



Engage Miami's
City of Miami 2021
Young People's
Voter Guide

Election Day
November 2, 2021

Our Future, Our Vote

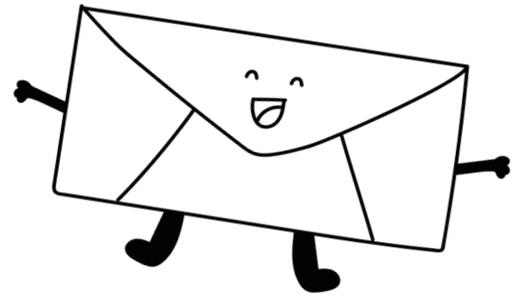
Almost 1 in 3 registered voters in the City of Miami are Gen Z or millennials, but in 2019 turnout of voters ages 18-35 was only 4.1%. There are almost 70,000 young voters who could get out and vote this year. It's our future, it's our city, it's our vote, and it's our time to show our power and cast our ballots.

3 Ways to Vote: Make Your Plan!

Make your plan to vote now, and bring your friends and family! Go to engage.miami/vote to register, check your sample ballot, request to Vote by Mail, and more!

Option 1: Vote by Mail, A.S.A.P

You can request your Vote by Mail ballot up to 10 days before any election, but we recommend doing it as early as possible and getting it back in the mail or dropping it off at an early voting site drop box (available only during early voting times). You can track your ballot online to make sure it is counted!



Option 2: Vote Early, October 23-31

Early voting for the City of Miami General Elections is October 23rd - 31st from 7am - 7pm on weekdays and 8am - 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Early voting sites include:

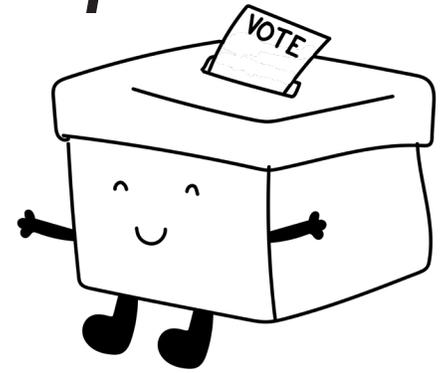
- Allapattah Branch Library
- City of Miami - City Hall
- Hispanic Branch Library
- Lemon City Branch Library
- Stephen P. Clark Center
- Shenandoah Branch Library
- West Flagler Branch Library

Option 3: Vote on Election Day, November 2

On November 2, you must vote at your assigned voting location between 7am and 7pm.

City of Miami Commission District Map

Elections this year are for City of Miami Mayor as well as District 3 and District 5 commission seats! Who will you cast your ballot for?



District 5:

