



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-155

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: May 18, 2026
SUBJECT: 2026 Engaging Local Government Leaders Top Government Influencers Recognition

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to inform the City Commission that three (3) City of Fort Lauderdale staff members have been recognized as 2026 Top Influencers in Local Government by the Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) organization.

ELGL is a national organization dedicated to engaging and empowering local government professionals. Its membership includes public servants from cities, counties, special districts, nonprofit organizations and private sector partners throughout the United States.

The annual Top Influencers in Local Government list recognizes individuals making a meaningful impact in their communities and within the local government profession through leadership, innovation, collaboration and public service. The recognition is awarded based on peer nominations from across the ELGL community.

The City of Fort Lauderdale honorees recognized in the 2026 class include:

Ashley Doussard, Deputy Director (Office of Strategic Communications)

Ashley joined the City of Fort Lauderdale team in May 2021. Her peers shared the following with ELGL:

“Ashley Doussard is a transformative leader in the City of Fort Lauderdale's Office of Strategic Communications, known for elevating how the City connects with residents and partners. She brings empathy, fearlessness, and clarity to every interaction, from calming frustrated residents to coordinating high-stakes emergency messaging. A trusted partner across departments, she ensures accurate, timely communication when it matters most.”

Morgan Dunn, Division Manager (Transportation and Mobility Department)

Morgan joined the City of Fort Lauderdale team in June 2016. Her peers shared the following with ELGL:

“Morgan Dunn is a phenomenal public administrator who embodies the highest standards of local government. Beyond her expertise, Morgan’s interpersonal approach sets her apart. She possesses the rare ability to leave everyone she works with better than she found them, fostering a collaborative environment built on kindness and mutual respect. Fort Lauderdale is fortunate to have her, and I look forward to seeing her continued contributions to the field.”

Aricka Johnson, Strategy & Innovation Manager (Office of Management & Budget)

Aricka joined the City of Fort Lauderdale team in December 2016. Her peers shared the following with ELGL:

“Aricka Johnson is a key leader driving strategic innovation and performance management for the City of Fort Lauderdale. She has strengthened the connection between strategy, budgeting, and performance reporting, helping build a culture of accountability and transparency. Through her work, Fort Lauderdale demonstrates how data, collaboration, and clear strategy can deliver meaningful, measurable impact for the community.”

Please join me in congratulating Ashley, Morgan, and Aricka on this well-deserved recognition. Their impact, passion, and service are a testament to the standard of excellence throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale.

For more information on the 2026 ELGL Top Influencers in Local Government Awardees, visit elgl.org/2026-top-influencers-in-local-government.

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