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Greetings Mayor Cid and Miami Lakes leaders,

I wanted to take a moment and introduce myself - I'm Jody Finver, the Miami Dade Solar Co-Op Coordinator for [FLSUN](https://FLSUN.org).

Perhaps you have heard about us in the [news](#), but if you haven't, FL SUN is a non-partisan, non-profit that helps homeowners throughout Florida go solar by pooling their purchasing power and obtaining bulk discount rates on their individual installation.

FL SUN is a partnership between the two other non-partisan/non-profits - The League of Women Voters Florida and Community Power Network. We have launched 16 co-ops in the state and have helped hundreds of Floridians go solar while growing the solar industry and creating local jobs right here, in our own communities. The Miami co-ops are made possible through a grant from the Green Corridor. Over the next year I am launching and managing six solar co-ops across our county. We just completed two co-ops with more than 220 members and I have already launched our next two. One of these co-ops, [Northern Miami-Dade](#), includes Miami Lakes.

There is no cost to join or obligation to go solar through the co-op. Our organization is a neutral consumer advocate through the entire process. We don't endorse a product, installer or means of financing. As soon as 30 homes with nice, sunny roofs join, we issue a statewide RFP to licensed installers. By presenting a large group of qualified homes to an installer, they are able to make purchases in bulk and pass savings along to homeowners. We review the estimates thoroughly and compile a spread sheet comparing all the estimates apples-to-apples. Members of the co-op volunteer to be on a Selection Committee - these homeowners review the estimates and, based on the criteria of their fellow co-op members, select one installer to service the co-op. This installer then provides each homeowner with a customized proposal for their home based on guaranteed pricing from their RFP. If a homeowner chooses to move forward with an installation, I supervise as their co-op project manager making sure things are running smoothly. I assist both the installer and homeowner throughout the entire process.

Our co-ops have celebrated the endorsement via unanimously passed resolutions from the Miami-Dade County Commission, South Miami Commission, Miami Shores Village Council and City of Miami Commission. These partnerships make all the difference in spreading the word to constituents. Cutler Bay and Palmetto Bay are on deck.

In each co-op, I conduct two to three community information sessions (roughly 90 minutes including Q&A) explaining solar basics, how our co-ops work and various ways a homeowner can finance their system. I am in the process of scheduling information sessions for our Northern Miami-Dade co-op and would like to conduct one for the residents of Miami Lakes.

**Would your office be able to help me organize an information session (perhaps at your town hall) on November 9 at 7PM?** We would need seating for at least 50 people (upward to 75 or 100), Powerpoint access (though I have my own projector), an empty wall or screen, some tables to check in attendees, a microphone, and if possible WiFi - homeowners tend to mob us afterward to sign up and join the co-op on the spot.

We have had successful information sessions at City of Miami City Hall (organized by City of Miami Commissioner Russell), Pinecrest Community Center (organized by Mayor Lerner and Mayor Corradino) Key Biscayne Community Center (organized by the Key Biscayne Community Foundation), and have three scheduled at the Coral Gables Adult Center (organized by Coral Gables Commissioner Lago), Unitarian Universalist Congregational Church and the Kendall Lakes Library (organized by County Commissioner Martinez).

Miami-Dade College, Commissioner Levine-Cava, Mayor Bell, Mayor Glinn and Councilwoman Burch of Miami Shores have all been assisting to schedule information sessions and ensure the success of the upcoming co-ops.

Miami Lakes seems like a wonderful fit for our co-ops, especially given the image attached of Mayor Cid standing atop of IKEA and saying, "Renewable and alternative sources of energy, such as solar, will continue to become a bigger part of our overall energy supply. I look forward to working with our community in diversifying our energy consumption sources."

Florida is ranked #3 in solar potential, yet our residential rooftop solar is still under 1%. Knowing this, I not only hope to work with your office to set up an information session, I invite each of you, if you aren't already getting your energy from heaven, to join our upcoming solar co-op with your community.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from and working with you all to make our county as resilient and independent as we possibly can be.

In solardarity,

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