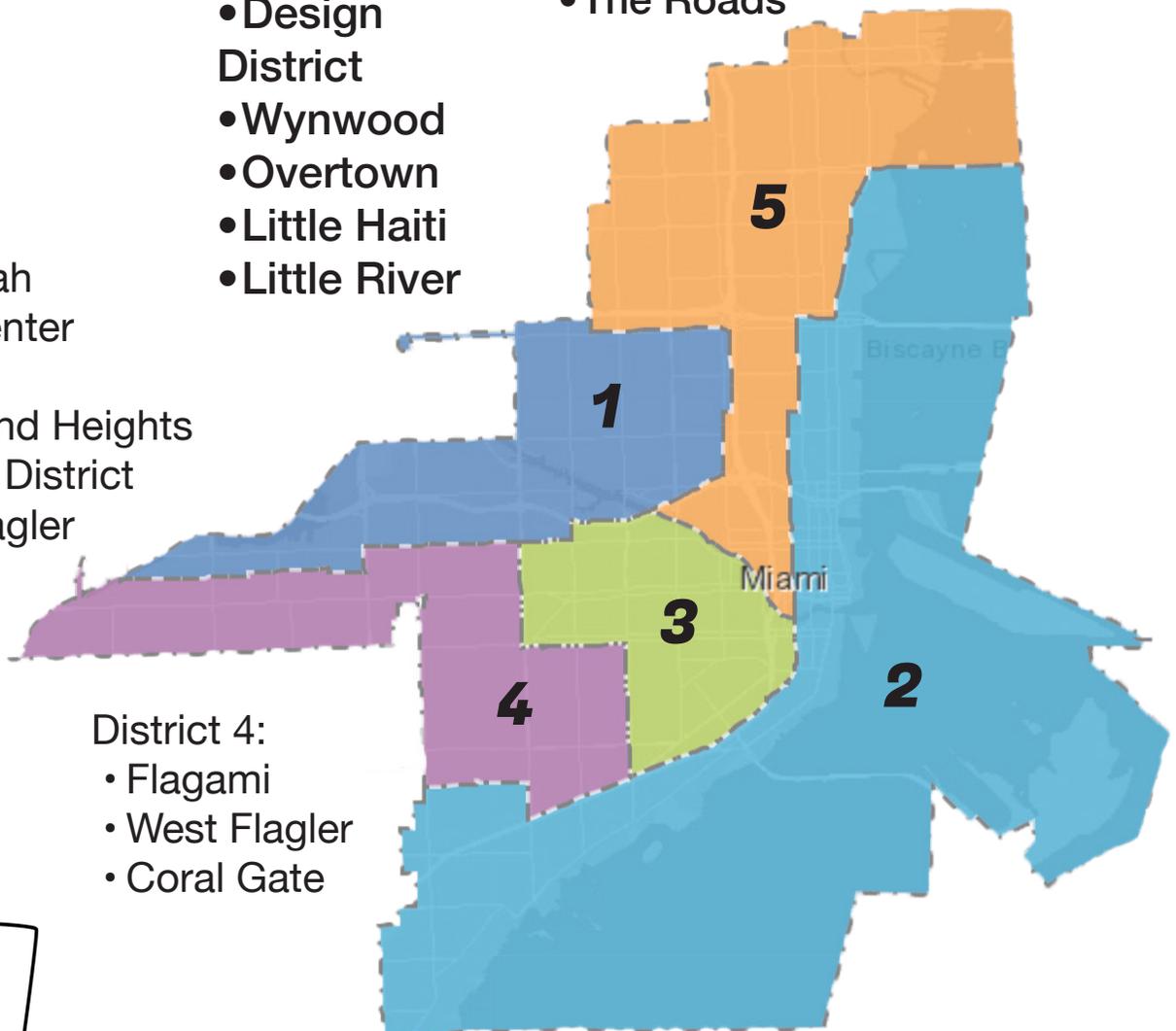
- Liberty City
- Buena Vista
- Design District
- Wynwood
- Overtown
- Little Haiti
- Little River

District 3:

- Little Havana
- Riverside
- The Roads

District 1:

- Allapattah
- Civic Center
- Flagami
- Grapeland Heights
- Medical District
- West Flagler

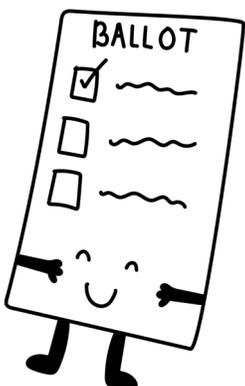


District 4:

- Flagami
- West Flagler
- Coral Gate

District 2:

- Brickell
- Coconut Grove
- Downtown
- Edgewater
- Omni
- Midtown
- Morningside
- Venetian Islands

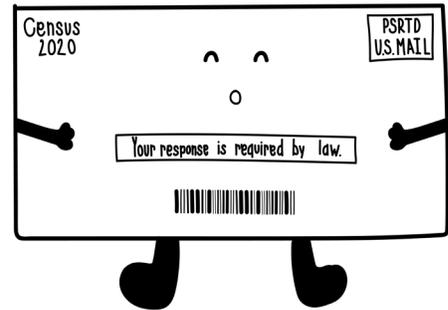


Miami Fast Facts

- The skyscrapers of Brickell and downtown at the mouth of the Miami River today stand on the land the Tequesta nation inhabited for over 2,000 years. Miami is named after the Mayaimi people and means ‘big water’ in the languages of the Mayaimi, Calusa, and Tequesta.

- On July 28, 1896, Miami was officially incorporated as a city by Julia Tuttle. Miami is the only large metropolitan city in the U.S. to be founded by a woman.

- The City of Miami has a population of 442,241. 72.7% of the population is Hispanic or Latinx, 16.8% is Black or African American, and 11.3% is White (non-Hispanic).



- 23.4% of City of Miami residents live under the federal poverty line (\$26,500 for a family of 4).

- There are 223,752 registered voters in the City of Miami. In 2019, the average voter turnout was 15.87% and in 2017, 14.27%.

- In Miami, renters make up 67% of the population. The average apartment rent in the City of Miami was \$1,768 in April 2021. In October 2021, the median household income in Miami is \$39,049, while the median home price is \$549,000.

- The 2021-2022 City of Miami budget is \$2,238,000,000.



- Miami residents’ average commute is 56 minutes.

- Around Miami, it took around 31 years for the sea level to rise by 6 inches, but scientists now forecast that in just the next 15 years, the sea level will rise by another 6 inches.

