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Why are you running for office, and how does your experience prepare you to be effective as a public servant in this position?

I am running because accountability is not negotiable. For too long, Miami has been led by politicians who talk about transparency, justice, and opportunity, but govern with backroom deals, fiscal irresponsibility, and decisions that leave too many families behind. I am running because I know what it feels like when the system fails you, and I know what it means to fight for people who have been silenced. Housing is at the center of why I entered this race. Families are being priced out of the neighborhoods they built, while gentrification pushes out long-term residents without making way for them to stay. I recently started an affordable housing initiative and partnered with Mt. Sinai to help tackle this crisis. We are working toward creating real pathways to homeownership, because I believe housing should be a foundation for stability and generational wealth, not a tool of displacement.

Healthcare accountability is another reason I am running. My father was killed by admitted medical negligence at North Shore Medical Center. That loss changed my life, and it fueled my fight for due process reform with SB 734/HB 6017. No family should have to go through what mine did, and no hospital should be allowed to take lives without accountability. Miami must lead with oversight and compassion in healthcare, protecting residents from the negligence and corruption that have gone unchecked for too long. Public safety is also deeply personal to me. Safety isn't only about policing—it's about prevention, care, and accountability. I believe mobile crisis response units are a key step in protecting families. These units can reduce Miami's domestic violence rates by providing survivors with real support in their moment of crisis. They will also save taxpayer dollars by reducing unnecessary police calls and freeing up officers to focus on urgent threats. This is how we build safer communities while investing in solutions that actually work.

For me, this fight has always been about more than politics. It is about legacy. The last song I heard my father play before he passed was “A Change Is Gonna Come” by Otis Redding—a song my grandfather also played while raising his family. That song has become my campaign anthem. I listen to it every day as a reminder that change is possible, that progress requires courage, and that I am running to carry forward that legacy of strength, hope, and perseverance. I am not a career politician. I am a mother, an advocate, and someone who knows loss, struggle, and perseverance firsthand. I have fought for change in Tallahassee and I am ready to fight just as hard in Miami. I am running because accountability is not negotiable, because families deserve housing they can afford, healthcare they can trust, and safety they can count on.

Why do you believe you are a strong candidate who will be able to win this election and earn the endorsement of Engage Miami?

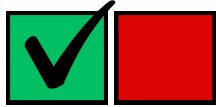
My campaign is rooted in one belief: government must work “For every family. For every voice. For a stronger Miami.” I am a warrior for justice, equality, and opportunity. As a Black biracial mother of two special-needs children—one with autism and the other with a rare genetic disorder—I know what it means to face struggle and persevere. I grew up in low-income minority communities and never had privilege or wealth to open doors for me. I was not given a hand up; I have had to fight for everything I have achieved. That fight has shaped me into a candidate who understands the challenges everyday Miami families face, and who is relentless in the pursuit of justice and fairness. My journey has been marked by tragedy, loss, and resilience. When my father was killed by admitted medical negligence at North Shore Medical Center, I fought tirelessly for due process reform. Against great odds, I built bipartisan support in Tallahassee and passed SB 734/HB 6017 through both chambers of the Florida Legislature. Though the bill was ultimately vetoed by Governor DeSantis, it proved that I am able to do what most career politicians fail to accomplish: work across the aisle to bring justice and accountability to the people. That same relentless drive is what I will bring to Miami City Hall.

My opponents include well-funded incumbents who say they put residents first. From where I stand, Miami continues to suffer from a lack of transparency, fiscal irresponsibility, and backroom deals. We face skyrocketing housing costs, gentrification that pushes long-term residents out, and a city government that has not prioritized the people most affected by these changes. If their leadership had been enough, Miami would not still be struggling with unaffordable housing, underfunded infrastructure, and communities left behind.

