



## Mayoral Candidate: Monique Barley

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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?**

Get the residents more involved by sending out surveys to homes. I want to ensure our constituents that their voices are important as well and deserve to be heard.

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**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?**

To me everything is about getting down to the root problem of things. We need to implement rent control. Not allowing landlords to increase the rent. We also need to bring down the cost of move in amount. Security deposit and first months rent should be it. We need to keep our public housing for our low income families, we need self sufficient programs to help our residents.

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**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?**

Remove the houses off the tanks and put them on pipelines. We need better infrastructure.

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**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?**

Homeless trust have enough money to decrease the homelessness we're experiencing here. We shouldn't need to take from one budget to allocate to another. Education obviously is a school board situation but as Mayor I'll work with the school board directors to foster my ideas. Public health, sanitizing the streets is a great start.

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

Expanding the rail. Adding back routes that was outsourced. Update buses.