Roles + Power of Local Electeds

The City of Miami Mayor is the chief elected official, and they are directly elected by voters. Our City's Commission and Mayor are nonpartisan offices, so you won't see a D or R next to their names on your ballot even if the individual candidates personally identify with a political party.

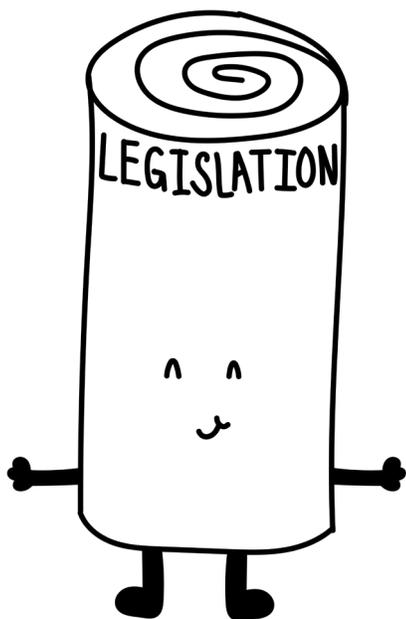
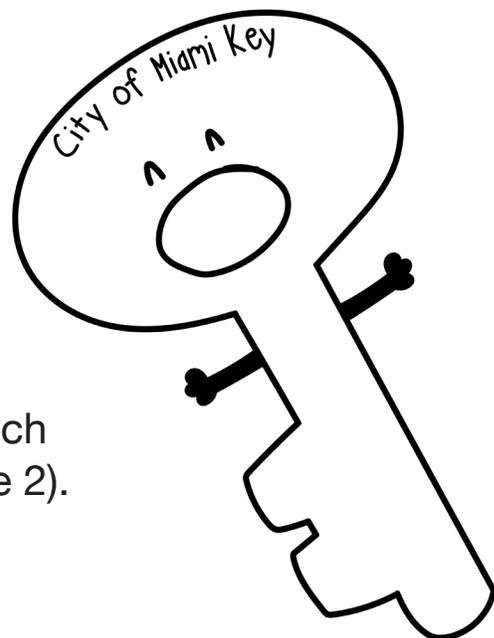
The responsibilities of the mayor include:

- proposing the city budget
- signing legislation into law
- appointing departmental directors
- overseeing the city's day-to-day operations

The City of Miami has five commissioners who each represent one district in the city (see map on page 2).

These commissioners have the power to:

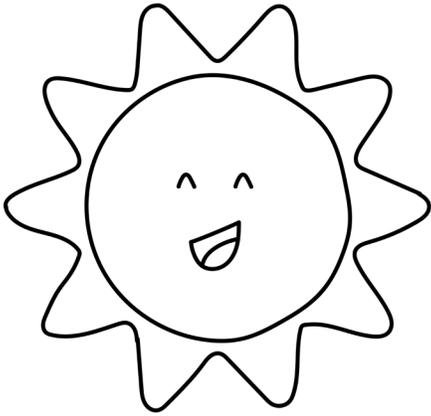
- pass ordinances and other legislation
- adopt regulations
- act as the city's primary legislative body



Our local government makes decisions about our everyday lives, like how we invest in affordable housing, whether the bus to get to work is on time, and how policing happens in our communities. Ultimately it should be the voters who decide who is in charge in our local democracy, representing us and making important decisions about our community and our future!

Resources: MiamiGov.com, Archive.MiamiGov.com, Census.gov, MoovitApp.com, RentCafe.com, RealtyHop.com, SeaLevelRise.org

What's in this Voter Guide



You can find responses from candidates for City of Miami Mayor, District 3 Commissioner, and District 5 Commissioner. All candidates who met our minimum fundraising threshold and filed by August 31 were asked to complete the questionnaire. Not all candidates on the ballot met the requirements.

