US Conference of Mayors will be the only group in house and therefore will have access to all of our meeting space, if needed. Also attached within this proposal is our meeting space brochure.

Our meeting space will feature:

- 120,000 SF of indoor and outdoor meeting space
- 30,816 SF Grand Ballroom
- 15,050 SF Junior Ballroom
- 27 dedicated breakouts ranging from 500 SF - 2,400 SF
- Our campus will boast a six-acre outdoor event plaza featuring two additional restaurants, including the hotel's signature restaurant, high end shopping and a performance amphitheater, charter boat docking, Water Taxi access and a beautiful promenade with outdoor event capabilities for 3,000+people..



Special Concessions

We are delighted to discuss your overall concession package once we fully understand which concessions are most important to the Group.

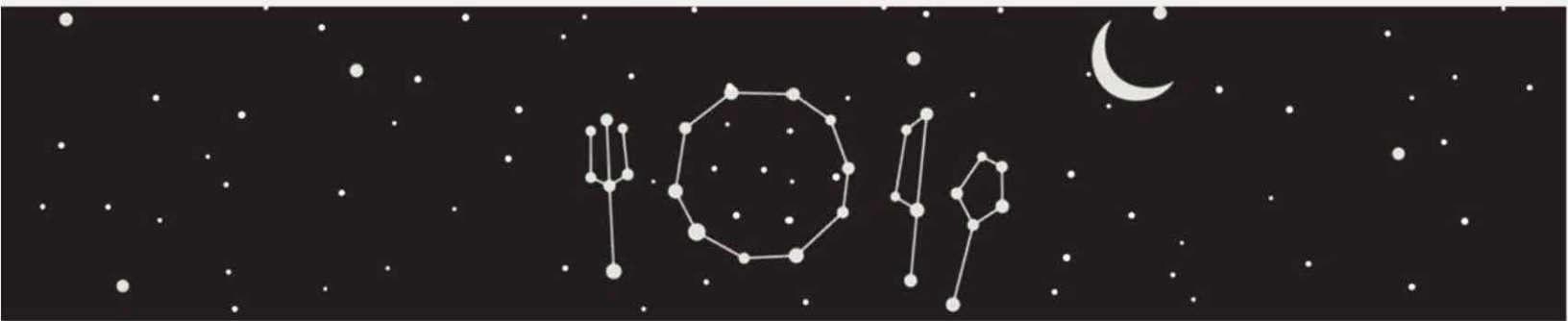
- 3 Day pre/post group rates, based upon availability
- 1:50 Complimentary room ratio
- 90% Cumulative Attrition
- Negotiable staff rooms at 25% off group rate
- Negotiable suites at group rate
- Negotiable complimentary amenities, Chef's choice, valued at \$50.00 each
- Complimentary guest room Wi-Fi as Omni Select Guest Member
- Complimentary use of Omni Fitness Center as registered hotel guest
- Complimentary Omni meeting space with achievement of food & beverage minimum
- Complimentary receiving for up to 500 lbs. for package handling
- Up to ten (10) total room nights complimentary to be used for pre-planning purposes on mutually agreeable dates. *Unused complimentary room nights are non-transferrable and have no monetary value if not used for site inspection and/or pre planning purposes for this program.*

Michale,

Thank you again for the opportunity to host your event at Omni Fort Lauderdale. I sincerely hope we have the chance to partner together for The US Conference of Mayors to experience our brand-new hotel. Please note we are not currently holding space and availability is subject to change.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Flacke
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Community Initiatives

SAY GOODNIGHT TO HUNGER

Join us in our partnership to end the plight of hunger. Over 48 million Americans struggle with putting food on the table. Planning an event with Omni now comes with the added opportunity to make a difference. For all group rooms booked in the future, regardless of how the reservation is made, Omni will contribute one meal per actualized reservation. You not only get a sensational meeting, but also, you can help make a meaningful difference in our local communities.

Visit [Omnihotels.com/SGTHGROUP](https://omnihotels.com/SGTHGROUP) to learn more.



