



# DISTRICT 3 TODAY

## Commissioner Keon Hardemon



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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

I take great pleasure in ensuring that our community receives resources that improve the quality of life for its residents. Additionally, our success in this district is inextricably linked to physical, natural, and spiritual development.

In this edition of District 3 Today, you will learn about our most recent progress we've made in ensuring the success of our community. We have secured millions of dollars to combat gun violence, awarded more than \$150,000 to small businesses in our community, and extended the life of the Southeast Overtown / Park West Community Redevelopment Agency. These actions will cause immeasurable economic and public benefit.

Please know that we are here to help and we will continue to serve you to the best of our abilities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large 'K' followed by a horizontal line and a vertical stroke.

Keon Hardemon  
Miami-Dade County Commissioner

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Commissioner Hardemon speaks to a group of teenagers about *Fit2Lead*, a program that helps at-risk youth gain important life development skills and opportunities.

## COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON SECURES \$90 MILLION TO COMBAT GUN VIOLENCE

Funds secured through the FTX Naming Rights Agreement will be used over the next 19 years to combat gun violence via an annual plan called **Peace and Prosperity**. The plan focuses on the root causes of gun violence and poverty by addressing social and economic gaps through multiple anti-violence plans and positive youth programs such as **Fit2Lead**, an award-winning initiative made up of the *Summer Fellowship Program* and the year-round *Afterschool Enrichment and Internship Program*.

These programs will provide at-risk youth paid jobs/internships, recreational activities, workshops, life improvement and engagement events, mentorship, and critical skills meant to reduce youth violence and achieve excellence.



## THE KEON HARDEMON SMALL BUSINESS GRANT AWARDED \$160,000 TO SMALL COMMUNITY BUSINESSES

The grant offers funding opportunities for small businesses to purchase equipment, supplies, inventory, renovations, and more. Seventy-three businesses were awarded funding in 2022. Look out for the next application period starting in early 2023.



## **SOUTHEAST OVERTOWN / PARK WEST CRA WILL CONTINUE TO UPLIFT OVERTOWN UNTIL 2042**

The advocacy and support of Commissioner Keon Hardemon was crucial in the passage of the Southeast Overtown / Park West Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) life extension.

The CRA was founded in 1982 to take on development projects and redevelopment efforts in Overtown. Originally set to expire in 2030, the CRA will now continue to create new job opportunities and develop and rehabilitate low-to-moderate income housing in Overtown for 12 more years.



## **18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY FAMILY FEST CELEBRATION AT CHARLES HADLEY PARK**







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## COMMISSIONER KEON HARDEMON LAUNCHES HIS CLEAN COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

The Clean Community Initiative is part of a continued effort to keep our community safe and clean. The program will help deter illegal dumping, overgrown lots, and other eyesores in the community. If you need to report any community eyesores, please call 3-1-1 or our office at (305) 636 - 2331.



### MEET YOUR TEAM



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Community Liaison

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Community Liaison

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Liberty City



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Focus Area:  
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