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### **Lydecker Diaz Senior Partner Manny Diaz appointed to the Board of Directors of the League of Conservation Voters**

*Former Mayor to Apply Climate, Sustainability Experience in Leadership Role at LCV*

WASHINGTON – The League of Conservation Voters has announced the addition of Lydecker Diaz Senior Partner and former Miami Mayor Manny Diaz to its Board of Directors. Diaz was first elected City of Miami Mayor in 2001 and was chosen to lead the United States Conference of Mayors as its president in 2008. In this leadership role, Diaz established combating climate change at the city level as the top priority of the conference.

“The League of Conservation Voters welcomes former Mayor Manny Diaz to our Board of Directors,” said LCV President Gene Karpinski. “We are honored to have Mayor Diaz’ three decades of experience in social and environmental advocacy and look forward to his leadership as we battle the worst environmental disaster in U.S. history and work to pass comprehensive energy and climate legislation. The Gulf Coast oil spill proves that now is the time for transformative clean energy reform and as a Board Member Mayor Diaz will be a powerful asset.”

During his two-term tenure, Diaz was nationally recognized for completely transforming the City of Miami by implementing innovative programs in the areas of urban design, sustainability and infrastructure investment. Through his leadership, the City of Miami became the first major U.S. City to adopt a form-based code for an entire city. The new code, Miami 21, is based on the urban planning principles of Smart Growth and New Urbanism. He also created the nation's first Adopt-A-Waterway program as well as a parks master plan for Miami that appropriated tens of millions of dollars creating and renovating new parks.

“I was proud to partner with LCV in adopting a Climate Action Plan for the City of Miami,” said Diaz. “I now look forward to working with LCV to secure passage of a comprehensive clean energy and climate law in Congress.”

Diaz was recognized as one of America’s Best Leaders by US News and World Report and The Center for Public Leadership (Kennedy School of Government); the Urban Innovator of the Year by the Manhattan Institute; Americans for the Arts-National Award for Local Arts Leadership; American Architectural Foundation Keystone Award; The Driehaus Form-Based Code Awards; Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce Power Leader of the Year and Green Visionary Awards; the Government Award by Hispanic Magazine; the Business Leader of the Year Award by South Florida CEO Magazine; and was named an Outstanding American by Choice by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service.

Diaz is currently Senior Partner at Lydecker Diaz heading up the firm’s corporate/transactional department. Lydecker Diaz is a full service law firm with 50 lawyers serving clients across the state,

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