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CANDIDATE RESPONSES TO THE ENGAGE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AUGUST 2020 VOTER GUIDE QUESTIONNAIRE ARE BELOW.

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 would like to implement a community-based participatory engagement committee tasked with including all involved entities providing transparency in the process.

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?

The census indicates 900 people move to Florida per day. Simple economics are at play "Supply & Demand". Think how many of those individuals move to Miami-Dade. Innovative solutions including inclusionary zoning, development impact fees and a revolving affordable housing loan fund would help us meet the rising demand for affordable housing.

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?

We are far behind right now! I would continue to follow our current "Resilient305" plans and continue to provide funding for it.

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?

Safety is a cornerstone to all great communities, without that foundation we can not build a better community. I've worked with great national organizations in planing and implementing strategic policy that tackles these social issues.

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

As the chairman of the transportation committee for the Florida League Of Cities we've dealt with this continued trend of declining funds due to aging policy. Our only methods of funding transportation expansion is through new taxes or public private partnerships.

