



District 3: Tisa McGhee

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HAVING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO RESIDENTS AND GIVES EVERYONE AN EQUAL VOICE IS CRUCIAL FOR DEMOCRACY. WHAT SPECIFIC POLICY CHANGES WOULD YOU PURSUE TO EXPAND CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND REDUCE THE INFLUENCE OF SPECIAL INTERESTS?

It would invest in community engagement and systemic interventions for community control and benefit policies to improve equity. For example, I would ensure that in the reinstatement of the County's Civilian Investigative Panel includes a community member who is able to fully participate and represent the overall community.

AN ANALYSIS BY APARTMENT LIST SHOWS 62.7% OF RENTERS IN MIAMI ARE COST-BURDENED, THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF THE NATION'S 100 LARGEST METRO AREAS. WHY DO YOU THINK THIS IS AND WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT STEPS YOU'LL TAKE TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM?

One of the factors contributing to our affordability crisis is the lack of new, higher-paying jobs as well as for gainful full-time employment with benefits for our residents. I would review incentivizing models (zoning and financial) to create more mixed-use and fixed-income developments to provide more opportunities for people to live and work in the same area.

CLIMATE CHANGE IS A MASSIVE CHALLENGE TO MIAMI AND IS PARTICULARLY HARMFUL TO UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES. WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS TO MAKE US MORE RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE? HOW WILL YOU ENSURE ALL COMMUNITIES HAVE ACCESS TO RESOURCES TO ADAPT AND THRIVE?

I would work to strengthen District 3 infrastructure, enhance natural protections, promote economic resilience, and identify innovative solutions to the challenges of climate change. I also believe we need to have more community involvement in the discussions around climate change and issues like climate gentrification which is a real issue in District 3.

THE COUNTY SPENDS OVER \$1 BILLION DOLLARS OF THE BUDGET ON POLICE AND CORRECTIONS. HOW DO YOU WEIGH THIS AGAINST MAKING INVESTMENTS IN COMMUNITIES TO TACKLE ISSUES SUCH AS HOMELESSNESS, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC HEALTH?

As a 26 year social service advocate I am interested in the County meeting the needs of the residents of District 3 and Miami-Dade County. As policy makers we can't afford to get this wrong, I will review the budget to make sure we are addressing the issues of homelessness, education and public health adequately while ensuring we have the budget required to keep our community safe.

GIVEN THE LACK OF RELIABLE AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS TO EXPAND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR CONSTITUENTS?

I would work with the Transit Alliance to reform the SMART Plan and review options to expand public transportation. So many studies have already been done and we have not been able to use the data to make informed decisions, I am concerned about the traffic in district 3 specifically on the Biscayne corridor.

