

PARTNERING FOR PROGRESS

HOSTED BY CITY OF MIAMI COMMISSIONER DAMIAN PARDO

EMPOWERING RESIDENTS. BUILDING STRONGER NEIGHBORHOODS



HOW WE OPERATE

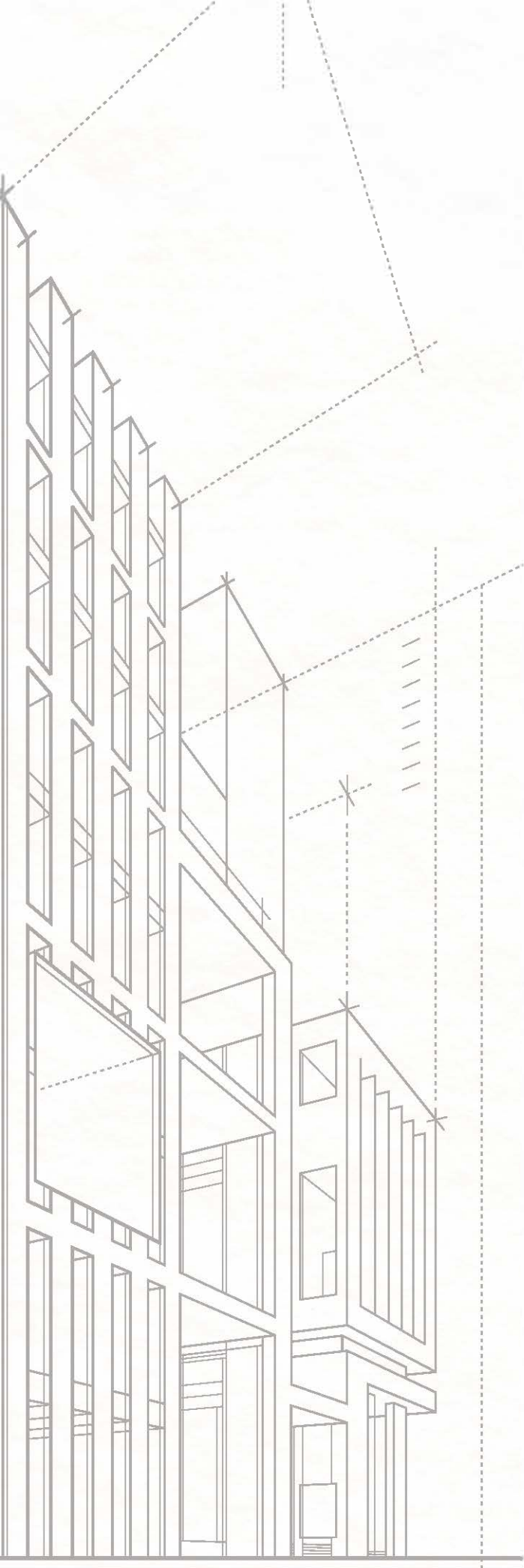
DISTRICT 2:

Specific structure within the City of Miami — charter powers.

COMMISSIONER leads policy direction; community liaisons serve as boots on the ground. The commissioner represents in the broader community; handles unresolved conflict and works with other layers of government.

LIAISONS connect with residents, businesses, and groups to spot and resolve issues. Involve staff and the commissioner as needed.

