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## **Congratulations to new Miami-Dade BCC Chair Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Vice-Chair Oliver Gilbert III**



Congratulations are in order for our new Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Vice-Chairman Oliver Gilbert III. The installation ceremony took place on January 6, 2021 at Hard Rock Stadium. Looking forward to another great term!

## **The Office of Community Advocacy welcomes the Social and Economic Development Council**

On January 21, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved an ordinance transferring the Dr. Antonio Jorge Social and Economic Development Council (SEDC) to the Office of Community Advocacy. The SEDC, in its role as an advisory committee to the Board of County Commissioners, recommends policies and measures to promote the economy of Miami-Dade County, with special attention to the needs of low-income

segments of the population. The SEDC aims to pursue a balanced perspective among economic development, social justice, and environmental sustainability. The SEDC, comprised of distinguished academics, non-profit leaders and other community volunteers, is a welcome addition to the Office of Community Advocacy and will be a great partner to our other advisory boards.

**First meeting will take place on February 26, 2021 at 2 - 4 PM. The location is TBA.**

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## **Miami-Dade County Goodwill Ambassadors and SURGE Team offering COVID-19 Resources**

To help flatten the curve of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in hotspot areas our Miami-Dade Goodwill Ambassadors and #OurCounty's SURGE Outreach Team were in #LibertyCity speaking to residents and business owners about the importance of hand-washing, sanitizing, maintaining social distancing of at least six feet in public places, and wearing masks. They provided kits filled with safety materials, hand sanitizers and masks to promote public health.

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## **Miami-Dade County monitoring COVID-19**

Miami-Dade County officials continue to work with local, state and federal agencies in monitoring COVID-19, part of the coronavirus family. The State of Florida has declared a Public Health Emergency.

**For more information and updates on COVID-19, visit the following sites:**

### **Moving to a New Normal:**

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/openings.page>

### **Miami-Dade County Updates Regarding Coronavirus:**

<http://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/home.page>

### **Miami-Dade County COVID-19 Testing Locations and Information:**

<http://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/testing-locations.page>

### **Miami-Dade County #WeCanWeWill public education campaign:**

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/resources.page>

### **Miami-Dade County COVID-19 Relief and Assistance:**

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/assistance/housing.page>

### **United Way of Miami-Dade COVID-19 Resource Center:**

<https://unitedwaymiami.org/coronavirusresources/>

**Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Updates:**  
<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

**CDC COVID-19 Information:**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

**Miami-Dade County COVID-19 Vaccine Information:**  
<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/vaccine/home.page>  
or call (305) 614 -2014

**Get help paying your light bill:**  
[https://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid\\_service=ser1504204216164378](https://www.miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1504204216164378)

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## **The Miami-Dade Community Relations Board partnered with MDPD & Breaking The Cycle for MLK Day!**



The Miami-Dade Community Relations Board partnered with Miami-Dade Police Department & Breaking The Cycle for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Ride participants cycled around the city to bring attention to gun violence and to promote better community and police relations. Read more about the event in the article posted by Miami Herald.

[\*\*Read More\*\*](#)

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# One Heritage

THE STATE OF **BLACK MIAMI**  
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Continuing the conversation on community development  
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## SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, **FEBRUARY 3, 2021**  
**7:00 - 9:00 PM**



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OUTREACH, INC., AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH IN MIAMI-DADE  
INVITES YOU TO A CARAVAN PARADE COMMEMORATING



Monday, February 8, 2021  
Tuesday, February 9, 2021  
12PM to 1PM

**SAVE THE DATE**



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# 3D MAMMOGRAMS



**Location:**  
**Kendale Lakes Library**

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, February 3rd 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Schedule your 3D mammogram appointment online at:**  
**[www.floridamobilemammography.com](http://www.floridamobilemammography.com)**

- ⌘ Mammograms are covered 100% one time every 12 months by insurance for women 40 years old and over
- ⌘ Female patients under 40 years old must have a doctors script
- ⌘ \$150 cash price for patients without insurance coverage
- ⌘ Patients must list a primary physician or OBGYN to receive a mammogram

\*\*We are unable to accommodate women in wheelchairs on our mobile breast centers, however, we are happy to recommend local imaging centers in the area that offer ADA accessibility.\*\*

**[FloridaMobileMammography.com](http://FloridaMobileMammography.com)**

**If you need additional assistance, please call 877- 318-1349 opt. 1**

**Schedule Your Appointment**



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Sign up at [www.catalystmiami.org/taxprep](http://www.catalystmiami.org/taxprep) or call 786-527-2580 to schedule your appointment.