Accommodations

Omni Fort Lauderdale Hotel's 801 guest rooms and suites blend modern sophistication with coastal elegance across 18 floors. Inspired by nature, our hotel rooms feature calming interiors that bring serenity to your stay, while vibrant artwork and floor-to-ceiling windows reveal ocean views and present inspiring perspectives.

Guest Rooms

Sitting areas and refined workspaces make every hotel room comfortable and functional, whether you're enjoying your morning coffee or collaborating with your team online. Spacious bathrooms offer a relaxing spa-like experience and plush bedding make a night's stay in our hotel dream-worthy.

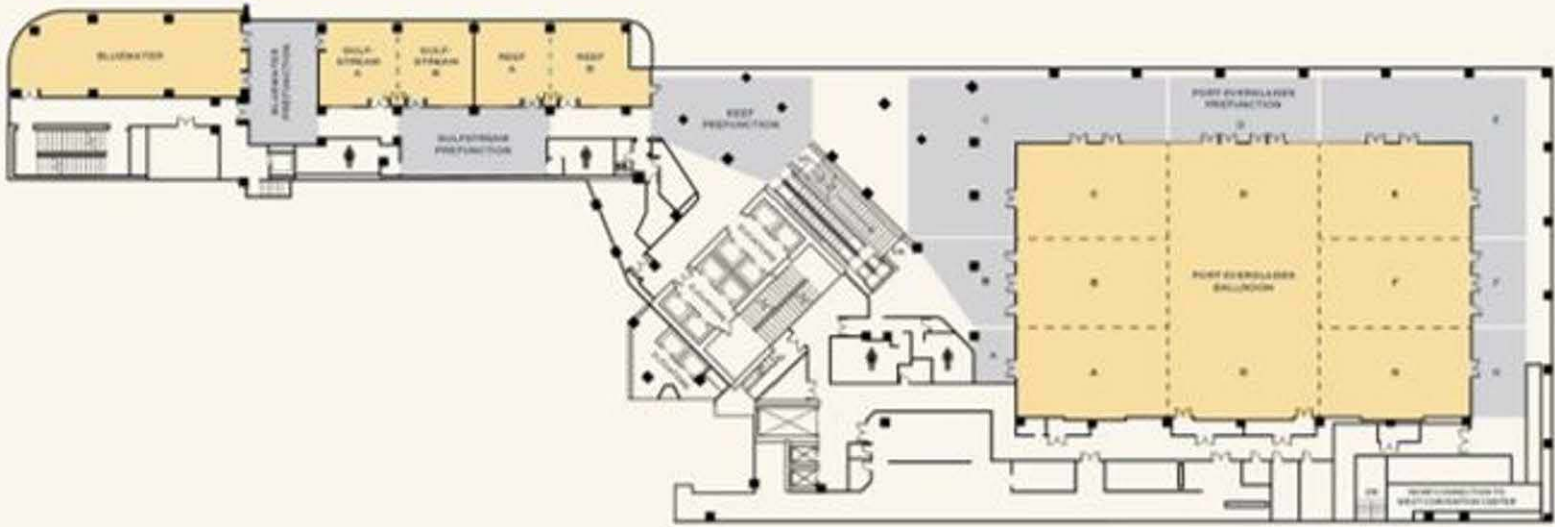
Suites

Our 82 hotel suites near Fort Lauderdale beach feature stunning views and spacious designs. Experience amenities like our full-service spa, rooftop pool and on-property dining. Kick back and relax during your stay in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Total Number of rooms: 801
Number of Standard Queens: 442
Number of Standard Kings: 277
Number of Suites (King): 82
Number of Guest Room Floors: 18

