

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(12)

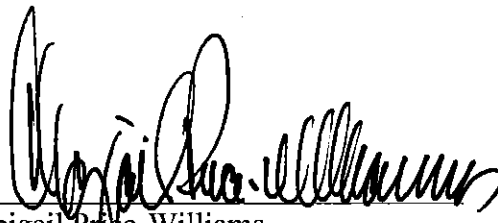
TO: Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 24, 2018

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution appointing Valencia
Gunder and Francesca Menes as
commissioners of the N.W. 79th
Street Corridor Community
Redevelopment Agency

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jean Monestime.


Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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7-24-18

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPOINTING VALENCIA GUNDER AND
FRANCESCA MENES AS COMMISSIONERS OF THE N.W.
79TH STREET CORRIDOR COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY

WHEREAS, this Board adopted Ordinance No. 11-55, as codified in Article CXXXIX, Section 2-22092, et seq. of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the “Code”) appointing the initial board of commissioners of the N.W. 79th Street Corridor Community Redevelopment Agency (“Agency”) pursuant to Section 163.356, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 163.356(2), Florida Statutes, and the Code, the Agency’s board “shall consist of not fewer than five or more than nine commissioners”: and

WHEREAS, this Board, as a “governing body”, as that term is defined in Section 163.340(3), Florida Statutes, is required pursuant to Section 162.356 (2), Florida Statutes, to make appointments of the Agency’s commissioners, chair and vice-chair, when necessary; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-2099(c) of the Code, this Board wishes to appoint Valencia Gunder and Francesca Menes, whose resumes are attached hereto as Exhibits “A” and “B” and incorporated herein by reference, for terms of four years; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that Valencia Gunder and Francesca Menes meet and/or exceed the qualification necessary to be commissioners of the Agency,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution and are approved.

Section 2. This Board appoints Valencia Gunder and Francesca Menes to serve as a commissioner of the N.W. 79th Street Corridor Community Redevelopment Agency. In accordance with Section 163.356, Florida Statutes, Ms. Gunder and Ms. Menes shall serve terms of four years.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jean Monestime. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Daniella Levine Cava	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Eileen Higgins
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

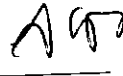
The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of July, 2018. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Terrence A. Smith

VALENCIA GUNDER

1800 NW 75th Street Miami, Fl. 33147
Cell: 786.877.7826
Email: ValenciaGunder@gmail.com

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Skilled Community Engagement Specialist dedicated to the assessment and engagement of the public and implementation of strategic public relation plans.

EXPERIENCE

Founder/CEO, Make the Homeless Smile Miami, Inc. 2014-Present • Plan outreach services for the homeless community in Miami, Fl. and Atlanta, Ga. Schedule dates for events and fundraisers. Build relationships with potential partners, investors, and donors.

Coalition Organizer, New Florida Majority, 2016-Present, Build all coalition spaces for all issues for the organization. Facilitate community education workshops and help the organization power map through all strategy.

Creator, Hood Week Miami 8/2015 • Planned all activities and workshops for the entire event • Created content for potential sponsors • Managed the strategy for community outreach • Lead social media promotions • Created relationships between local businesses and potential customers.

Eco-Prenuer, EcoTech Visions 12/2015 - Present • Community engagement for programming. • Introduced EcoTech Visions Adult Coding Boot camp to Liberty City. • Assisted with applicants and selection for Coding Boot camp Class • Served as the community liaison for EcoFest Miami • Build relationships with local leaders.

Board Member, TACOLCY Center 2/2016-Present • Support/Approve Strategic plans and budgets • Support Agency's compliance with conditions with all grants • Determine policy and procedures for board • Support/Plan agency development

CLEO Institute 3/2016 • Assisted with identifying concerns of the community in reference to climate change. • Assisted with planning community open forum • Advocate for the constituents of Liberty City in reference to Climate Change/Oppression. • Assisted with community outreach for Climate Change open Forum • Facilitated Climate Change Community Forum for Liberty City.

