

## DISTRICT 3 TODAY Commissioner Keon Hardemon



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Season's greetings and warm wishes!

As we reflect on the past year, we are proud of the progress we have made in our community. From economic development to anti-violence initiatives, we have accomplished so much in 2023 and are excited to continue the momentum into the new year.

In this edition of District 3 Today, you will learn about the continued progress we have made. I am pleased to announce that I have appointed Misty X. Brown as my new chief of staff. Additionally, we marked the start of the holiday season with the first-ever Christmas tree lighting at the Joseph Caleb Center, and our team successfully cleaned over 55,000 pounds of garbage in our community.

As we move forward, let us keep striving for progress and positive change in our neighborhoods. Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season!

Warm regards,

Keon Hardemon, Esq.

Miami-Dade County Commissioner



#### COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON HONORS DJ EFN WITH KEY TO THE COUNTY

Commissioner Keon Hardemon honored DJ EFN with a Key to the County at the Museum of Graffiti in Wynwood.

Native to Miami, DJ EFN has made an international impact on the Hip-Hop and entertainment industry, often elevating South Florida artists and bringing top-tier talent to Miami-Dade County.



### COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON HIRES MISTY X. BROWN AS NEW OFFICE CHIEF OF STAFF

Commissioner Keon Hardemon announced the hire of longtime government expert Misty X. Brown as his new chief of staff.

"I am happy to announce the hire of Misty X. Brown as my next chief of staff. No one knows our district better than Misty, who has spent over a decade listening and ensuring our constituents' voices and needs are met. Her experience in our district makes her the right person for the job, and I look forward to all we will accomplish with her at the helm," Commissioner Hardemon said.

"It's an honor to serve this district for the third time in my career," said Brown. "I thank Commissioner Hardemon for the opportunity and look forward to working with the entire team to address the needs of our constituents."

With over 30 years of government experience, Brown has worked at the local and federal level for three different County Commissioners, two U.S. Representatives, and a U.S. Senator in various executive and legislative positions. Brown is a proud graduate of Shaw University, holding a bachelor's degree in public administration with a minor in economics and accounting.

### THE REHABILITATION OF LINCOLN MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY IS UNDERWAY

The rehabilitation of Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery has started with the construction of the site's facade on NW 46<sup>th</sup> Street. The project includes a brand-new sidewalk, privacy fencing, lighting, and decorative trees. Commissioner Keon Hardemon allocated \$2 million towards the rehabiliation of the cemetery which is expected to be completed in 2024.





### COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON HOSTS FIRST-EVER JOSEPH CALEB CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Commissioner Keon Hardemon hosted the first-ever tree-lighting ceremony at the Joseph Caleb Center. The ceremony marked the start of the holiday season in Brownsville and included a toy giveaway to about 75 kids from the community.

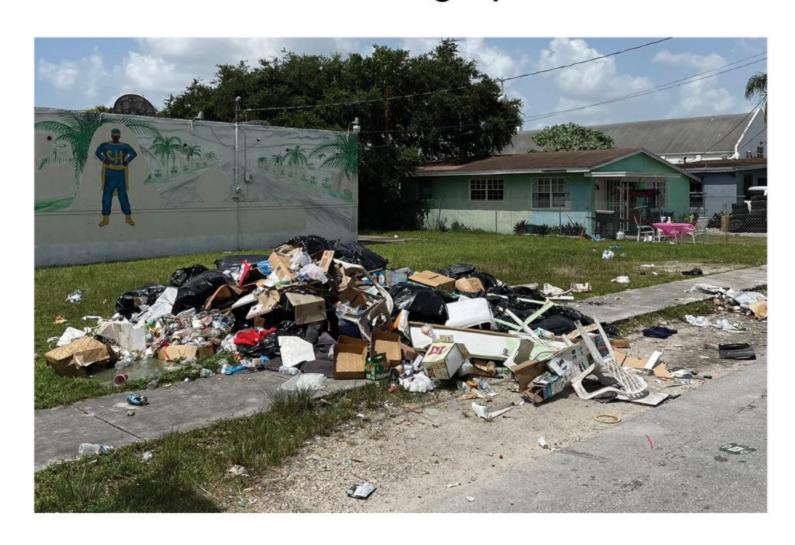
# OVER 55,000 POUNDS OF GARBAGE HAS BEEN REMOVED THROUGH THE KEON HARDEMON CLEAN COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

The Clean Community Initiative is part of a continued effort to keep our community safe and clean. The Office of Commissioner Keon Hardemon partnered with multiple county departments to clean over 55,000 lbs. of garbage along several locations on NW 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. To report an eyesore in our community, please contact our office at (305) 636-2331.



#### MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SAVES DISTRICT 3 INFILL LOTS

Miami-Dade County recently recovered 31 infill lots worth an assessed value of almost \$2 million. The county was forced to save the properties before foreclosure after the property grantees acquired numerous code violations and failed to pay property taxes. Our office intends to develop these properties as affordable housing options for families.





#### BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT: ESQUIRE BARBER SHOP & CLOTHING

Esquire Barber Shop & Clothing, a historic symbol of Black progress in Liberty City, has reopened under the leadership of Rev. Billy Strange Jr. The barbershop held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the occasion on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023.

The shop, located at 1487 NW 54<sup>th</sup> Street, is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 5 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

