



# DISTRICT 3 TODAY

## Commissioner Keon Hardemon



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Dear Neighbors and Friends:

As a Liberty City native, I care deeply about what happens in our district. The people, businesses, and places that form this community are an important part of why I choose to remain committed to uplifting our community every single day.

In this edition of District 3 Today, you will learn about our continued progress. We have named a portion of N.W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue after Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, successfully passed the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget and allocated funds to the redevelopment of Overtown.

This quarterly newsletter is evidence of the continuous progress we are making in our district as we work together to make Miami a great place to live, work, and play.

Best Regards,

Keon Hardemon  
Miami-Dade County Commissioner

### Commissioner Hardemon's Committees & Boards

- Airports and Economic Development
- Chairman's Council of Policy
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- Public Housing and Community Services
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- Miami-Dade County League of Cities
- Transportation Planning Organization
- Miami-Dade County Tourist Development Council
- Greater Miami Convention Visitors Bureau



*Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler (right) and Commissioner Hardemon (left) unveil Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler Blvd.*

## **COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON DESIGNATES A PORTION OF N.W. 22<sup>ND</sup> AVE. AS DR. BARBARA CAREY-SHULER BLVD.**

Commissioner Keon Hardemon sponsored a resolution to name a portion of N.W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between State Road 112 and N.W. 79<sup>th</sup> Street after Miami-Dade County Commissioner Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler.

Commissioner Dr. Carey-Shuler was the first African-American woman and first chairwoman on the Board of County Commissioners. Throughout her 25-year career, she created affordable housing and business opportunities for low-income and minority residents, secured funding for historically Black buildings throughout Miami-Dade County, advocated for police reforms, and sought federal support for the rebuilding of Liberty City after the McDuffie Riots.



## **COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON DONATES \$10,000 TO MIAMI NORTHWESTERN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM**

The Miami Northwestern Senior High School men's varsity basketball team received a \$10,000 donation from Commissioner Keon Hardemon. The funds will be used to cover travel costs associated with the team's December basketball tournament in Nassau, Bahamas.

## **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET GETS APPROVED BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget was approved by Commissioner Keon Hardemon and the Board of County Commissioners on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The new \$10 billion budget includes a millage rate reduction (property tax savings), \$85 million for affordable housing, and over \$57 million towards community-based organizations.

Many countywide programs and District 3 initiatives will receive funding to improve transportation, roads and bridges, water and sewer, sanitation, and community development.



## **HALLOWYNWOOD EXTRAVAGANZA TAKES OVER ROBERTO CLEMENTE PARK**

The Office of Commissioner Keon Hardemon partnered with Chairwoman Christine King to bring HalloWynwood Extravaganza to Roberto Clemente Park. Families were able to enjoy a fun-filled evening that included a costume contest, candy, a haunted house, and spooky trails.

## **COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

Commissioner Keon Hardemon distributed grocery store gift cards and turkeys to District 3 residents this Thanksgiving. Additionally, the Commissioner hosted a Toy Giveaway and sponsored two toy drives. Happy Holidays!





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# COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON ALLOCATES \$2 MILLION TOWARDS THE REDEVELOPMENT OF OVERTOWN

The \$2 million funding will be used to purchase an eyesore that is currently used as a convenience store and incorporate it into Harlem Square, which will be a lounge, meeting place, and entertainment facility.



Rendering of Harlem Square



## MEET YOUR TEAM



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*Office Manager*



**Santiana Lewis**  
*Director of Strategic Initiatives*



**Rosenny Augustine**  
*Intergovernmental Affairs Coordinator*



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**Caroline Sanchez**  
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*District Coordinator*

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Miami Shores  
El Portal  
Biscayne Park  
Downtown  
Biscayne Corridor



**Patricia Lott**  
*Community Liaison*

**Focus Area:**  
Senior Sites  
Brownsville  
Buena Vista (East/West)



**Martha Whisby**  
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**Focus Area:**  
Overtown  
Liberty City  
Housing



**Vanessa Azzam**  
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**Focus Area:**  
Allapattah  
Wynwood  
Design District



**Jeanine Jolicoeur**  
*Community Liaison*

**Focus Area:**  
Little Haiti



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