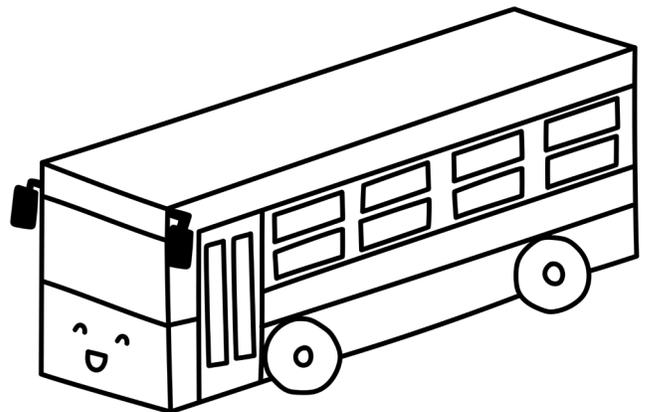
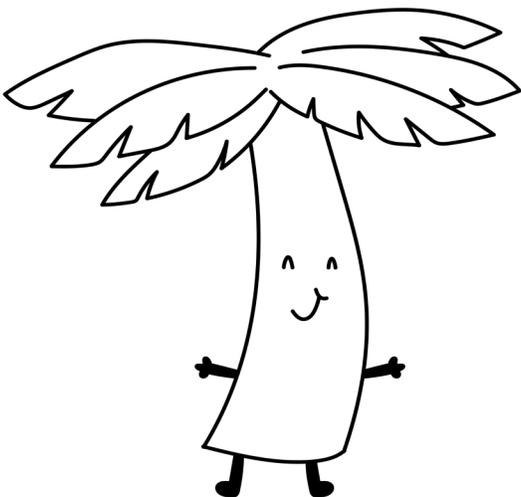
The questionnaire responses were limited to 450 characters. In this guide, we included only the first 450 characters of each candidates' responses.

The following candidates didn't respond to the survey:

- Francis Suarez - Mayor
- Joe Carollo - District 3
- Francois Alexandre - District 5

The following candidates did not meet the requirements for our voter guide but will be on your ballot:

- Additional Mayoral candidates include: Anthony Melvin Dutrow, Marie Frantz Exantus, Mayra Joli, and Francisco "Frank" Pichel
- Additional District 3 candidates include: Miguel Soliman
- Additional District 5 candidates include: Revran Shoshana Lincoln and Jeffrey Watson



Questions

Our questionnaire is based on the Young People's Policy Priorities. Additional questions and responses can be found in our digital voter guide at engage.miami/vote.

Housing

- What steps will you take to increase access to affordable housing and prevent gentrification and displacement?
- How will you support and protect renters in the city, especially those who are most at risk?

Transit

- How will you make Miami a more walkable and bikeable city for all?

Climate

- How will you proactively improve city parks, green spaces, and tree canopy?
- What will you do to reduce carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions in the City of Miami?

Community Safety

- How will you invest in improving support for children, young adults, and families in the City of Miami through programming and city services?
- How will you reduce incarceration and criminalization of communities of color?

Democracy

- What will you do to make city government more transparent and inclusive?

Equity

- How will you promote racial equity and help repair harm?
- How will you promote gender equity and support LGBTQ+ residents?
- How will you help protect and support immigrants in City of Miami?

City of Miami Mayor



Max Martínez

Housing

What steps will you take to increase access to affordable housing and prevent gentrification and displacement?

By proposing a vacant-property tax aimed to keep landlords from leaving properties empty in order to expedite the construction of affordable housing. There is enough of land for every person to live in safety and dignity, but developers, who in the City of Miami are also the politicians, continue to benefit off of the climate crisis and poverty. Land should not be kept off the market for higher profits and displacing families while leaving communities...

How will you support and protect renters in the city, especially those who are most at risk?

Have to build that affordable housing and I believe I make it very clear with my 'vacant-property' tax that I will not be dealing with slumlord bullshit. Everyone should have a decent, affordable, and safe place to live. I'll fight to uphold the rights of tenants against exploitative landlords and I think I make that very clear. Lower the cost of rent by building healthy, green homes everyone can live in.

Transit

How will you make Miami a more walkable and bikable city for all?

Miami needs to become a more walkable city that helps workers commute, encourages supporting local businesses, and because we need to reduce environmental waste from gas. I would use funds from the 1/2 penny tax to fund the construction of bicycle/scooter overpasses, along with increased sidewalk space and coordinated street closures that create opportunities for local business and room for pedestrians.

Climate

What will you do to reduce carbon and other green house gas emissions in City of Miami?

The best way I personally can reduce the emissions is by making sure public transit is being used, electrified, and invested in. There's currently an \$800M highway being built and we will be emitting more than ever. Encouraging people to go solar, implementing recycling programs in HUD housing, and advocating for more co-operatives involving the growth of local produce. The transport of food accounts for a substantial amount of greenhouse emissions...

How will you proactively improve city parks and green spaces?

I believe parks and green spaces in the City of Miami need to be re-thought. They are a big part of my daily life in the city and I have visited and played a sport at every single one. While I do have specific, detailed ideas for different areas and parks, I'd rather tell you that I believed all parks and spaces need to be created with a purpose. What should the people be getting out of their parks? For example, would a green space have been more...

Community Safety

How will you reduce incarceration and criminalization of communities of color?

To ever experience a reduction of violence in communities of colors, residents cannot continue to be denied their social determinants of health and need to be provided with the proper resources to address the violence, harm, and conflict, along with the proper tools and spaces to heal and recover from trauma. I will fight for freedom from prisons and violence by firing police officers that abuse authority, investing in trauma recovery centers, like...

