



District 11: Robert Asencio

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?

COVID response to recovery; Increase Housing Affordability (AH) Programs for Renters & Buyers; Small Business Investment; Job Creation; Workforce Development Training / Employment Partnerships; Prioritizing Improved Delivery of Public Services; Fortifying Safety Net Policies Against Expansion of UDB; our immediate needs are extensive - please visit <https://robertasencio.com/issues/> for more.

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?

Prior to COVID 59% of households in MD were either at poverty or 1 to 2 paychecks away from economic disaster. Higher now. I seek policies that invest in workforce development & jobs creation in high wage emerging industries & revamp AH assistance & development programs. Currently only two builders are authorized to build AH in MD. Lobby for use of state Sadowski Trust Fund in MD.

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?

Present policy changes that mandate increased resiliency in new prop. developments. Negotiate with FPL, Co. & stakeholders for economic incentives on improvement by them & home owners. Work closely with MD Resiliency Office and community on innovative improvement measures. Lastly, local jobs creation will reduce carbon foot print caused by commuters forced to leave areas of homes for work.

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?

Ensuring public safety is a joint community effort. I seek to audit budget of PD and public service providers to ensure appropriate funding of safety (sworn and non-sworn) health programs. The legislature has been defunding support services. As a legislator, I fought and will continue to fight for funding for services like mental health, arrest diversion, homeless assistance, AH, etc.

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

Demand full allocation of half penny sales tax to improving public transportation - as taxpayers were promised. Hold Mayor and County Transportation Director accountable to this. Lobby for added state & federal funding. Fight to stop or reverse passed policies that divert or limit use of transportation funding. To start.