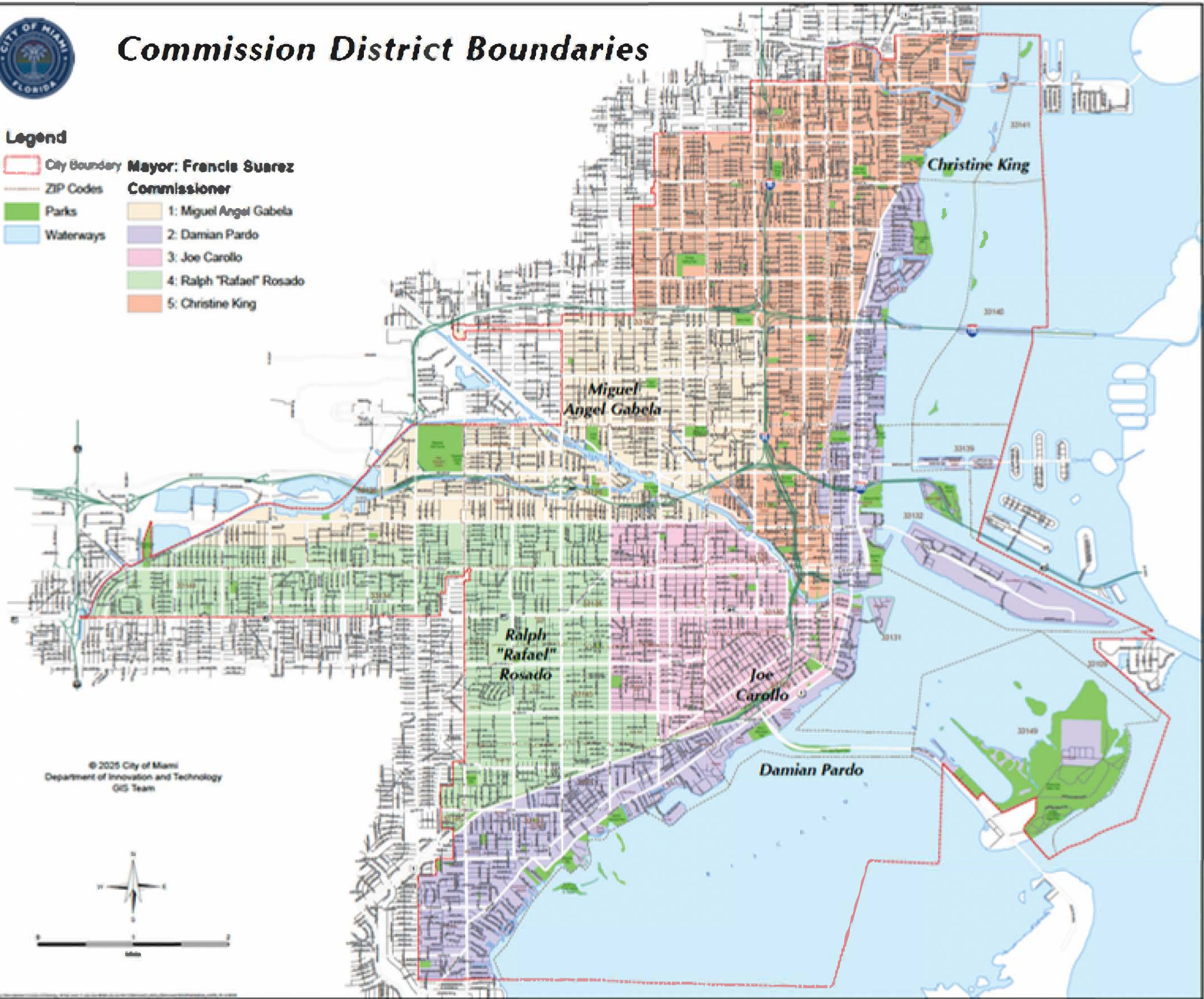
Coordinate with City departments for services like solid waste, parks, building, public works, code enforcement, repairs, and events. Elevate unresolved problems and policy matters to the Commissioner for action. Act as both messengers and problem-solvers to ensure community concerns are addressed.



Commission District Boundaries

Legend

- City Boundary
 - ZIP Codes
 - Parks
 - Waterways
- Mayor: Francis Suarez**
- Commissioner**
- 1: Miguel Angel Gabela
 - 2: Damian Pardo
 - 3: Joe Carollo
 - 4: Ralph "Rafael" Rosado
 - 5: Christine King



LEGISLATIVE TIPS / **TERMS TO KNOW**

LEGISLATIVE TIPS:

- Notification rules
- Draft Agenda Cutoff:
Admin & Commissioners' office
- Final Agenda
- Briefing
- Commission meeting
- Post meeting 10 days

TERMS TO KNOW:

- Sunshine
- Deferral
- Withdrawal
- Move the item
- Second the item
- Sponsor
- Substitution item
- Jennings Disclosure
- FR
- SR
- Miami 21/RTZ/Live Local



HOW TO ENGAGE & GET IN TOUCH

BEST PRACTICES FOR PROGRESS:

- **COMMUNICATE:**
Personally, respectfully (we're human too), and think of timing (budget)
- **REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA:**
Participate in an agenda review
- **MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO COME IN:**
Zoom, or speak on the phone– cover the topic thoroughly on the phone.
Dropping in is a security risk.
- **ADMINISTRATIVE VERSUS COMMISSION:**
Change in motion
- **SEE IT THROUGH TO COMPLETION:**
Patience helps
- What have you passed or changed?
(e.g., NCD)

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WHAT IS THE COCONUT GROVE BID?