Meeting Space Layout

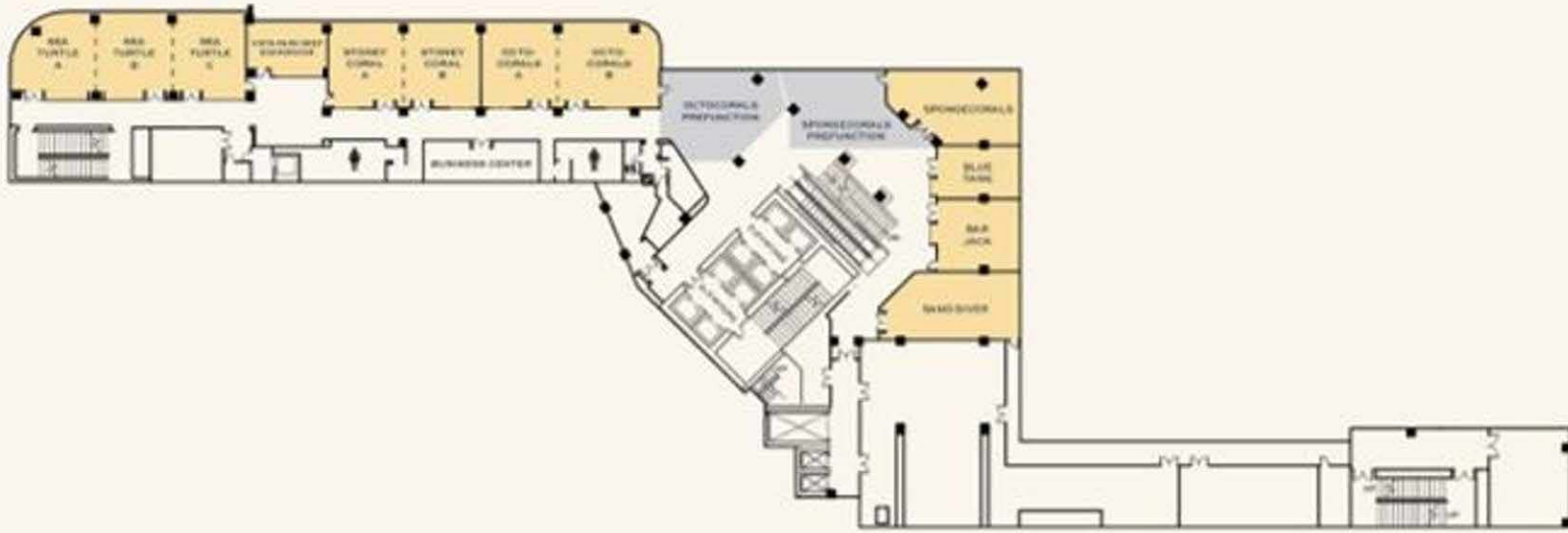
LEVEL TWO



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LEVEL TWO								
PORT EVERGLADES BALLROOM	158'X95'	15,050	19' 2"	1,100	1,000	1,500	1,300	—
PORT EVERGLADES PREFUNCTION	—	11,300	19' 2"	—	—	—	—	—
PORT EVERGLADES SALON A	52'X31'	1,675	19' 2"	100	75	130	100	32
PORT EVERGLADES PREFUNCTION A	—	448	19' 2"	—	—	—	—	—
PORT EVERGLADES SALON B	52'X31'	1,675	19' 2"	100	75	130	100	32
PORT EVERGLADES PREFUNCTION B	—	890	19' 2"	—	—	—	—	—
PORT EVERGLADES SALON C	52'X31'	1,667	19' 2"	100	75	130	100	32
PORT EVERGLADES PREFUNCTION C	—	3,561	19' 2"	—	—	—	—	—
PORT EVERGLADES SALON D	52'X95'	5,026	19' 2"	350	340	550	400	—
PORT EVERGLADES PREFUNCTION D	—	1,276	19' 2"	—	—	—	—	—
PORT EVERGLADES SALON E	52'X31'	1,675	19' 2"	100	75	130	100	32
PORT EVERGLADES PREFUNCTION E	—	2,288	19' 2"	—	—	—	—	—
PORT EVERGLADES SALON F	52'X31'	1,675	19' 2"	100	75	130	100	32
PORT EVERGLADES PREFUNCTION F	—	888	19' 2"	—	—	—	—	—
PORT EVERGLADES SALON G	52'X31'	1,675	19' 2"	100	75	130	100	32
PORT EVERGLADES PREFUNCTION G	—	783	19' 2"	—	—	—	—	—
BLUEWATER	83'X30'	2,496	11'	180	130	260	200	—
BLUEWATER PREFUNCTION	—	750	—	—	—	—	—	—
GULFSTREAM	52'X30'	1,598	11'	90	75	135	125	34
GULFSTREAM PREFUNCTION	—	1,620	—	—	—	—	—	—
GULFSTREAM SALON A	25'X30'	779	11'	40	35	65	60	16
GULFSTREAM SALON B	27'X30'	819	11'	50	40	70	65	18
REEF	63'X60'	1,909	11'	110	90	160	135	40
REEF PREFUNCTION	—	1,200	11'	80	—	—	100	—
REEF SALON A	27'X30'	819	11'	50	40	70	65	18
REEF SALON B	36'X30'	1,090	11'	60	50	90	70	22
LEVEL2 PREFUNCTION	—	18,114	15'	1,200	—	—	1,500	—