EDUCATION

2002– 2007, Florida A & M University, International Agri. Business

ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS/PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2016 Radical Partner Social Entrepreneur Bootcamp
2017 YALP, Harvard Business School
2017 Soros Justice Fellow

Francesca Menes, M.P.A

E-mail: francesca@francescamenes.com / Twitter: @francescamenes / Facebook: Francesca Menes
 LinkedIn: Francesca Menes / Website: francescamenes.com

EDUCATION

Florida International University, Miami, FL
 Master of Public Administration, April 2013

Certificate: Community Development
Cumulative GPA: 3.86

Florida International University, Miami, FL
 Bachelor of Arts, August 2008
 Cum Laude

Majors: Political Science
 Women's Studies

Minor: Philosophy
Certificate: National Security Studies

Cumulative GPA: 3.559

Miami- Dade College, Miami, FL
 Associate of Arts, December 2005

Major: Political Science
Cumulative GPA: 3.19

Minor: Philosophy

LANGUAGE

Creole (Haiti): Fluent reading, writing, and conversation. **French:** Beginner reading, writing, and conversation.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Florida State Coordinator, Local Progress, Center for Popular Democracy,
 Miami, Florida

December 2017-Present

- Responsible for building the Local Progress network in Florida;
- Build and strengthen membership and develop strategies to recruit new members;
- Cultivate relationships with organizational partners throughout the state;
- Develop research, policy and, programming and training infrastructure to support members' engagement such as trainings, regional meeting, policy education sessions, etc.;
- Identify and implement state specific campaigns and developing an organizing strategy;
- Identify opportunities for members to participate in cross-issue campaigns in Florida;
- Support members to participate in regional and national programming and events.

Political Director, FLIC Votes, Miami, Florida

March 2016-October 2017

- Developed and led in collaboration with staff the long-term political strategy
- Developed campaign and field plans;
- Trained and shaped organizational and programmatic staff;
- Drafted campaign and programmatic budgets;
- Led the research components of campaigns, including exploring experiments, polling, analysts and models;
- Led the electoral process and targeting, including identifying strategic races, candidates, endorsement process, universe and overall strategy;
- Executed strategies for precinct-level base building and mobilization of voters, targeting the new majority, the Rising American Electorate (RAE) and New Americans;
- Coordinated with members statewide on strategic partnerships and mappings to strengthen FLIC Votes presence;

- Alliance and Coalition building and coordination, including with State Alignment and national partners;
- Supervised Deputy Political Director
- Represented FLIC Votes at public forums, conferences, meetings and to the media;
- Wrote Letters of Intent (LOIs), Request for Proposals (RFPs), and other grant proposals;
- Managed existing grants by: tracking grants and developing internal reporting systems.

Candidate, Florida House of Representatives District 108, *Miami-Dade, FL*

February 2016-August 2016

- **Fundraised:** Monetary: \$58,880.86 and In-Kind Contributions: \$2,589.83 with over 406 donors.
- **Election Results:** 3,131 ballot were casted for Francesca. She came in 3 out of 7 candidates, with 279 votes separating her from the winning candidate.
- **Endorsements:** Florida AFL-CIO, AFSCME Florida, UNITE HERE Local 355, SEIU Florida, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 78, Teamsters Local Union No. 769, Communications Workers of America Local 3122, Florida Young Democrats, Ruth's List, United Teachers of Dade, Florida Planned Parenthood PAC, National Women's Political Caucus of Florida, Haitian Americans for Progress PAC, Equality Florida Action PAC, New Florida Majority, United Faculty of Miami Dade College, SAVE Action PAC, Democratic Progressive Caucus of Florida, The Miami Herald, The Miami Times, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, State Representative Jose Javier Rodriguez, Miami Shores Councilwoman Ivonne Ledesma, Miami Shores Councilman MacAdam Glinn