**Appointments available:**

- Tuesdays, 1pm-9pm
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- 💰 Social Security cards or ITIN letter for taxpayer, spouse, and all dependents
- 💰 Identity Theft Protection Pin (if provided by the IRS)
- 💰 Proof of income (W2, 1099-MISC, 1099R, SSA-1099, etc)
- 💰 Information for credits & deductions (mortgage, tuition, investments, interest, etc.)
- 💰 Small business documents and expenses (if applicable)
- 💰 Tax ID number or Social Security number of daycare provider and amount paid (if applicable)
- 💰 Personal check with account/routing numbers for direct deposit of refund
- 💰 Copy of your previous tax return

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## COMMUNITY ADVOCACY BOARD MEETINGS UPDATES

**\*\*There are several vacancies on the following Advisory Boards. If you are interested in serving on one of our boards, contact the respective board Program Director listed below.**

[Asian-American Advisory Board \(AAAB\)](#)

Program Director: Joshua Ho  
Chairperson: Sharon Fine

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM**  
Location: Westchester Regional Library,  
9445 Coral Way, Miami, FL 33165

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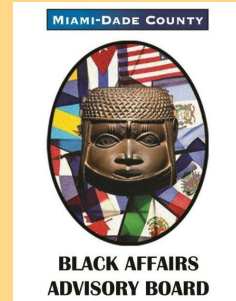


## [Black Affairs Advisory Board \(BAAB\)](#)

Program Director: Retha Boone-Fye  
Chairperson: Stephen Johnson, Esq.

TBA

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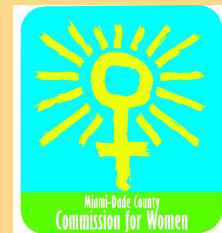


## [Commission For Women \(CFW\)](#)

Program Director: Monica Skoko Rodríguez  
Chairperson: Sharon Kendrick-Johnson

**Wednesday, February 26, 2021 at 4:00 PM**  
Location: Miami-Dade Main Library Arva Moore Parks Auditorium  
101 West Flagler Street Miami, FL 33130

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## [Community Relations Board \(CRB\)](#)

Program Director: Shirley Plantin, EJD  
Chairperson: John Quick, Esq.

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM**  
Location: Miami-Dade County Main Library  
101 W Flagler St, Miami, FL 33130

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## [Domestic Violence Oversight Board \(DVOB\)](#)

Program Director: Elizabeth Regalado  
Chairperson: Miguel A. De Grandy, Esq.



**Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 10:00 AM**

Location: Stephen P. Clark Center | The County Commission Chambers  
111 NW 1st Street, Second Floor, Miami, FL 33128

**Domestic Violence Hotline, call 1 (800) 500-1119**

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### [Elder Affairs Advisory Board \(EAAB\)](#)

Program Director: Katherine Bolt

Chairperson: Nercy Radcliffe

**Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM**

Location: TBA

Miami-Dade County has the largest population in the State of Florida of individuals 60+ years old. With a County population that totals 2.7 million, more than 435,000 of the total population is made up of those 62+. On May 1, 2018 the Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved Ordinance [18-49](#) creating the Miami-Dade County [Elder Affairs Advisory Board](#).

**Report elder abuse at 1-800-962-2873**

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### [Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board \(HAAB\)](#)

Program Director: Natalie Milian, MPA

Chairperson: Francesco Duberli

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

Location: Westchester Regional Library  
9445 Coral Way, Miami, FL 33165.

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### [LGBTQ Advisory Board](#)

Program Director: Gabriel Paez

Chairperson: Aiyana Angeni Gonzalez

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 3:30 PM**

Location: Stephen P. Clark Center, County Commission Chambers, 111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Second Floor, Miami, FL 33128



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111 NW 1st Street Suite 1034  
Miami, Florida 33128

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Sincerely,

Laura Morilla, Executive Director  
Office of Community Advocacy

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