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## Delivering for District 8: The Highlights from Year Two

"I promised to champion the needs of South Dade, improve government accountability to increase public trust, and enhance our quality of life. After two years, I am proud to report real progress has been made. I look forward to delivering on even more promises for our residents and businesses over the next two years."

### A Fair Share for South Dade



- ✓ We held our second annual *South Dade Solutions Summit* and launched the new brand, "*South Dade: More to Explore*." The Economic Development Council of South Dade will lead a marketing campaign, showcasing South Dade as an ideal place to live, work and play.
- ✓ We increased the County police force by 40 officers with more than half placed in districts which serve South Dade, and restored the agricultural patrol around-the-clock to safeguard residents, farm equipment and livestock.
- ✓ We secured \$1.5 million for Homestead's downtown revitalization and \$7.5 million for Palmetto Bay from the County's economic development fund. We invested \$988,000 in Cutler Bay's Caribbean Boulevard enhancements.
- ✓ We began construction of a \$5 million pool complex at South Dade Park, opened newly improved Debbie Curtin Park, and started construction at Charles Burr Park.

### Championing Our Parks and Environment



- ✓ We protected our drinking water by banning "fracking" for gas and oil, and we banned Styrofoam in County parks to protect our fish and wildlife.
- ✓ We increased environmental education in our District schools through a partnership with *Dream in Green*.
- ✓ We donated 45 acres of county land to Biscayne National Park to help restore natural water flow.
- ✓ We passed legislation to cut pollution at County buildings and helped private building owners to reduce energy consumption.
- ✓ We directed the County administration to develop a plan for the "reuse" of more than 90 million gallons of cleaned wastewater to conserve our limited fresh water supply.

### Increase Government Accountability and Responsiveness to Community Concerns



- ✓ I successfully passed legislation to increase campaign finance transparency.
- ✓ The Commission passed my legislation that requires elected officials to report conflicts of interest.
- ✓ We passed legislation creating online access to zoning case information and hearing dates, so that residents are better able to participate in zoning matters.

### Improving Transit Options



- ✓ As Fiscal Priorities Chair of the County's Metropolitan Planning Organization, I workshopped potential funding opportunities for the SMART Plan and pushed to get all transit corridors fast-tracked.
- ✓ In collaboration with the South Dade Mayors, I have continued to press for rail service, and the County transit department is currently pricing various options for South Dade.
- ✓ My legislation passed to reduce bus travel time by allowing city "circulators" to use the *South Dade Transit Way*.
- ✓ Aging buses were retired after I advocated for new, improved vehicles, and express bus service was added.
- ✓ Commute times are reduced thanks to my advocating for improved signalization on US 1, with plans underway to install state-of-the-art traffic management controls along US 1 this year.
- ✓ I saved transit commuters (especially South Dade commuters) money by capping the fare for express bus routes.

### Expanding Economic Opportunity



- ✓ 30 businesses graduated from the *District 8 Small Business Academy*, and 35 nonprofits completed the *District 8 Nonprofit Academy*, both are unique and innovative programs offered only in our District.
- ✓ Over 20 businesses received grants up to \$6,000 each, to support their growth and "green" practices; \$100,000 in grants will be provided to the graduates of the Nonprofit Academy.
- ✓ We launched *Accelerate South Dade*, a District 8 business and nonprofit incubator that will house 5 nonprofits and 7 for profit small businesses.
- ✓ My legislation passed to help customers in need through a charitable fund at our Water and Sewer Department.

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