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## Belize Mayors' Association Holds Final Meeting for the 2018 - 2021 Cohort of Mayors

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The Belize Mayors' Association held its final meeting for the 2018-2021 cohort of Mayors on Friday, February 12, 2021, at the Bull Frog Inn, Belmopan.

During the meeting, the Ministry of Local Government provided recognition awards to the mayors who are not contesting the upcoming municipal elections, including former mayor Hon. Kevin Bernard, now member of the National Assembly and Minister of Youth, Sports and E-Governance, who served as mayor of Orange Walk Town from 2021 to 2020.

## The other award recipients were:

Mayor Khalid Belisle – Belmopan City Council - 2015 to 2021 Mayor Daniel Guerrero – San Pedro Town Council - 2012 to 2021 Mayor Ashton Mckenzie – Punta Gorda Town Council - 2015 to 2021 Mayor Marconi Sosa – Benque Viejo Town Council - 2018 to 2021

Minister Bernard thanked the mayors on behalf of Hon. Oscar Requena, Minister of Local Government, and extended well wishes to the mayors and the Association. The Minister also reiterated the Government of Belize's support to finalize and legislate critical municipal development initiatives that have been on the table for the last few years.

UNICEF also used the opportunity, via a correspondence that was read by Director of Local Government, to thank the mayors for their support and commitment for the implementation of the Sustainable Child Friendly Municipalities Initiative. UNICEF reassured its commitment to continue supporting the program and the welfare of the children of Belize.

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