Meeting Space Layout

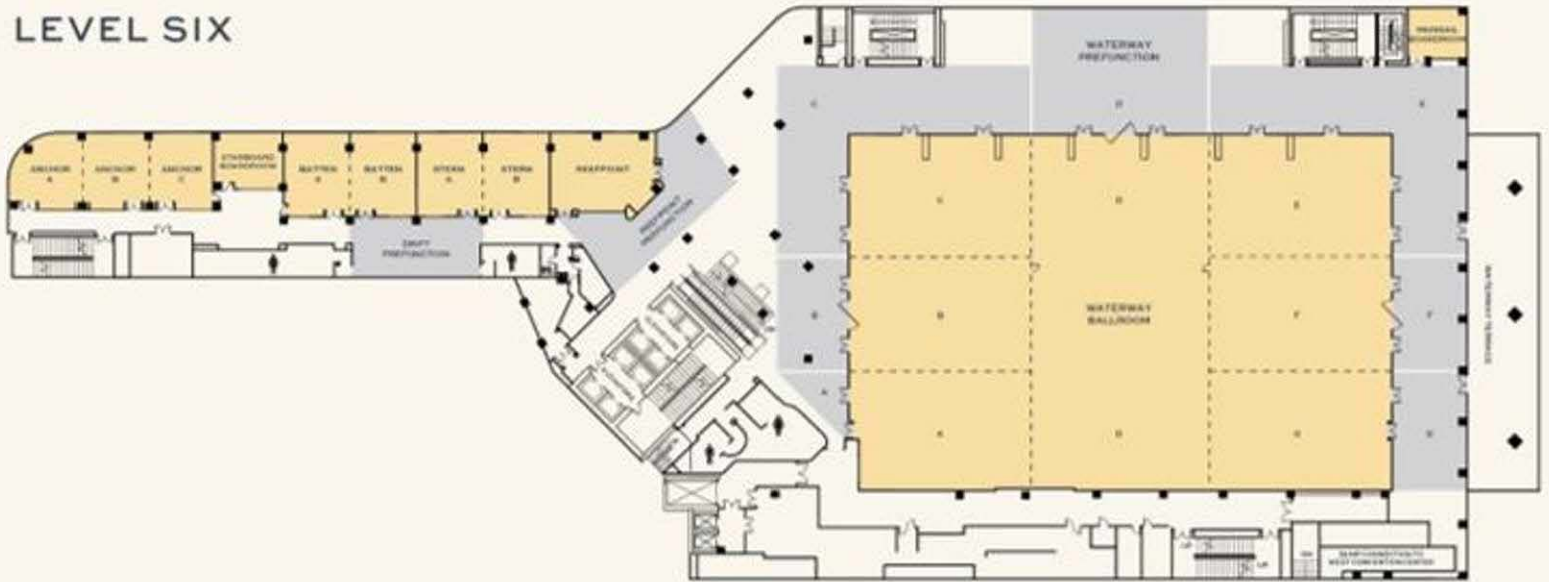
LEVEL FOUR



	DIMENSIONS	SQUARE FOOTAGE	CEILING HEIGHTS AT LOWEST POINT	BANQUET 72"	CLASSROOM	THEATER	RECEPTION	CONFERENCE
LEVEL FOUR								
SEA TURTLE	81'X30'	2,520	11'	210	180	315	290	—
SEA TURTLE SALON A	29'X30'	897	11'	50	46	75	65	20
SEA TURTLE SALON B	27'X30'	836	11'	50	40	70	65	18
SEA TURTLE SALON C	25'X30'	787	11'	40	35	65	60	16
SEA TURTLE A & B SALON	56'X30'	1,733	11'	100	86	145	130	38
SEA TURTLE B & C SALON	52'X30'	1,623	11'	90	75	135	125	34
VISTA PARK REEF BOARDROOM	28'X18'	529	11'	—	—	—	—	12
STONEY CORAL	54'X30'	1,636	11'	100	80	140	130	36
STONEY CORAL SALON A	27'X30'	817	11'	50	40	70	65	18
STONEY CORAL SALON B	27'X30'	819	11'	50	40	70	65	18
OCTOCORALS	63'X30'	1,905	11'	110	90	160	135	40
OCTOCORALS PREFUNCTION	—	940	11'	—	—	—	—	—
OCTOCORALS A	27'X30'	819	11'	50	40	70	65	18
OCTOCORALS B	36'X30'	1,086	11'	60	50	90	70	22
SPONGECORALS	32'X34'	1,088	9' 0.5"	60	48	80	70	22
SPONGECORALS PREFUNCTION	—	1,020	9' 0.5"	—	—	—	—	—
BLUE TANG	30'X18'	556	9' 0.5"	30	28	50	40	12
BAR JACK	31'X25'	805	9' 0.5"	50	40	70	65	18
SAND DIVER	32'X34'	1,088	9' 0.5"	60	48	80	70	22
LEVEL FOUR PREFUNCTION	—	7,214	11'	—	—	—	—	—

Meeting Space Layout

LEVEL SIX



	DIMENSIONS	SQUARE FOOTAGE	CEILING HEIGHTS AT LOWEST POINT	BANQUET 72"	CLASSROOM	THEATER	RECEPTION	CONFERENCE
LEVEL SIX								
WATERWAY BALLROOM	215'X142'	30,816	30'	2,400	2,200	3,500	3,000	—
WATERWAY PREFUNCTION	—	16,350	13'	—	—	—	2,400	—
WATERWAY SALON A	71'X46'	3,359	30'	220	210	350	400	—