I am different. I believe in putting people before politics and profit. I believe in working hard, in solutions that are fiscally responsible but centered in long-term equity and opportunity. I do not believe in handouts, but I do believe in education, resources, and equal access that give every family a fair chance to succeed. Without protecting the vulnerable, we cannot expect them to progress and become self-sufficient. For me, public service is about ensuring that life is about living, not merely surviving.

I am not a career politician. I am a courageous, determined, relentless, and resilient Black biracial woman with a 99th percentile Mensa IQ who has always been underestimated—and who always overcomes. I am a strategist and a fast learner. While I may be the underdog in this election, I am also the strongest candidate because I have chosen to stand up and fight, even with the odds stacked against me. I know that with hard work, transparency, accountability, and opportunity, Miami can become a city where every family thrives. "It may well be that we will have to repent in this generation, not merely for the vitriolic words and the violent actions of the bad people... but for the appalling silence and indifference of the good people who sit around and say, 'Wait on time'" - Dr Martin Luther King Jr

Do you support requiring developers to include affordable housing in new developments or contribute to a citywide affordable housing fund?



On a scale of 1-5, how committed are you to this priority?



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Yes. I have recently advanced an Affordable Housing Initiative and partnered with Pastor Gary and Mount Sinai CDC & Outreach Center, rooted in minority and low-income communities. Since partnering, we are working toward our first two location goals in Liberty City and Pompano, with the goal of expanding throughout Miami and all of South Florida. I support requiring developers to build affordable units or contribute to a trust fund, while prioritizing local builders to create jobs.

Do you support investing in green infrastructure and flood protection for neighborhoods most impacted by climate change?



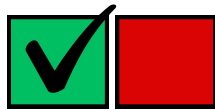
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Yes. Miami must protect families and businesses from flooding while being fiscally responsible. I support stormwater upgrades, resilient infrastructure, and restoring tree canopy, done with local South Florida builders to create jobs. I will work to secure state and federal funding so costs don't fall on taxpayers, while prioritizing protection for low-income neighborhoods and preventing displacement through climate gentrification.

If elected, would you defend, support, and protect immigrants in the City of Miami, regardless of status?



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I do not condone illegal immigration, but I strongly believe every person deserves humane treatment and access to due process. I was denied due process after my father, Dr. Derek Crocker, was killed by way of egregious (and admitted) medical negligence at North Shore Medical Center in August of 2022. This continues to happen there because of Florida Statute 768.21(8), often referred to as the "Florida Free Kill Law." I have fought tirelessly to repeal this subsection of our legislation, and was able to get SB 734/HB 6017 across the finish line during sessions this year. I never should have had to go to these lengths, simply to protect Floridians from continuing to be denied due process, from legislation with harmful language that has created a legal loophole for negligent physicians to continue to practice, never held accountable, and without information regarding these senseless deaths being made available to the public.

This legislation greatly impacts low income and minority communities. North Shore serves predominantly minority and immigrant neighborhoods. In Liberty City, we call it "the death hospital." The bills passed in the Senate and House almost unanimously this year but were later vetoed by Governor Desantis. One way I can help protect immigrants, regardless of status, is by continuing my relentless legislative advocating for necessary healthcare reform, transparency, justice, and accountability. Due process is a protection extended to everyone on American soil, per the United States Constitution, and that is not something that any city or state legislation should be able to override. My priority will always be public safety, accountability, and ensuring resources go toward keeping our neighborhoods secure. I will not support anything unlawful, illegal immigration included, but I will always support the humane treatment and due process of every person. It cannot always be politics and profit before people. Miami should remain a city that respects the law, while treating all people fairly.

If elected, would you commit to take action to ensure the LGBTQ+ community is safe and actively supported?



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My campaign treasurer is transgender and one of my closest friends in Miami is openly gay. I believe every resident deserves safety, equality, and respect under the law. I will ensure city policies protect all people from discrimination and harm, while keeping government accountable to serve every family and every person in Miami.

