

DISTRICT 8

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Delivering for District 8: The Highlights from Year Four

I continue to champion the needs of South Dade while improving government accountability, expanding our economy and enhancing our quality of life. Please review these highlights of my fourth year in office (2018) and share your ideas for improving our community.

Fair Share for South Dade



- ✓ Continued our **Leisure City Pride Initiative** by partnering with Rebuilding Together Miami-Dade and 300 volunteers to repair 17 senior resident homes, upgrade 2 parks, plant an edible forest of community fruit trees, repair sidewalks and pave 7.6 miles of roads, and repair and paint two community walls.
- ✓ Created the first competitive infill housing program in District 8 to help tackle our **affordable housing** crisis.
- ✓ Won support for **South Dade avocado growers** to combat laurel wilt disease.
- ✓ Enhanced the **wellbeing of food-insecure families** by organizing food drives in seven schools resulting in the collection and distribution of 5,339 pounds of food.
- ✓ Pushed for an evaluation of the additional **policing needs for South Dade** to ensure fast response times.
- ✓ Completed nearly \$7 million in capital Public Works projects, including **resurfacing roads and repairing sidewalks**.

Expanding Economic Opportunity



- ✓ Awarded \$86,000 in competitive grants up to \$6,000 to 48 **small businesses** to **support** their growth and encourage new job creation.
- ✓ Provided 11 in-depth **Nonprofit Academy** workshops attended by 19 non-profit leaders to enhance their ability to transform their organizations to make a tangible difference in communities served.
- ✓ Secured \$1.6 million for **Redland Farm Life Center** renovations to create a culinary incubator facility.
- ✓ Supported a **living wage for employees** of vendors doing business on County properties.

Improving Mobility



- ✓ **Restored and improved transit routes**, added Sunday service to the Cutler Bay Local Rt. 200, and added new circulator service in Princeton Rt. 248.
- ✓ Passed a law requiring integration of real-time Transit information for **seamless trip planning** across city trolley and transit riders via integrated mobile app data.
- ✓ Collaborated with community stakeholders to **reignite bike and pedestrian safety initiatives** by convening workshops, creating new training materials for police officers, and improving infrastructure for more bike-friendly roadways.
- ✓ Insisted on greater accountability by requiring regular reports on the health of the **Metrorail and Metrobus fleet**.

Championing Our Parks & Environment



- ✓ **Banned the disposal of fracking waste** in Miami-Dade.
- ✓ Secured seven **additional waste oil collection sites** to help prevent pollution and illegal dumping.
- ✓ Fought for **our environment and farmland** by opposing the extension of the 836 toll road outside the Urban Development Boundary and the development of a "Mega Mall" on the edge of the Everglades.
- ✓ Positioned our community as a leader in **growing solar jobs, businesses, and new solar rooftops**.
- ✓ Passed a law requiring that all future housing developments designate an area for **recycling collection**.
- ✓ Successfully reversed State rules to **prevent more toxic chemicals** from going into Florida waters.
- ✓ Created an annual **"Biscayne Bay Report Card"** on the health of our Bay.
- ✓ Passed a goal to have at least half of the **Transit fleet** be electric by 2035.
- ✓ Invested in playgrounds and improvements to 17 of our **local parks**.

Improving Government Accountability and Responsiveness



- ✓ Implemented a **new emergency preparedness mobile app** available for hurricanes and other disasters.
- ✓ Required the County to investigate installing **emergency backup power** for our traffic signals.
- ✓ Successfully **added early voting sites** at college campuses ensuring citizens have unfettered access to the ballot box.
- ✓ Obtained **victim assistance** information to support women released from County correctional facilities.
- ✓ Banned animal abusers from adopting pets from the County animal shelter, launched a "Firehouse Dog" foster program and co-hosted "Dogs of Summer" **pet adoption and training** expo, along with several free spay/neuter events.

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