Director of Policy and Advocacy, Florida Immigrant Coalition, *Miami, Florida*

January 2016-October 2017

- Developed and implemented FLIC's strategic legislative, policy and voter engagement campaigns designed to effect change by federal, state, and local policymakers;
- Identified, researched, tracked and analyzed relevant public policy and legislative developments before federal, state and local bodies;
- Conducted legislative targeting based on shifting demographics and composition of districts;
- Built and maintained authentic relationships with policymakers, legislators and their respective staff;
- Prepared effective policy-oriented materials, in collaboration with FLIC's Communication Team, including action alerts, talking points, letters, policy briefs, press statements, legislative reports and drafting resolutions;
- Represented FLIC at public forums, conferences, meetings and to the media;
- Coordinated with FLIC members statewide on strategic partnerships and mappings to strengthen FLIC's public policy agenda;
- Assisted in conducting policy advocacy trainings, community forums, workshops, panels or other policy-oriented educational events in Creole, Spanish and English for a range of audiences, including community members, youth/students, social justice advocates and elected officials;
- Developed comprehensive Civic Engagement/Voter Engagement Programs during electoral cycles;
- Implemented strategies and built infrastructure to conduct field operations throughout the state;
- Executed strategies for precinct-level base building and mobilization of voters, targeting the new majority, the Rising American Electorate (RAE) and New Americans;
- Supervise Communications Manager
- Wrote Letters of Intent (LOIs), Request for Proposals (RFPs), and other grant proposals;
- Managed existing grants by: tracking grants and developing internal reporting systems.

Policy and Advocacy Coordinator/ Florida Wage Theft Task Force Coordinator,
Florida Immigrant Coalition *Miami, Florida*

December 2010-December 2015

- Developed and implemented FLIC's strategic legislative, policy and voter engagement campaigns designed to effect change by federal, state, and local policymakers;
- Identified, researched, tracked and analyzed relevant public policy and legislative developments before federal, state and local bodies;
- Conducted legislative targeting based on shifting demographics and composition of districts;
- Built and maintained authentic relationships with policymakers, legislators and their respective staff;
- Prepared effective policy-oriented materials, in collaboration with FLIC's Communication Team, including action alerts, talking points, letters, policy briefs, press statements, legislative reports and drafting resolutions;
- Represented FLIC at public forums, conferences, meetings and to the media;
- Coordinated with FLIC members statewide on strategic partnerships and mappings to strengthen FLIC's public policy agenda;
- Assisted in conducting policy advocacy trainings, community forums, workshops, panels or other policy-oriented educational events in Creole, Spanish and English for a range of audiences, including community members, youth/students, social justice advocates and elected officials;
- Developed comprehensive Civic Engagement/Voter Engagement Programs during electoral cycles;
- Implemented strategies and built infrastructure to conduct field operations throughout the state;
- Executed strategies for precinct-level base building and mobilization of voters, targeting the new majority, the Rising American Electorate (RAE) and New Americans;
- Provided general coordination of the Florida Wage Theft Task Force;
- Wrote Letters of Intent (LOIs), Request for Proposals (RFPs), and other grant proposals;
- Managed existing grants by: tracking grants and developing internal reporting systems.

Field Coordinator, Florida Immigrant Coalition/ Florida New Majority
Miami, Florida and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

July 2010-November 2010

- Along with Field Director and Data Manager, developed a comprehensive Get Out the Vote (GOTV) field and phone-banking strategy plan;
- Coordinated a GOTV site in Broward County for 12 weeks;
- Managed a canvass team of 20 and 1 data manager;
- Convened team to review daily assignments;
- Prepared materials, finalized universe and cut turf for canvass team daily walks using Voter Activation Network (VAN);
- Prepared phone universe for robocalls, virtual phone banking, robosurveys
- Organized, trained and provided support during daily team dispatch and debriefing sessions;
- Centralized and maintained a database of daily team reports, including synchronizing with VAN daily.

Afro-Caribbean Organizer/South Florida Wage Theft Task Force Coordinator,
Florida Immigrant Coalition, *Miami, Florida*

September 2008-June 2010

- Strengthened relationships with community organizations, leaders, government officials;
- Conducted Know Your Rights Trainings;
- Conducted strategic planning meetings;
- Designed campaign plans (Primary Campaigns: Equal Treatment for Haitians and Wage Theft)
- Designed informational materials for campaigns;
- Organized rallies and demonstrations and other social awareness events;

- Voter registrations, petition drives, call-in days and canvass operations to increase awareness within the community;
- Developed campaign budget;
- Wrote Letters of Intent (LOIs), Request for Proposals (RFPs), and other grant proposals;
- Managed existing grants by: tracking grants and developing internal reporting systems

AmeriCorps: Public Allies, Site: Miami, Florida. *Miami, Florida*

September 2008-June 2010

- Public Allies Miami is a program of Catalyst Miami, and a proud member of the AmeriCorps national service network. Public Allies is a national movement grounded in the conviction that everyone leads. My organizational placement was the **Florida Immigrant Coalition, Inc.**

Research Assistant, Dr. Beverly Yuen Thompson, Ph.D., *Florida International University*
Miami, Florida

May 2008-August 2008

- Conducted literature reviews;
- Coded qualitative interviews by researching hundreds of pages of data for relevant measurements;
- Maintained accurate records of interviews.