Do you support expanding city-funded youth jobs programs and funding local small business support in historically underserved communities?



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Expanding youth jobs and supporting small businesses builds strong, resilient neighborhoods. The disparities faced by residents within these communities is not something that I take lightly, especially as a Black biracial woman from a historically underserved community. I will promote apprenticeships, job training in trades and technology, and partnerships with local employers. I also support targeted grants and streamlined permitting to help small businesses in underserved areas grow and create lasting opportunity for Miami's families.

Would you support allocating city funds toward programs that directly serve residents living below the poverty line such as rental assistance, food access, or guaranteed income pilots?



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I support targeted programs that meet urgent needs like rental assistance and food access, while ensuring funds are used transparently and effectively. I believe that community gardens and partnerships with local farmers would be a great approach to providing fresh, healthy food at lower cost, while also creating jobs and educating communities on self sufficiency and nutrition. City funds should be used transparently, combining immediate relief with long-term solutions like workforce training and small business support.

Many parks are locked on weekends or have bathrooms or facilities that are locked. Would you ensure these public spaces are accessible, well-funded, and available to neighbors on weekends?



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I believe that keeping parks, libraries, and transit open and well-maintained would be a great approach to strengthening communities. Public spaces should be safe and accessible, especially on weekends. Expanding tree canopy, improving facilities, and partnering with local organizations could lower crime, keep kids out of gangs and off the streets, create jobs, and build healthier, prouder neighborhoods.

Do you support creating a digital budget interactive tool at the municipal level to increase transparency and make it easier for residents to understand and engage with how public dollars are spent?



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I believe that giving residents clear access to how every tax dollar is spent would be a great approach to restoring trust in government. A digital budget tool should highlight categories like infrastructure, building, and roadways, while respecting private contracts. Where funds are not private, specifics can and should be disclosed.

There is currently a coalition called Stronger Miami working to change the city charter to move elections to even years, expand the number of districts from 5 to 9, and require fair redistricting criteria. Do you support this initiative?



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I believe that major changes to the City Charter must be decided directly by the people, not politicians behind closed doors. The charter is the foundation of our city government, and altering it should never be done through rushed, insider-driven processes. That is why I spoke against SR1 at the Commission meeting. To me, SR1 was manipulation wrapped up with a bow and presented as political reform—an attempt to make sweeping changes without truly giving residents a voice. True trust in government comes only when people—not incumbents or insiders—decide how they are represented. And when districts consist of both wealthy residents with access to resources and vulnerable communities without them, those vulnerable communities deserve to have leaders who understand their struggles and make decisions in their best interests. Too often, ethical relativism propels political decision-making, where elected officials justify inaction or half-measures by telling themselves “this is good enough.” That mindset has caused too many in power to become complacent while ignoring the everyday realities of working-class families, renters, and those living at the margins. These struggles often have simple solutions—but those solutions never make it to the table because the people most affected are excluded from the process. When I advocated legislation in Tallahassee this year, I made a point of speaking the names of victims whose lives had been lost to systemic failures. The legislators didn’t know these people from Liberty City—but I did. I am friends with their families. I know their pain, because I feel my own every day since my father was killed. Just as I carry the profound sense of loss that never leaves me, those families will grieve their loved ones forever. That is why I said their names in that chamber—because their lives mattered, and because their voices were silenced in life. I gave their voices back to them in death.

After I spoke their names, I said: “Everybody is silenced. We’re always told we have a voice, but this isn’t what their voices were asking for. This isn’t what I wanted, and it’s not what my father wanted.” That statement still rings true in Miami today. Everybody deserves to have a voice—not just the well-connected, not just the incumbents, not just those with money. That is why I believe expanding the number of districts is critical. Vulnerable communities that face systemic barriers deserve representation from someone who truly understands them, not from a career politician who governs from a distance.

That is the standard I hold myself to, and it is the approach I will bring to City Hall. My campaign is built on one clear belief: government must work

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