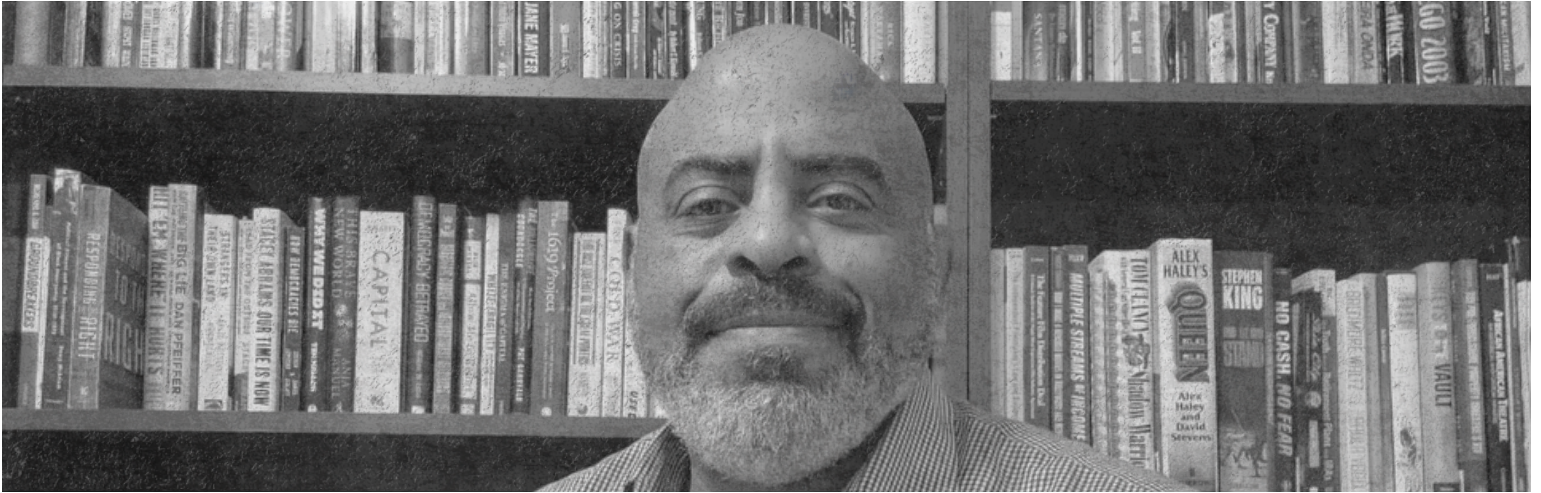


ROB PIPER



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

My entire adult life has been about service, and whether I am on the dais or not, that WILL NOT change. After nearly 10 years of civic service and participation, I realized that these are the foundation of our democracy and a step towards getting corruption out of Miami. I couldn't think of a more perfect manifestation of this than volunteering to run for elected office. And with this campaign, I hope to forge a clearer path for others to follow (because no one should be scared about running for office and serving their community).

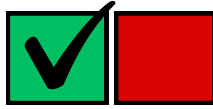
Since retiring in 2016 after over twenty years in the U.S. Marines, I felt compelled to continue to serve in a different capacity. I volunteered to inform, engage, and mobilize voters as a grassroots organizer, local political club leader, and content creator. When other volunteers asked me to step up against corruption and lead the TAKE BACK OUR CITY PAC in 2020, I did so without hesitation, and learned first hand just how corrupt city officials undermine public trust in government. Then, after serving as a legislative aide in the Florida House in 2023 and a regional field director for an election campaign in 2024, I learned the importance of outreach in underserved communities.

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

If there is one thing you know about me, it's that I am HERE TO SERVE (no more, no less). My past eight years of working at the grassroots level to bring change to Miami, my past career as a veteran, my doctorate in International Relations, and the skills I have honed working on election campaigns put me in a unique position to not only turn out voters, but to advance new ideas via legislation while building the political

support needed to get this legislation passed.

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?

The city has an extreme shortage of affordable housing and many residents are paying way too much in rent because of this lack of supply. In addition to requiring developers to include affordable housing in new developments or contribute to a citywide affordable housing fund, I would introduce resolutions/ordinances to do the following:

1. Ensure that the Affordable Housing Advisory Board is properly staffed and that it resumes its regular meetings (it hasn't met in nearly a year).
2. Encourage and incubate non-profit developers to compete with for-profit developers.
3. Create mechanisms (like a 1% developers fee) to disincentivize the building of mixed-use and luxury developments in favor of single-use housing.
4. Help and incentivize homeowners to add Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) if they choose.