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Beverly Yuen Thompson, Introduction to Women's Studies, Center for Women's & Gender Studies, Florida International University, *Miami, Florida*

January 2008-April 2008

- Prepared for and led 2 course discussions;
- Held office hours to help students with questions;
- Graded homework assignments;
- Helped to prepare homework assignments and exam questions;
- Graded exams and papers;
- Helped administer (proctor) exams;
- Helped the instructor to maintain records of homework and exam performance;

Program Assistant, Women's Center, Florida International University, *Miami, Florida* *January 2008-April 2008*

- Supported program director;
- Coordinated educational activities to inform the women population on campus;
- Increased awareness on issues such as domestic violence, reproductive justice/rights, and leadership development;
- Assisted daily operations of The Women's Center, including maintaining the physical space, answering phones, monitoring e-mails, etc;
- Collaborated with campus and community partners to develop, facilitate, and implement programs focused on inclusivity, health, equality, gender, leadership, and advocacy;
- Acted as a resource and referral person for students seeking assistance academically and/or personally;
- Created a safe and inclusive environment within The Women's Center, and promoting these types of environments campus and community-wide;
- Developed marketing and outreach to ensure faculty, staff, community member, and student participation in programs;
- Director of Volunteers, Women Who Lead Conference.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Connect Florida, Class VI, Leadership Florida, Florida	<i>October 2016-June 2017</i>
National Labor Leadership Initiative, Southern Regional, AFL-CIO, South East, U.S.	<i>July-December 2015</i>
International Migration & Development Exchange, Solidarity Center, Jakarta & Bogor, Indonesia	<i>August 2015</i>
Beyond November Movement Convening, Black Youth Project, Chicago, Illinois	<i>July 2013</i>
SPIN Academy South, The Spin Academy, Dawsonville, Georgia	<i>June 2013</i>
Art of Leadership Training, Rockwood Leadership Institute, Briarcliff Manor, New York	<i>September 2011</i>
Midwest Academy, Community Organizing for Social Change, Miami, Florida	<i>August 2010</i>
Florida Transformative Organizing Initiative, Social Justice Leadership, Florida	<i>July 2010 – July 2011</i>
Wellstone Action Integrated Electoral Training, Center for Community Change, Washington, D.C.	<i>May 2010</i>
Reclaiming Our Wages: A Conference on Organizing, Public Policy and Workers' Rights, National Employment Law Project (NELP), Washington, D.C.	<i>November 2009</i>
New Media Training and Strategy Session, National Immigration Forum, Washington, D.C.	<i>June 2009</i>

HONORS & AWARDS

Women Leaders Honoree, American Society for Public Administration, South Florida Chapter	<i>Spring 2018</i>
Advocacy Award, Haitian American Democratic Club of Broward County	<i>Fall 2017</i>
Miami's 40 Under 40 Young Black Leaders of Today and Tomorrow, Legacy Magazine	<i>Summer 2016</i>
20 Under 40 Young Haitian-American Professionals, Haitian-American Chamber of Commerce of FL	<i>Spring 2016</i>
Angels of Adams Street, Influence Magazine	<i>Spring 2016</i>
Advocacy Award, Haitian Lawyers Association	<i>Spring 2016</i>
Honoree, Kombit Kreyol International Women Celebration	<i>Spring 2016</i>
Unsung Hero, City of Miami Gardens Haitian Flag Day Celebration	<i>Spring 2015</i>
Marie Claire Heureuse Leadership Award, Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami, Inc./Haitian Women of Miami	<i>Spring 2015</i>
20 Under 40 Emerging South Florida Leaders, Miami Herald and City Year	<i>Fall 2014</i>
Women of Influence Award, Association of Exchange & Development of Activities and Partnerships, Inc.	<i>Fall 2014</i>
Inducted, Pi Alpha Alpha, National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, FIU, Miami, FL	<i>Fall 2012</i>
Inducted, Golden Key International Honour Society, FIU, Miami, FL	<i>Fall 2012</i>
Jean-Claude Garcia-Zamor Haitian American Scholarship Recipient, Florida International University	<i>Fall 2012</i>
Ronald E. McNair Fellows Scholar, Florida International University	<i>Spring 2008</i>
Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges, Florida International University	<i>Fall 2008</i>
Inducted, Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society, FIU, Miami, FL	<i>Fall 2007</i>
Inducted, Iota Iota Iota, Women's Studies Honor Society, Florida International University	<i>Spring 2007</i>

