

COMMISSIONER MOSS...

DOCTOR PADRON...

DEAR FRIENDS...

GOOD AFTERNOON AND LET ME THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR THE MAYOR'S BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE.

BEFORE WE BEGIN, I WANT TO SHARE AN INITIATIVE THAT I HAVE STARTED BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCEMENT ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS.

ALTHOUGH WE LEAD THE STATE IN JOB CREATION...

AND THE GROWTH OF OUR METRO ECONOMY IS GREATER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE....

THERE ARE STILL TOO MANY PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH.

THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL MAJOR PROJECTS THAT ARE IN THE PIPELINE AND OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS TO BE READY FOR THOSE.

IF YOU TAKE THESE TWO FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT AND PUT THEM TOGETHER...

WE NEED TO FIND WAYS TO CONNECT FOLKS WHO NEED PEOPLE WITH THE PEOPLE WHO NEED JOBS.

AND WHEN THESE PROJECTS NEED WORKERS, THEY SHOULD LOOK TO MIAMI FIRST, THEY NEED TO USE LOCAL TALENT.

I AM THE MAYOR FOR ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY HAS A SHOT AT A BETTER LIFE.

THIS IS WHY I NEED ALL OF YOU TO WORK WITH ME ON THIS INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS POVERTY REDUCTION AND JOBLESSNESS.

WE ARE ALL MIAMIANS.

WE NEED TO BREAK DOWN BARRIERS, AND WE NEED TO BE A COMMUNITY THAT WORKS TOGETHER.

THE BEST WAY OUT OF POVERTY, AND THE BEST WAY TO STRENGTHEN OUR MIDDLE CLASS, IS THROUGH GOOD JOBS.

A GOOD JOB PROMOTES SELF SUFFICIENCY AND HELPS BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY.

FOR THOSE WHO NEED JOBS, WE NEED TO TRAIN THEM, AND THEN PUT THEM TOGETHER WITH THOSE WHO NEED THE SKILLS AND TALENT TO GET ALL THESE NEW PROJECTS OFF THE GROUND.

WE NEED TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY, THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR, TO MAKE SURE THIS HAPPENS.

TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM RICK BEASLY WITH CAREER SOURCE MIAMI...

FROM LEROY JONES WITH NEIGHBORS AND NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION...

AND FROM CARLOS CARILLO WITH ASSOCIATED BUILDING CONTRACTORS...

AND THEY'LL UPDATE YOU ON SOME OF THE EFFORTS WE ALREADY HAVE UNDERWAY.

THIS ISSUE IS VERY DEAR TO ME, AND I WILL BE TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS.

I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN THIS POVERTY REDUCTION INITIATIVE...

SO WE CAN BUILD A BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT  
THAT BENEFITS EVERYONE...

ONE THAT OFFERS GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
ALL RESIDENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY...

AND LET US ALL WORK AS PARTNERS TO ENSURE  
OUR COMMUNITY'S LONG TERM SUCCESS.