How will you invest in improving support for children, young adults, and families in the City of Miami through programming and city services?

I'd want to shine a light on the rising rates of homelessness, the incarceration complex, and the lack of money being invested in addressing the needs of people who continue to be victims of the system. I want to invest in a new grants program for organizations that support community members who are incarcerated, formerly incarcerated, or victims of the trauma that comes with all aspects of the system. We need to make sure that people get back on...

Democracy

What will you do to make city government more transparent and inclusive?

The City of Miami Commission holds one meeting on the last Thursday every month at 9am. If you are a working person and you have problems in your community, you should be able to talk to your Mayor about it. Right now, residents are having their voices suppressed and don't have anyone fighting on their behalf. I'd have weekly meetings, all residents are invited, where they can discuss what's going on with me. The dates and times will change based...

Equity

How will you promote racial equity and help repair harm?

Leaders have not been held accountable for their neglect of Black communities or social determinants of health and I will make sure that money coming into our community is invested into these areas. I will prioritize inviting new business opportunities that blend with neighborhoods and provide stable jobs for residents, while partnering with inclusive companies to create purposeful resources to develop local talent. Combined with the prior question...

How will you promote gender equity and support LGBTQ+ residents?

Scold the chauvinist and racist attitudes that are commonplace in the city. I won't keep silent when anyone is belittled and I won't ignore public harassment or assault. I will support women in the workplace, initiatives for equal pay, and make sure they have a SAFE, comfortable environment to work in. Diversity and anti-bias training isn't enough. Leadership sets the tone from the top and I will not allow any type of discrimination or tolerate any...

How will you help protect and support immigrants in City of Miami?

Protecting them. Speaking up for TPS holders, Dreamers, and DACA and urging Congress to continue their efforts to provide a path to citizenship. Given the current state of the world, the time to push immigration-reform is NOW. As the mayor of a city made up of immigrants, it would be my job to speak up on their behalf and highlight their successes, while providing new opportunities.

Francis Suarez
Did not respond

District 3



Andriana Oliva



Quinn Smith

Housing

What steps will you take to increase access to affordable housing and prevent gentrification and displacement?

Oliva: Getting creative, I would like to look into rehabbing and preserving properties, explore building on public land at affordable rates in order to ensure pricing affordability, private and public partnerships, and look into increasing our inventory of mid level housing supply. I will also work alongside local organizations, agencies and the City's teams to review planning and zoning, taking into account community needs, planning for our future growth...

Smith: Implement the Miami City Affordable Housing Master Plan, require all requested changes in height to include low-income and workforce housing, and stop with the policies that accelerate gentrification by making residents' lives miserable (towing cars around Marlins Park, acquiring by eminent domain low-income housing for parks that no one has requested, etc.).

How will you support and protect renters in the city, especially those who are most at risk?

Oliva: As a renter, this is a topic that also concerns me. As I've been meeting with residents, I've been hearing and learning how many feel like they do not have a voice, whether it's within their communities or with their landlords. To support and protect renters, I would: 1. Ensure we build the adequate affordable housing supply needed. 2. Look for ways to improve tenant rights, advocacy and housing discrimination. 3. Work with County, State, local...

Smith: Renters keep paying more, but the quality of the housing drops. The City plans to hire more inspectors, and they should be tasked with ensuring that landlords take care of their properties. When it comes to protections, we need to further extend the time for termination of a month-to-month lease, which is the default for tenants who do not have a contract. We also need a Tenants Bill of Rights to ensure that tenants are treated fairly.

Transit

How will you make Miami a more walkable and bikable city for all?

Oliva: About 4 years ago I gave up my car as an experiment to see how long I could go in Miami without one, and to see what the challenges of getting around were. Fast forward, today I consider myself a professional pedestrian, exploring neighborhoods, enjoying walks to local businesses, and taking public transit and ride-sharing to get around not just the City of Miami, but all of Miami-Dade County. There are several measures I'd like to take in effort...

Smith: As a cyclist and runner, I do not feel safe in Miami. We need more wide, dedicated bike lanes that connect to each other; lower car speeds; and integration between the county and city transportation infrastructure so that public transportation gets us closer to where we need to go. We need more trees, but we also need to internalize what that means: increasing the size of the swale, potentially removing or changing parking spots, and burying power...

Climate

What will you do to reduce carbon and other green house gas emissions in City of Miami?

Oliva: Embracing alternate forms of energy is one of the ways that I would like to see our carbon and greenhouse gas emissions reduced, by increasing solar energy usage, to finding ways to harness water and wind, improved forms of recycling and reuse of items and other natural and renewable resources, to providing better mass public transit options and increasing tree canopies and green areas. We would also develop educational community campaigns on how...