Dean's List, Florida International University

Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008

Dean's List, Miami-Dade College

Fall 2005 and Fall 2004

Horatio Alger Association, 2003 Horatio Alger Missouri Scholar

August 2003-April 2008

Recipient, National Council of Jewish Women Scholarship

Fall 2003

PRESENTATIONS/PANELS/INTERVIEWS

Invited Panelist, Local Progress, "Promoting Healing in Our Communities: Beyond Police Reform," at the Racial Justice Strategy Summit, Baltimore, Maryland, December 3, 2017

Invited Panelist, Drug Policy Alliance, "Drug Policy and Immigration: Connecting the Dots," at the 2017 International Drug Policy Reform Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, October 12, 2017

Invited Panelist, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, "Haitian Immigration Panel," at the 2017 Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference, Washington, D.C., September 22, 2017

Invited Panelist, "Immigrant Resistance in Red States," at Netroots Nation 2017, Atlanta, Georgia, August 11, 2017

Invited Moderator, Campaign to Defend Local Solutions, "The Deportation of Innocence: Film Screening and Panel on Welcoming Communities," Miami, Florida, August 2, 2017

Invited Panelist, "Mainstage Plenary: And Justice For All: The State of Black Immigrants and the Movement for Black Lives," at the National Immigrant Integration Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, December 13, 2016

Invited Panelist, "Resiliency in Advocating for Immigrant Health in Hostile Environments," at the National Immigrant Integration Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, December 13, 2016

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Michael Putney & Glenna Milberg. "This Week in South Florida: Protesters Challenge Trump's Election Victory," WPLG ABC Channel 10, Hollywood, Florida, November 13, 2016

Invited Panelist, Caribbean Heritage Month Annual White House Celebration, "Caribbean-American Millennials and Their Potential Impact on the Future of the American Dream," at the Caribbean Heritage Month Briefing and Celebration, Washington, D.C., June 23, 2016

Invited Panelist, The Florida Coalition on Black Civic Participation, "Healthy, Wealthy & Wise," at the Black Women's Roundtable Town Hall Meeting, Orlando, Florida, June 4, 2016

Invited Moderator, Miami Dade College, "A Dream Derailed: The Dark Side of the Immigrant Experience," at the 32nd Annual Miami Book Fair International, Miami, Florida, November 21, 2015

Invited Speaker, "Discussion on Racism and Discrimination," at the Gray Panthers of South Dade Monthly Community Discussion, Miami, Florida, November 21, 2015

Invited Panelist, Amnesty International USA, "Campaigning for the Right to Nationality in the Dominican Republic," at the Amnesty International USA Southern Regional Conference, Miami Beach, Florida, October 24, 2015

Invited Panelist, Amnesty International USA, "Opening Plenary: From Moment to Movement," at the Amnesty International USA Southern Regional Conference, Miami Beach, Florida, October 24, 2015

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Jim DeFede. "Facing South Florida: A Look at Issues Important to People in South Florida, Anti-immigrant Bill, House Bill 9," CBS Channel 4, Miami, Florida, October 18, 2015

Facilitator, “First Steps to Becoming a Changemaker: Advocacy 101”, at LadyFest Miami 2015, Miami, Florida, September 26, 2015

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Suzanne Potter. “Miami-Dade Approves ID Cards,” Public News Service – FL, September 2, 2015

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Roque Planas. “State Department Cautiously Criticizes Dominican Deportations,” The Huffington Post, August 17, 2015

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Caribbean Runnings. “Haiti and the Dominican Republic Crisis,” WRFG Radio, 89.3 FM, Atlanta, Georgia, July 31, 2015

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Mercedes Soler. “Haiti and the Dominican Republic Crisis,” CNN en Español, Miami, Florida, July 24, 2015

Menes, Francesca (2015, July 10). Op-Ed; You Can’t Deny Who You Are: A Tale Of Two Nations. *Rise*, <http://risemiaminews.com/2015/07/you-cant-deny-who-you-are-a-tale-of-two-nations/>

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Gary Nelson. “Dominican Deportation Policy Draws Miami Protest,” CBS Miami, Miami, Florida, July 1, 2015

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Nadege Green. “Elected Officials Mostly Silent on Stateless Dominicans of Haitian Ancestry,” WLRN-Miami Herald News 91.3 FM, Miami, Florida, July 1, 2015

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Beyond Borders. “History of Haiti and the Dominican Republic: Ethnic Cleansing in the DR,” WRFG Radio, 89.3 FM, Atlanta, Georgia, June 27, 2015

Presenter, “What Should We Do To Prepare for the 2016 Session,” at 2015 Legislative Session Debrief, Miami Florida, June 23, 2015

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Marie Flore Lindor-Latortue, Ph.D. “Crisis in the Dominican Republic,” Radio Luz-Miami, 1360 AM, Miami, Florida, June 20, 2015

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Nina Agrawal. “Immigration Activists Respond To DACA Ruling,” WLRN-Miami Herald News 91.3 FM, Miami, Florida, June 3, 2015

Invited Panelist, “Topic: Gender-Based Violence,” at the Black Girls Matter Miami Town Hall, Miami, Florida, May 28, 2015

Co-Facilitator, “Florida Convergence Workshop”, at the 3rd Annual National Strategy Session to End Criminalization, Incarceration, & Immigration Enforcement, Boca Raton, Florida, May 3, 2015

Invited Panelist, “Expect the Unexpected: Adapting Your Plans after the Lessons of 2014,” at the Four Freedom Fund Civic Engagement Convening, Chicago, Illinois, April 16, 2015

Invited Trainer, “State Overview: 2015 Legislative Session,” at Catalyst Miami, Miami, Florida, March 17, 2015

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Alexandra Pecharich. “7 questions for immigrant-rights advocate Francesca Menes,” FIU Magazine, Miami, Florida, February 24, 2015

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Dionne Jackson-Miller. “Beyond the Headlines: President Obama's Executive Action and the Black Immigrant Community,” RJR 99.1 FM, Jamaica, West Indies, November 21, 2014

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Cheryl Mizell. "Community Voices: Post-Election Results and its Impact on South Florida's Black Community," WEDR-FM 99 Jamz, Hollywood, Florida, November 7, 2014

Invited Panelist, Black Immigration Network, "Global to Local Community Town Hall: Strengthening Connections for Transnational Justice through Local Action," at the Black Immigration Network 4th National Convening, Miami, Florida, May 23, 2014

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Alan Gomez. "Voices: Attitudes soften toward undocumented immigrants," USA Today, Tallahassee, Florida, March 27, 2014

Invited Trainer, "County & State Legislative Overview: Connecting the Dots," at Social Justice Weekend, Miami, Florida, February 22, 2014

Moderator, National Partnership for New Americans, "From Organizing to Policy Wins: Strategies on Empowering and Protecting Immigrant Workers," at the National Immigrant Integration Conference, Miami, Florida, November 18, 2013

Invited Speaker, Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board, "Reunite Families and Keeping Families Together," at Fair Immigration Summit, Miami, Florida, October 29, 2013

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Farah Larrieux. "Haiti Journal: Current Status of Immigration Reform in the U.S.," WPBT Channel 2, North Miami, Florida, August 8, 2013

Invited Speaker, Consulate General of the Republic Suriname, "Current Status of Immigration Reform in the U.S.," at the Surinamese Community Meeting, Miami, Florida, July 19, 2013