A community-driven organization established to enhance and support the commercial vitality of Coconut Grove's downtown core. Guided by a Board of Directors and six committees that work closely with the City of Miami, the BID supports and enlivens the neighborhood's commercial heart through:

- **PUBLIC CLEANLINESS & SECURITY:** ensuring safe and inviting spaces
- **MARKETING & PROMOTION:** driving visibility and business growth
- **SPECIAL EVENTS:** engaging the community and visitors
- **BEAUTIFICATION & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:** from streetscapes to parking access
- **ECONOMIC RESEARCH:** supporting informed decision-making and partnerships
- **FACILITATING ACCESS TO PARKING:** easing navigation and access

MARK BURNS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



WHAT IS OMNI CRA?

A public agency established in 1987 under the Florida Community Redevelopment Act to revitalize neighborhoods, improve housing affordability, and stimulate economic growth across the Omni Redevelopment Area. Governed by a board of City Commissioners, with the District 2 Commissioner serving as Chair, the Omni CRA fulfills its mission through:

- **HISTORIC PRESERVATION:** Safeguarding and renewing the district's historic structures and cultural fabric
- **BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:** Supporting local businesses with grants and assistance to foster job growth and activate commercial corridors
- **HOUSING AFFORDABILITY:** Promoting accessible, high-quality housing to ensure residents can continue to live in the neighborhood
- **INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS:** Enhancing public infrastructure, such as streetscapes, lighting, parking, bike lanes, and sidewalks, to improve livability
- **QUALITY OF LIFE ENHANCEMENTS:** Advancing neighborhood safety, comfort, and well-being through initiatives like green spaces, special policing, and community improvements

ISIAA JONES
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



WHAT IS DDA?

An independent agency of the City of Miami funded by a special tax levy on properties within its district boundaries. The Miami Downtown Development Authority's mission is to grow, strengthen, and promote the economic health and vitality of Downtown Miami. As an autonomous agency, the Miami DDA advocates, facilitates, plans, and executes business development, capital improvements, urban planning, and marketing and communication strategies. The DDA also serves as a resource hub—connecting businesses, residents, and stakeholders with community resources, partnerships, and data to help them thrive.

IVONNE BERRIOS
CFO, COO





WHAT IS MIAMI PARKING AUTHORITY

MPA manages and develops on-street and off-street parking assets in the City of Miami. It shares responsibility with the City of Miami Police Department and Miami-Dade County for enforcement of parking regulations.

MPA is a self-sustaining agency managed by parking industry professionals and financed by parking revenues. Funds not used by operations are returned to the City of Miami, and all ticket citation revenues are payable directly to Miami-Dade County.

MPA provides parking for approximately 6 million vehicles annually. Currently, the Miami Parking Authority has over 47,000 parking spaces under management

ANGEL DIAZ

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

OTHER ENTITIES

BAYFRONT PARK MANAGEMENT TRUST

A City-established trust that manages and programs Bayfront Park and Maurice A. Ferré Park. Oversees daily operations, maintenance, events, and capital improvements to maximize community use.

VIRGINIA KEY BEACH PARK TRUST

A City-established trust dedicated to preserving the cultural legacy and natural beauty of Historic Virginia Key Beach Park. Manages historic preservation, environmental stewardship, public programming, and community outreach.

RELATION TO THE CITY

Both Chairs are appointed by the City of Miami Commission, operating as specialized park management entities separate from the City's Parks & Recreation Department and the City's administration.



Examples of successful City–community collaborations where residents, liaisons, and the Commission worked together to turn ideas into real change.

VIRRICK POOL: Kim Davis

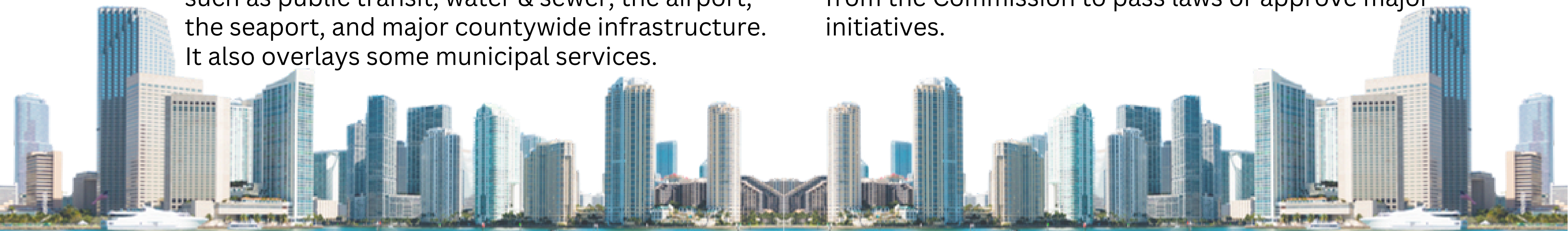
DRAGONFLY INVESTMENTS: Amanda De Seta

BISCAYNE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (BNA): Rick Madan



CITY, COUNTY & STATE WHO DOES WHAT?