Smith: This requires changing how we see almost every decision. The City can play a large role with its vehicle purchases, opting for electric as opposed to gasoline-powered vehicles, but it has to help smaller commercial and residential buildings make the move to better consumption methods. I would push for partnerships with industry to help finance and retrofit buildings, while focusing on expanding mass transit by better integrating with the county's...

Climate

How will you proactively improve city parks and green spaces?

Oliva: Our parks and green spaces are an integral part of our community for families and individuals alike, for our physical and mental health, and for our environment. Meeting the requests of those living around parks is key to making improvements. As I've been meeting residents, many have shared that they would like to see more safety measures in the evenings, better lighting, parking/no parking signage and proper enforcement, along with possibly some...

Smith: We need to increase funding and programming in parks and use the small spaces within neighborhoods to create beautiful, well-maintained parks. Residents do not trust the City to maintain parks, and this is creating unnecessary tension. We also need to implement the plan to redesign José Martí Park so that it is a model for a green space that is resilient to climate change.

Community Safety

How will you reduce incarceration and criminalization of communities of color?

Oliva: Our most at-risk communities are often the ones in most need of services, resources and improved infrastructure. Preventative measures during the school-age years have proven time after time to work in making a difference in a young person's life, and we need more of it. I have had the honor of working with several inner city non-profits that provide youth with programming, and I've seen firsthand how important after-school activities, summer programs...

Smith: The city should pursue programs like CURE, which target the root cause of gun violence, instead of focusing on making arrests. I would advocate for changes in enforcement policies to move away from drug possession crimes, and I would push for social workers and mental health professionals to help de-escalate situations that often lead to unnecessary arrests.

Community Safety

How will you invest in improving support for children, young adults, and families in the City of Miami through programming and city services?

Oliva: Collaboration and partnerships with the many non-profit and community organizations we have is absolutely essential to the success of our community. First, these groups are doing the work, they're meeting with the community members in need, and are developing the relationships needed to ensure success for children, young adults and families. Working alongside these groups, I would ensure our City agencies are working together to create collective...

We need to look at ways to activate spaces that are not used, such as school grounds and other public spaces. City programming is important, but it cannot fill the gap for all the kinds of programming the city needs. The city can help guarantee that parks are safe, well-maintained, and inviting for non-profits or neighborhood organizations. The city can also promote activities and provide facilities for people to safely play and enjoy being outside...

Democracy

What will you do to make city government more transparent and inclusive?

Oliva: As a communications professional, putting out information, resources and collecting community input is a priority and integral part of transparency and inclusivity, along with making sure policy and procedures for vendors, RFPs, solicitations, and employment opportunities all have language that is inclusive and provides opportunities for all. I will work with all groups and communities in order to make sure our language is inclusive, and that communities...

Smith: I will hold weekly sessions online to explain what the government is doing and solicit feedback. I will advocate for holding public meetings at times when working people can participate, as well as providing a time certain whenever possible. I will also support participatory budgeting.

Equity

How will you promote racial equity and help repair harm?

Oliva: In working with City agencies and local organizations to learn about needs, actions that can be taken, and ways to create accountability, we can establish measures that ensure racial equity. We need to build trust, unity, and invest in our communities through education, awareness, job creation, meet basic infrastructure needs, and make sure we are doing it in a lasting way for generations to come.

Smith: This starts with the composition of my staff and includes our outreach and how we develop policy ideas and responses. We will be out in the community and listening to the people affected by policy, incorporating their demands. I will also push for the city to actively support black-owned businesses in bidding criteria and require that community benefits agreements incorporate black-owned businesses as contractors, not only as laborers.

How will you promote gender equity and support LGBTQ+ residents?

Oliva: Inclusivity is an important priority for me. I plan to work alongside community and advocacy groups to learn more about what can and should be done to promote and protect gender equity as well as our LGBTQ+ community. In doing so, we would look at policy change needs, review and follow potential recommendations for improvements and advocacy, and work towards ending discrimination.

Smith: This starts with the composition of my staff and our outreach. I will advocate for bidding requirements that reward gender equity and female-owned businesses. I will also work to ensure that the City of Miami scores 100 on the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index and continue to fully support initiatives such as Gay 8 and other similar events in the city.

Equity

How will you help protect and support immigrants in City of Miami?

Oliva: As the daughter of immigrant parents, raised by a grandmother and single mother who fled to the USA to seek better life options, this is a topic that is very near and important to me. By providing resources and access through partners such as Florida Immigrant Coalition, The Office of New Americans of Miami-Dade, and Americans for Immigrant Justice, to name a few, working alongside with neighborhood organizations, we can develop and/or incorporate...