Invited Speaker, Consulat Général de la République d'Haïti à Miami, "Current Status of Immigration Reform in the U.S.," at the Community Roundtable Discussion on Immigration Reform, Miami, Florida, July 18, 2013

Invited Panelist, Black Immigration Network, "Congressional Briefing: Uplifting Black Immigrant Voices in the Immigration Reform Debate," at the Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C., March 20, 2013

Invited Panelist, "Immigrant Rights and Civil Rights: Why Alliances Matter," at the Four Freedom Fund Donor Briefing, Memphis, Tennessee, May 2, 2013

Invited Panelist, Black Immigration Network, "Black Perspectives on Immigration Reform," for the Black Immigration Network Webinar Series on Immigration Reform, February 28, 2013

Invited Panelist, National Partnership for New Americans, "The Black "Community" and the "Black Experience" in the Twenty-first Century," at the National Immigrant Integration Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, September 23, 2012

Co-Facilitator, Southeast Immigrant Rights Network, "Workshop on Alliance and Relationship Building," at the Southeast Immigrant Rights Network 2012 Annual Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina, July 14, 2012

Invited Panelist, Black Immigration Network, "Black Immigrant Perspectives on Migration and Globalization," at the Black Immigration Network 3rd National Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, April 23, 2012

Invited Panelist, Black Immigration Network, "The South: A Critical Arena for Winning Just Immigration and Racial Justice," at the Black Immigration Network 3rd National Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, April 22, 2012

Invited Panelist, National Employment Law Project, "Examining the Campaign Against Wage Theft as a model for Cross-Sector Organizing," at the National Immigrant Integration Conference, Seattle, Washington, October 24, 2011

Invited Panelist, Color of Hope, "Leaders of Tomorrow," at the National Haitian American Forum, West Palm Beach, Florida, May 28, 2011

Menes, Francesca. "From Poverty to Prosperity: The Roots Causes of Poverty and Migration in Haiti." *BAJI Reader* (Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)) 2, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 18-21.

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Matthew Richardson. "Citizens rally for immigrants," *The FAMUAN*, Volume 112, Issue 22, Tallahassee, Florida, March 21, 2011

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Valarie Edwards. "Gulf Coast Live: Haiti One Year Later," WGPU Public Media, Fort Myer, Florida, January 12, 2011

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Donald Anthonyson. "The War on Immigrants Report: Xenophobia, Immigration and Crisis," WBAI 99.5 FM, New York, New York, August 24, 2010.

Facilitator, Black Alliance for Just Immigration, "Building a Black Immigrant Network," at the United States Social Forum, Detroit, Michigan, June 24, 2010

Invited Panelist, Retail Action Project/Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union, "Arresting the Boss: Wage Theft and Organizing Power," at the United States Social Forum, Detroit, Michigan, June 24, 2010

Invited Panelist, Interfaith Worker Justice, "Wage Theft: What is it? What can we do about it?," at the United States Social Forum, Detroit, Michigan, June 23, 2010.

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Janvieve Williams Comrie. "SB1070: Race and Human Rights," Radio Diaspora Collective: WRFG 89.3, Atlanta, Georgia, May 1, 2010

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Naomi Abraham. "U.S. Haitians Approach TPS With Cautious Optimism," Columbia News Service, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York, New York, March 12, 2010.

Invited Panelist, Circle of Consciousness, "Women Liberators of the Americas, Past and Present Fighting Patriarchy From All Trenches," at the Miami Workers Center, Miami, Florida, March 11, 2010

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Adem Carro. "The War on Immigrants Report: Temporary Protected Status for Haitians," WBAI 99.5 FM, New York, New York, February 2, 2010.

