



Chairman's Council for Prosperity Initiatives 2015-2016



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When chosen to lead the County Commission, it was my privilege to organize the legislative committees of the County Commission. In addition to the six (6) standing committee, I took the opportunity to establish the Chairman's Council for Prosperity Initiatives (the Council). As charged, the Council met regularly to "assess the progress we are making as a governing body in advancing policies to improve the quality of life of our citizens." The Council met 14 times to garner input from community leaders, policy experts and academics in order to craft solutions applicable to Miami-Dade County. As a result of these deliberations, many "prosperity" policies were suggested and subsequently adopted by the full Board of County Commissioners.

I am grateful for the time and input of my colleagues on the Council, the Honorable Barbara Jordan, Commissioner of District 1, and the Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Commissioner of District 8. Together we elevated the issue of prosperity as the central theme of my tenure as Chairman of the Miami-Dade County Commission. The studies, presentations and legislation developed during these meetings have produced positive results for the people of Miami-Dade County.

The initial guidance from Dr. Ned Murray and Mr. Kevin Greiner of the Metropolitan Center at Florida International University, and the published Prosperity Initiatives Feasibility Study that was sponsored by the Council and Citi Community Development, were critical to the success of the work of the Council. During their initial presentation, "the cross connections between the economy, housing and transportation" were noted as factors impacting the prosperity of our citizens. Over the past two years, the Council made substantial progress in addressing each of the three pillars of prosperity: economy, housing and transportation. Progress has been made, but much work remains.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean Monestime", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Jean Monestime, Chairman
Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners