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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?

I founded the Office of New Americans to engage new citizens into civic life. During this pandemic, I called for and ensured that every resident received applications to vote by mail. I will expand governmental review to reduce the influence of dark money on our government and elections. I will look to expand outreach to non-voters and encourage them to become involved, become active, and vote!

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?

Two of the most direct ways we can address this are by improving our workers' wages, and by extending our public transit system to connect neighborhoods with opportunities. We can also bring long-term solutions like Community Land Trusts (which I made a county priority), and partnerships like our current one with Rebuilding Together to help low income residents make needed repairs to their homes.

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?

Climate change is here and disproportionately affects low-income communities. As Commissioner, I led on environmental issues and called to evaluate and reduce our energy use. As Mayor, climate justice considerations will play a central role in the decisions made by my office. I will seek out every expert, approach, and option to prevent further damage to our environment, economy, and way of life.

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?

When our community is healthier, housed, and well-educated, we turn to our police departments less. We must fund shelters, childcare centers, libraries, and community centers, dedicated to addressing gaps among disadvantaged communities. These solutions should not compete with funding for our public safety programs, but complement them to encourage an environment of growth and equity for all.

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

Many residents depend on public transit to get to work. I support extending rail to the South Dade and North corridors and extending light rail to Miami Beach. After decades of delay and empty promises, I'll focus on innovative approaches that attract federal, state and private sector investments that allow Miami-Dade County residents and visitors to have a true countywide interconnected system.

