



## Happy New Decade

*Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. – Albert Einstein*

We have officially entered the third decade of 21st century. As we welcome 2020, we not only mark the end of another year but also celebrate the beginning of a new decade. The celebration is double and so are my wishes for all of you for a happy and healthy one.

Due to term limits, this year commences many of my “lasts” as your commissioner. On January 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> I will travel to Tallahassee for my last [Palm Beach County Day](#) with other Palm Beach County (PBC) elected officials, business leaders and advocacy groups.

Timed to the start of the state legislative session, the focus of the annual coordinated lobbying push is the many planned meetings with lawmakers and other state officials. County commissioners, school officials, union representatives, city leaders, local business advocates and civic organizations are among the attendees who make the trip.

The theme this year is [Building Brighter Tomorrow's](#)! Participation in PBC Day is a tangible way to help build brighter tomorrows, today. We welcome and appreciate all that will travel with us to ensure the county's future grows brighter than ever.

Our [legislative agenda](#) is the blueprint for a brighter future for our residents. PBC priorities include bringing back state funding for issues such as affordable housing, substance use, mental health programs, homelessness and transportation. We will fiercely advocate for our [environmental and natural resource priorities](#) as well. We push our agenda to ensure that our residents have the freedom and ability to create a bright and sustainable future for themselves and their families.

I look forward to representing you during this final year of my last term and experiencing all this year-of-lasts has to offer, just as I have enjoyed - with great pride, the honor and privilege of serving you the last seven years.

As always, I invite your comments on any issue of interest to you. As your Commissioner, I am here to help you. You may write me at 301 N. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach, 33401 or at [MBerger@pbcgov.org](mailto:MBerger@pbcgov.org). You can call me or my staff at 276-1310 or toll free at 877-930-2205. Please visit me on the Web at [www.pbcgov.com/d5](http://www.pbcgov.com/d5).

Yours in Public Service,

*Mary Lou Berger*