Smith: I will continue to advocate for the end of immigrant detainers. I will also advocate for a wage theft ordinance and programs to help supplement the Social Security payments for hourly workers or immigrants who arrived later in life. Often, these individuals receive around \$600 per month, which is nowhere near enough to live.

Joe Carrollo
Did not respond

District 5



Zico Fremont



Christine King



Michael Hepburn



Stephanie Thomas

Housing

What steps will you take to increase access to affordable housing and prevent gentrification and displacement?

Fremont: We will make sure developers implement affordable housing units in their projects.

Hepburn: My administration will focus on creating mutually beneficial developments that work for both our communities and developers to create low-income rentals, workforce housing and Rent-to-Own mixed-use apartments units. We will also focus on: Increasing funding for our Senior Rental Assistance Program; Investing in homeownership preservation initiatives to assist with exterior & interior repairs and also weatherization improvements...

King: I would expedite the spending of the 100 million dollars for affordable housing that was approved by the City of Miami voters in 2017. To date, the only affordable housing that has been built with these dollars is the MLK Boulevard project that has 120 units and I serve as co-developer.

Thomas: It is important to obtain the input of residents who will potentially be affected by gentrification and displacement. Having dialogues with developers and coming to a common ground to support benefit packages for the community will be important for sustainability and protecting the future of our district.

Housing

How will you support and protect renters in the city, especially those who are most at risk?

Fremont: I will support and protect the renters in the city by creating a transparent resolutions that help the ones at risk.

Hepburn: I will sponsor legislation and push for more allocation of funds to extend our Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP); increase funding for our Senior Rental Assistance Program, advocate for Inclusionary Zoning practices; and empower our residents with the tools and resources needed to advocate/ negotiate Equitable Community Development agreements with property developers.

King: I would hire a housing advocate in my commission office to help people dealing with evictions and foreclosures.

Thomas: Through the American Rescue Plan (ARP), I will assist to protect renters who are at risk. I will encourage town hall meetings, outreach and utilizing existing resources to help promote these initiative.

Transit

How will you make Miami a more walkable and bikable city for all?

Fremont: Police enforcement on roads, more bike trails, and sidewalks in our city streets.

Hepburn: First our Miami Dade County Commissioners need to stop treating public transportation like it's only for poor people and lower-income residents. I actually believe the Metrorail, Metro Mover, and Metrobus should be free and a part of our comprehensive plans to build-out our neighborhoods, so they can become more walkable and bike friendly. But to be honest—my focus will be on improving the City of Miami Trolley services that we offer and...

King: I will use non-mortorized transportation master planning as a tool to make Miami a more walkable and bikeable city.

Thomas: I will advocate for improving our infrastructure and creating user-friendly bike paths for our community. I will work with the City of Miami public department improving the pedestrian trail system throughout our communities.

Climate

What will you do to reduce carbon and other green house gas emissions in City of Miami?

Fremont: Promote carbon-friendly transportation systems, communication networks, sewage, water, and electric systems.

Hepburn: My focus will be on cutting our city Carbon Emissions 60% before 2035. We must act now to start transitioning towards a 100% renewable energy system for our electricity, transportation and heating options. Miami should be leading the charge on this — because with this transition comes the creation of thousands of new jobs, cleaner air and healthier families. I am for implementing weatherization programs to further help our residents conserve...

King: I would support the replacement of the city's current fleet of vehicles with electric vehicles to the greatest extent possible. I would also build charging stations throughout the city of Miami.

Thomas: By creating walkable communities and pedestrian-friendly trail systems, I plan to reduce the carbon footprint and emissions by the continuous support of green energy efforts. The interim goal of the City of Miami is aimed to cut Citywide greenhouse gas emissions by 60% from 2018 levels by 2035 which I support to help improve the quality of life.

How will you proactively improve city parks and green spaces?

Fremont: We will create a budget to manage and improve city parks and green spaces.

Hepburn: We actually need to become laser-focused on revitalizing our neighborhoods overall not just the parks and green spaces by fostering a culture of code compliance through empowering our residents and by actually enforcing the laws on the books. My administration will focus in on enhancements at our parks (including providing access to Wi-Fi); repaving our streets; drastically reducing illegal dumping; removing unauthorized Graffiti; and eliminating...

King: In 2017 the Miami voters also approved 78 million dollars for parks. I would expedite the spending of these dollars to improve our parks.

Thomas: I will advocate and assure more funding is allocated through the City's annual budget to improve our City parks and green space. I will also ensure it is part of any future benefit packages when economic development is proposed.