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?



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CLIMATE RESILIENCY is one of my campaign pillars. In the over ten years that I lived here, Miami has only gotten hotter, more flood prone, and more vulnerable to hurricanes. If we don't start taking steps now, Miami's most vulnerable residents will suffer.

In addition to creating a Revenue Generation Task Force/Committee to find the revenue needed to pay for more green infrastructure and flood protection for neighborhoods, I would work to get resolutions/ordinances passed to do the following:

1. Adopt a city-wide compost pilot program
2. Continue to strengthen the protections to the tree canopy
3. Implement a city-wide reforestation plan to complement existing city initiatives the county's efforts
4. Pursue improvements for flood protection and reduction (including land acquisition, draining infrastructure, and mangroves).

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?



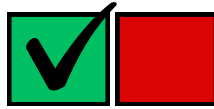
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Miami is a city of immigrants, PERIOD. And it had no business entering that 287g agreement with ICE. Local police doing immigration enforcement strains resources, degrades community policing, enables racial profiling, and wrecks law enforcement morale. These dynamics are a detriment to a city's residents and undermine public safety and trust in law enforcement.

When elected, I will introduce resolutions/ordinances to do the following:

- Exit that 287g agreement with ICE.
- Create Sovereignty Protection Task Force designed to advise the Commission on tactics to resist state and federal overreach that threatens the well-being of Miami residents (regardless of immigration status).

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



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?

The LGBTQ+ community is integral to Miami and deserves to be safe and protected. I will work with the City's LGBTQ+ Advisory Board to ensure continued assessment and advisement on the betterment of the quality of life of all LGBTQ+ residents. I will also make myself as accessible as possible to Miami's LGBTQ+ advocacy organizations to engage and make change where needed.

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



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?

Paying for the expansion of city-funded youth jobs programs and funding local small business support in historically underserved communities requires revenue, and REVENUE & AFFORDABILITY is another pillar in my platform. With it, I will seek to:

1. Introduce resolution/ordinance to establish the aforementioned Revenue Generation Task Force/Committee to analyze and give recommendations for expanding the City's revenue base to pay for what residents need.
2. Introduce an ordinance to establish an independent, city-owned municipal public bank. The city has parks, marinas, and other assets that generate revenue, why not a bank?

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?



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?

Miami is home to nearly 200 billionaires and centi-millionaires, so the money is there for city funding toward programs to help residents living below the poverty line. With the changes I have described above regarding REVENUE & AFFORDABILITY, I will seek to go even farther than rental assistance, food access, and income pilots. I will also seek to expand city resources and mechanisms to make health care more accessible to Miami residents.

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?



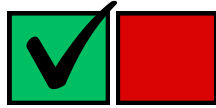
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Quality of life means that parks and public spaces remain accessible when people have time off to enjoy them. Ensuring that public spaces are accessible, well-funded, and available to neighbors on weekends all boils down to funding. And I will seek creative funding for these resources via the REVENUE & AFFORDABILITY tools mentioned above.

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?



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 think this is a great idea. Another one of my campaign pillars is ETHICS & TRANSPARENCY. I will add creating a digital budget interactive tool as another piece of legislation I will introduce, in addition to the following:

1. Give more power and true independence to the newly created Inspector General (the current ordinance specifically says that the IG will only take non-anonymous complaints; that needs to be changed).
2. Reinstate the independent Auditor General (or establish an Ombudsman office) to objectively assess the efficiency and effectiveness of City processes and the validity of budget priorities.
3. Strengthen tools to hold corrupt and neglectful landlords accountable.

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?



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 have signed this petition because I think it will a) make the city more responsive to the needs of residents and b) ensure greater civic participation among Miami residents. Voter turnout in Miami is dismal because of odd-year elections. Having only five commissioners cannot give adequate attention to the needs of a city with nearly a half-million people (other American cities have more commissioners but with fewer residents). And districts need to be redrawn to better respect neighborhood boundaries (a neighborhood's needs cannot be met when they are represented by two or three different commissioners).