WATERWAY PREFUNCTION A	—	550	13'	—	—	—	—	—
WATERWAY SALON B	71'X46'	3,359	30'	220	210	350	400	—
WATERWAY PREFUNCTION B	—	1,230	13'	—	—	—	—	—
WATERWAY SALON C	71'X46'	3,359	30'	220	210	350	400	—
WATERWAY PREFUNCTION C	—	7,709	13'	—	—	—	—	—
WATERWAY SALON D	71'X142'	10,080	30'	650	640	1,000	1,200	—
WATERWAY PREFUNCTION D	—	2,622	13'	—	—	—	—	—
WATERWAY SALON E	71'X46'	3,359	30'	220	210	350	400	—
WATERWAY PREFUNCTION E	—	3,060	13'	—	—	—	—	—
WATERWAY SALON F	71'X46'	3,359	30'	220	210	350	400	—
WATERWAY PREFUNCTION F	—	660	13'	—	—	—	—	—
WATERWAY SALON G	71'X46'	3,359	30'	220	210	350	400	—
WATERWAY PREFUNCTION G	—	1,056	13'	—	—	—	—	—
ANCHOR	81'X30'	2,518	15'	210	180	315	290	—
ANCHOR SALON A	29'X30'	897	15'	50	46	75	65	20
ANCHOR SALON B	27'X30'	836	15'	50	40	70	65	18
ANCHOR SALON C	25'X30'	785	15'	40	35	65	60	16
ANCHOR A & B SALON	56'X30'	1,733	15'	100	86	145	130	38
ANCHOR B & C SALON	52'X30'	1,621	15'	190	155	270	225	34
STARBOARD BOARDROOM	22'X20'	455	15'	—	—	—	—	12
BATTEN	54'X30'	1,639	15'	100	80	140	130	36
BATTEN SALON A	27'X30'	822	15'	50	40	70	65	18
BATTEN SALON B	27'X30'	822	15'	50	40	70	65	18
STERN	54'X30'	1,641	15'	100	80	140	130	36
STERN SALON A	27'X30'	822	15'	50	40	70	65	18
STERN SALON B	27'X30'	819	15'	50	40	70	65	18
DRIFT PREFUNCTION	—	1,620	15'	—	—	—	—	—
REEFPPOINT	43'X31'	1,275	15'	80	65	100	80	24
REEFPPOINT PREFUNCTION	—	763	13'	—	—	—	—	—
MAINSAIL BOARDROOM	22'X20'	455	15'	—	—	—	—	12
WATERWAY TERRACE	115'X28'	3,220	15'	160	—	—	200	—
LEVEL 6 PREFUNCTION	—	26,206	13'	1,700	—	—	2,600	—