Menes, Francesca. Interview with Jean-Pierre Leroy. "Ayisyen nan Florid Kontinye Reklame Stati Pwoteksyon Tanporè," Voice of America – Creole, Washington, D.C., October 26, 2009

Facilitator, Reform Immigration For America Youth Organizer Training, Orlando, Florida, September 11-13, 2009

"Globalization, the Global Justice Movement and Civil Disobedience" presented at the 2008 McNair Scientific Research Symposium, Florida International University, Miami, Florida, October 9, 2008

Invited Moderator, VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood at Florida International University, Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast, and Legal Momentum, "Sex, Lies, and Stereotypes: The Harm of U.S. Abstinence-Only Policies at Home and Abroad," at the Florida International University, Miami, Florida, September 16, 2008

Participant, NCCSWL: National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, Washington, D.C.,
June 5-7, 2008

"Intersectionality: A Social Construct" presented at the 2008 Women's Studies Student Conference, Florida
International University, Miami, Florida, March 25, 2008

Invited Panelist, National Organization for Women: Campus Action Network, "Love Your Body Day," at
Florida International University, Miami, Florida, October 17, 2007

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Board Member , Florida Center on Fiscal and Economic Policy, <i>Florida</i>	<i>April 2017-Present</i>
Co-Chair of Governmental/International Affairs Haitian American Professionals Coalition, <i>Miami-Dade, FL</i>	<i>February 2017-Present</i>
Treasurer , Florida Democratic Party, <i>Statewide, FL</i>	<i>January 2017-Present</i>
State Committeewoman , Miami-Dade Democratic Party, <i>Miami-Dade, FL</i>	<i>December 2016-Present</i>
Board Member , Miami-Dade County Commission for Women, <i>Miami-Dade, FL</i> Appointed by Miami-Dade Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, District 4	<i>Dec. 2016-Dec. 2017</i>
Board Member , Florida Strong, <i>Florida</i>	<i>September 2015-December 2017</i>
Secretary , Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency, <i>Miami-Dade, FL</i> Appointed by Miami-Dade Chairman Jean Monestime, District 2	<i>April 2014-Present</i>
Board Member , Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency, <i>Miami-Dade, FL</i> Appointed by Miami-Dade Chairman Jean Monestime, District 2	<i>December 2013-Present</i>
Steering Committee Member , Black Immigration Network, <i>National</i>	<i>April 2009-Present</i>
Member , Women's Movement Now -Younger Women's Task Force - Miami, <i>Miami, FL</i>	<i>June 2008-Present</i>
Member , Miami-Dade County Young Democrats, <i>Miami-Dade, FL</i>	<i>June 2008-Present</i>
Co-Coordinator , #Rights4ALLinDR, <i>National</i>	<i>May 2015-December 2016</i>
Board Member , Miami-Dade County Commission for Women, <i>Miami-Dade, FL</i> Appointed by Miami-Dade Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, District 4	<i>May 2011-July 2016</i>
Vice-President of Communications and Administration , <i>Miami-Dade, FL</i> Miami-Dade County Young Democrats	<i>September 2013-June 2015</i>
Second (2nd) Vice-Chair , Miami-Dade County Commission for Women, <i>Miami-Dade, FL</i> Appointed by Miami-Dade Commissioner Sally A. Heyman, District 4	<i>Apr. 2012 -April 2014</i>
Board of Directors, Recording Secretary , South Florida Jobs with Justice, <i>Miami, FL</i>	<i>Aug. 2010 – Aug. 2012</i>
Administrative Director , Miami-Dade Young Democrats, <i>Miami-Dade, FL</i>	<i>January 2010-December 2010</i>
Press Secretary , Miami-Dade County Young Democrats, <i>Miami-Dade, FL</i>	<i>February 2009-December 2009</i>

Committee Member, Young Activist Team Steering Committee (YAT), *June 2008-December 2009*
Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast, Inc., *Miami, FL*

Vice-President, VOX: Voices for Choice, Florida International University, *Miami, FL* *Feb. 2007-Aug. 2008*

Secretary-Treasurer, NOW: National Organization for Women *August 2007-August 2008*
Florida International University, *Miami, FL*

President, Pi Sigma Alpha, Tau Rho Chapter, National Political Science Honor Society, *Jan. 2008-April 2008*
Florida International University, *Miami, FL*

Participant, United States Student Association, Electoral Action Training (E.A.T.), *Miami, FL* *November 2007*

Secretary, Pi Sigma Alpha, Tau Rho Chapter, National Political Science Honor Society, *Sept. 2007-Dec. 2007*
Florida International University, *Miami, FL*

Secretary, Iota Iota Iota, Women's Studies Honor Society, *April 2007- August 2008*
Florida International University Chapter, *Miami, FL*