Community Safety

How will you reduce incarceration and criminalization of communities of color?

Fremont: Create opportunity and mental counseling centers in communities of color.

Hepburn: Instead of police departments stocking up with military-grade weapons and armor, my focus will be to adequately fund our Miami Police Department to execute innovative relational policing practices; increase the number of women on our police force to at least 1/3; support our civilian investigative panel; and build community-led partnerships, so we can serve and protect our city together. I will also hold our Miami Police Department accountable...

King: I would use my training as an attorney to find ways to reduce incarceration and criminalization of communities of color.

Thomas: I will be vigilant in creating an environment of community policing that nurtures, builds relationships with community stakeholders and law enforcement. Safety in our community deserves attention; we need to continue to find ways for our families to be safe. As your Commissioner, I will prioritize this initiative.

How will you invest in improving support for children, young adults, and families in the City of Miami through programming and city services?

Fremont: Supporting Non profits organization for children, young adults, and families in the City of Miami. Create the City of Miami Family committee.

Hepburn: During my process of walking every single block that I am running to represent – our residents made it very clear that they would like me to address the following: Help our children holistically develop and equip them with skill sets that they can monetize to become successful in life; Rehab, Develop, and Preserve Affordable Housing, help keep our Seniors in their Homes, and cultivate Homeownership for our young professionals; End Illegal Dumping...

King: As a former employee of Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency, (CAA), I am very sensitive to the needs of our children, young adults, and families. I will invest heavily in programming and services for them.

Thomas: Increasing services for children, young adults, and families will be a priority. Working with agencies to bring these initiatives will be important and assuring funding is allotted for these programs in the future will be equally important. Develop telehealth, retail clinics, home-based care, micro-hospitals; and full-service hospitals, moving care closer to District 5 residents. Develop public health interventions and policies that address...

Democracy

What will you do to make city government more transparent and inclusive?

Fremont: We will create a public domain online where all city business, budget, and city information can be accessed by the public.

Hepburn: I'm all about transparency. My primary focus will be to empower our people with the knowledge, resources and tools needed for them to prepare for the opportunities that will arise. As your next City of Miami Commissioner -- I'm just getting started. I will continue to walk every block that I will represent, meet our people where they are, and so much more.

King: I will only conduct City business in the sunshine, no back room deals.

Thomas: Transparency and inclusivity are important in any form of government. Sharing information through various communication platforms and door-to-door contact will be important in an open form of government. Making sure that citizens have access to their local elected bodies through an open forum.

Equity

How will you promote racial equity and help repair harm?

Fremont: I will develop goals and outcomes that will result in improvements for all groups.

Hepburn: We will collectively have to do this together but to give an example of where we can start look at this. Our counties and cities in Florida are expected to receive \$7 Billion from the American Rescue Plan. So, now is our time to ensure that our money is used towards pushing forth WE The People priorities--such as quality education, affordable housing, access to health care and creation of good jobs that pay a living wage. We need to hold our...

King: As President and CEO of the Martin Luther King Economic Development Corporation, I have a long history of promoting racial equity.

Thomas: By working closely with constituency groups such as community-oriented policing, local chamber of commerce, faith-based organizations, and civic groups to promote racial equity and help repair harm.

Equity

How will you promote gender equity and support LGBTQ+ residents?

Fremont: Promote human rights. It is important we respect each other.

Hepburn: We all have a part to play with doing this but I will personally continue to lend my voice to be an ally to advocate for our cities improving the well-being of LGBTQ people by: Promoting the economic security and financial stability of LGBTQ people by fostering inclusive labor practices and workplace policies; Fostering inclusive, safe, welcoming, and affirming schools and educational environments for LGBTQ students; Ensuring greater access...

King: As Commissioner, I will be a strong advocate for gender and LGBTQ equity.

Thomas: I will support equality and gender-neutral programs regardless of gender identification.

How will you help protect and support immigrants in City of Miami?

Fremont: Homeownership and credit counseling for first time homebuyers, for families in public housing or receiving Housing Choice Voucher, and newcomers to the United States of America.

Hepburn: Even though immigration policy falls under the purview of our Federal Government, I still believe in advocating for a comprehensive immigration strategy that includes pushing forth the notion that families need to remain together. I am for fostering an environment that is friendly to immigrants and I do not support mass deportation policies that threaten the fabric of who we are. I will continue to advocate for refugees fleeing violence and those...

King: As an immigrant from Guyana, I will protect and support immigrants by any means necessary.

Thomas: By advocating with legislatures, local organizations, and support proposed legislation is how I propose to protect and support immigrants in the City of Miami.

***Francois
Alexandre***
Did not respond