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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 a Business Administrator. I've been an elected Councilman of Miami Dade County in 2018 and 2020 and have been really close to our community, visited over 2,000 entrepreneurs that have faced difficulties with licenses, permits, etc. We need to help them. As a builder I have 20 years of experience bringing capitals and investments, I would do the same to create more and better paid employment. I will bring more tourism and international events to promote employment. I have a plan to create affordable housing.

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

I have been elected twice with records of votes. Our engagement with the community is very strong and we count with the support of hundreds of volunteers and entrepreneurs who have been visiting neighborhoods with us. We feel the support and we offer a different approach. I am the only candidate who has had nothing to do with the current government and some failed policies.

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?

Please explain your position, and if in support, what steps specifically would you take to make proactive changes towards this priority, and if not, why?

I support development and business but I also see the need of affordable housing. I propose to work also with the county and arrange public land to be offered in partnership with builders/developers for a win-win situation where builders make their profits but also the community receives a home that can be afforded.

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



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



Please explain your position, and if in support, what steps specifically would you take to make proactive changes towards this priority, and if not, why?

Climate change and green infrastructure go hand by hand and we support this. Our city is in high risk and we need to be proactive. We need to work on our sewer system to improve the conditions of our neighborhoods.

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



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



Please explain your position, and if in support, what steps specifically would you take to make proactive changes towards this priority, and if not, why?

I am an immigrant myself. We need to provide a decent treatment to good immigrants and not relate them in the same treatment of the criminal ones.

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



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We support diversity and equal rights and respect. We will not tolerate discrimination.

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



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Yes. We need to promote the youth to work and learn. We would create training programs with certifications and incentives.

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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Yes. Affordable housing will be a key element and federal vouchers for rent.

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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Yes!!! Sports and activities are a priority. No park will be closed. We will open more facilities to promote sports, art and culture.

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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Yes. That is one of the reasons of my participation, to bring transparency.

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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