



Press Release

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Jose “Joe” L. Chi was duly elected today, September 18, 2019, as the President of the Latin Chamber of Commerce of the United States, CAMACOL for the 19/21 term, in accordance with the organization’s bylaws.

Mr. Chi is a well-known entrepreneur and civic leader who, for over 20 years has served on numerous boards of community based organizations throughout the State of Florida. He has been on the CAMACOL board of directors since 1995. Joe has a solid track record in community service. The following is a *brief* of the board and organizations/entities which Mr. Chi has served on:

- Board Member, Region 23 –Jobs and Education Partnership Board (JEP), Welfare and Labor Reform Government work.
- Board Member Melrose Community Citizen’s Advisory Committee of the Miami Office of Community and Economic Development.
- Board Member- Florida Food Recovery- One of the largest distributors of USDA surplus foods for the poor in Florida.
- Board Member, Federal Enterprise Community Council, partnership between the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, State of Florida and Miami- Dade County utilizing Federal and State money to revitalize economically disadvantaged and distressed communities.
- Board Member, Wages Coalition Region 23, in charge of placing over 65,000 welfare recipients into productive jobs in the Dade and Monroe County area.
- Elected Vice Chairman of the Jobs and Education Partnership Board. [Precursor to South Florida Workforce]
- Elected Chairman of the WAGES Coalition in charge of a budget of US \$120 million dollars to transition over 65,000 welfare recipients in the Miami area.
- Executive Director of The Miami Overseas Chinese Association fundraising and organizing cultural and civic events such as the Miami Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival with average annual budgets exceeding \$200,000/year. Also raised funds for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.
- Elected Vice President of FADSA Florida Adult Day Services Association, the leading voice of the rapidly growing Adult Day Services (ADS) industry and the regional focal point for ADS providers in the State of Florida. FADSA advocates for hundreds of Adult Day and Senior Healthcare Centers. These organizations in turn, advocate for millions of Senior Adults statewide.

Mr. Chi holds an A.S. Degree in Engineering, Miami Dade College; a BS Degree in Accounting from Barry University and coursework toward a Master’s Degree from Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

He follows Ms. Mercy Saladrigas, who has been the CAMACOL interim president since 2016.

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