Mokara Spa in Fort Lauderdale

Inspired by Florida's natural springs, Mokara Spa at Omni Fort Lauderdale Hotel is a tranquil oasis for rejuvenation. Gentle water features soothe the senses, while South Florida's unique oolite stone reflects the marine history of millennia past. Personalized spa treatments including therapeutic massages and revitalizing facials. You can also enhance your treatments with Hammam steam rituals. Visit the salon for a spa manicure or professional blowout before a special evening, or retreat to the open-air courtyard lounge with a heated plunge pool and hammock chairs surrounded by lush local greenery to deepen your rest.

Restaurants at Omni Fort Lauderdale



Omni Fort Lauderdale's culinary collection invites guests to taste the many moods of South Florida in one vibrant setting. Reef 76: Kitchen & Bar anchors the scene with bold, Caribbean-inflected flavors and relaxed coastal charm, while Fair Ketch fuses game-day energy with Everglades intrigue—complete with a state-of-the-art Topgolf Swing Suite for interactive play. Twenty-nine stories up, the 21+ Ibis Sky Lounge pours crafted cocktails against a backdrop of sweeping skyline and ocean views, complemented by Hidden Key, the lively lobby bar where handcrafted drinks, light bites, and indoor-outdoor seating spark connection from day to night. On the 10th-floor pool deck, Tide Coastal Kitchen pairs laid-back elegance with fresh coastal cuisine overlooking the Intracoastal, and Leeward Market keeps explorers fueled with artisan coffee, quick bites, and everyday essentials right off the lobby. For those craving privacy or a late-night indulgence, an extensive in-room dining menu delivers the hotel's culinary creativity straight to your door—ensuring exceptional flavor is always within reach.

DINING *at* the Omni Fort Lauderdale



Reef 76 Kitchen & Bar

Bold, bright, and unmistakably Florida. Reef 76 Kitchen & Bar brings Sunshine State flavor with Caribbean flair and cultural depth. From a generous breakfast buffet and vibrant weekend brunch to relaxed lunch and dinner, the menu blends island-inspired dishes with familiar favorites—offering something to satisfy every palate.



Fair Ketch

Where game day meets getaway. Fair Ketch is a spirited social hub blending the thrill of sports with the vibe of a sleek coastal lounge. Watch every play on massive flat-screen walls, enjoy classic games, and savor elevated bar fare and craft drinks. The Topgolf Swing Suite features two interactive bays for teeing off, playing virtual games, or leveling up your night. Whether you're here for the big game or just the good times, it's your perfect catch.



Tide Coastal Kitchen

Elevated above the Intracoastal on the 10th floor, Tide Coastal Kitchen is a refined poolside retreat with sweeping views of Fort Lauderdale. Enjoy handcrafted cocktails, fresh coastal cuisine, and seamless service in a polished yet relaxed setting. Lounge in a private cabana and savor every sun-drenched moment—an elevated escape like no other.



Ibis Sky Lounge

Soar above Fort Lauderdale at Ibis Sky Lounge—an indoor-outdoor rooftop retreat with sweeping views of the Intracoastal and coastline. This adults-only hideaway offers polished service, globally inspired small plates, craft cocktails, and elevated wines. From VIP gatherings to sunset soirées, it's skyline sophistication at its finest.



Barchetta

Fine Dining Italian Chophouse option - coming 2026

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