- **CITY OF MIAMI**: Full municipal government; handles local services like Public Works, Parks, Sanitation, Code Enforcement, and Police.
- **CITY COMMISSIONS**: Legislative body of 5 elected Commissioners; passes laws, approves budgets, and sets policy. District 2 represents Coconut Grove, Downtown, Edgewater, Biscayne and San Marco (Venetian Islands), parts of Brickell and Virginia Key.
- **MIAMI DADE COUNTY**: Oversees regional services such as public transit, water & sewer, the airport, the seaport, and major countywide infrastructure. It also overlays some municipal services.
- **STATE OF FLORIDA**: Responsible for statewide policy, major highways, large-scale infrastructure, and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) projects.
- **COMMUNITY LIAISONS**: Connect residents to the right department, track and escalate issues, and bridge communication to the Commissioner for policy-level action.
- **BASIC PRINCIPLES**: No single Commissioner can make policy changes alone; it takes a majority vote from the Commission to pass laws or approve major initiatives.





OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

ANTONIO DIAZ | INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR GENERAL

To detect, investigate and prevent fraud, waste, mismanagement, misconduct, and abuse of power through independent oversight of County affairs, and seek appropriate remedies to recover public monies. Commonly known as “watchdog” agencies, Offices of Inspectors General (OIG) are found at all levels of local, state, and federal government.

In Miami-Dade, the OIG's oversight includes, but is not limited to over 25 county departments, including Aviation, the Seaport, Transit, Housing, Community and Economic Development, Water and Sewer, Solid Waste, Public Works and the Public Health Trust (JMH).

24-HOUR FRAUD HOTLINE: 305-579-2593



CITY MANAGER

ART NORIEGA

The City Manager's Office oversees various departments and functions, including 5,031 employees and The City's operating budget of \$1.788 billion.





CITY ATTORNEY

GEORGE WYSONG

The Office of the City Attorney provides a broad scope of legal services and advice to the Mayor, City Commissioners, City Manager, as well as to all City Departments and entities.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

MANNY MORALES | POLICE CHIEF

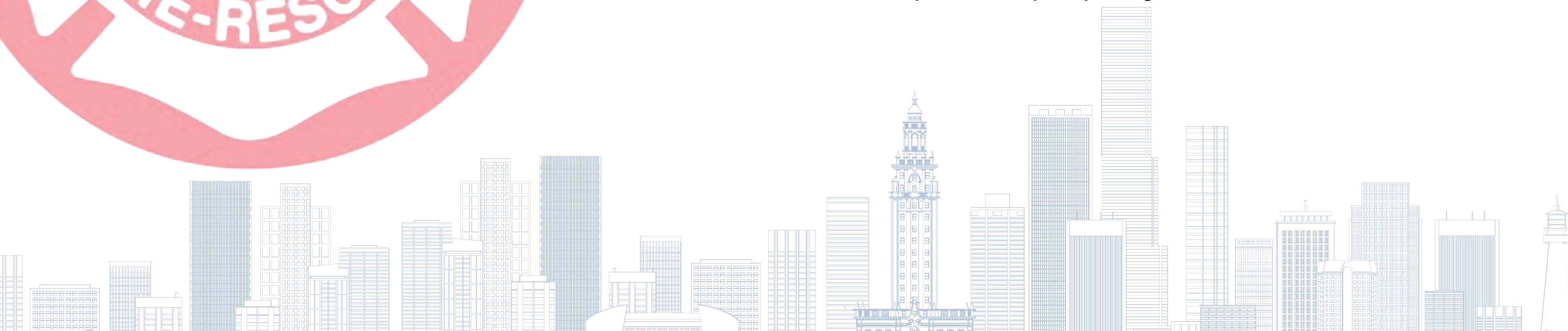
The over 1,100 sworn members of our police force are relentlessly committed to ensuring that the citizens of Miami are not deprived of their fundamental right to feel safe in their neighborhoods. Of equal importance is the safety and well-being of those who choose our municipality, the largest in Miami-Dade County.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

NIRGE ARAGON | DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

The City of Miami Department of Fire-Rescue serves the community with the highest level of professionalism, customer service, and responsiveness by providing effective and efficient fire prevention, fire suppression, disaster management, emergency medical care and other essential services to save lives and protect property.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

ASael “ACE” MARRERO | ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE

ED SANTANA | DIRECTOR

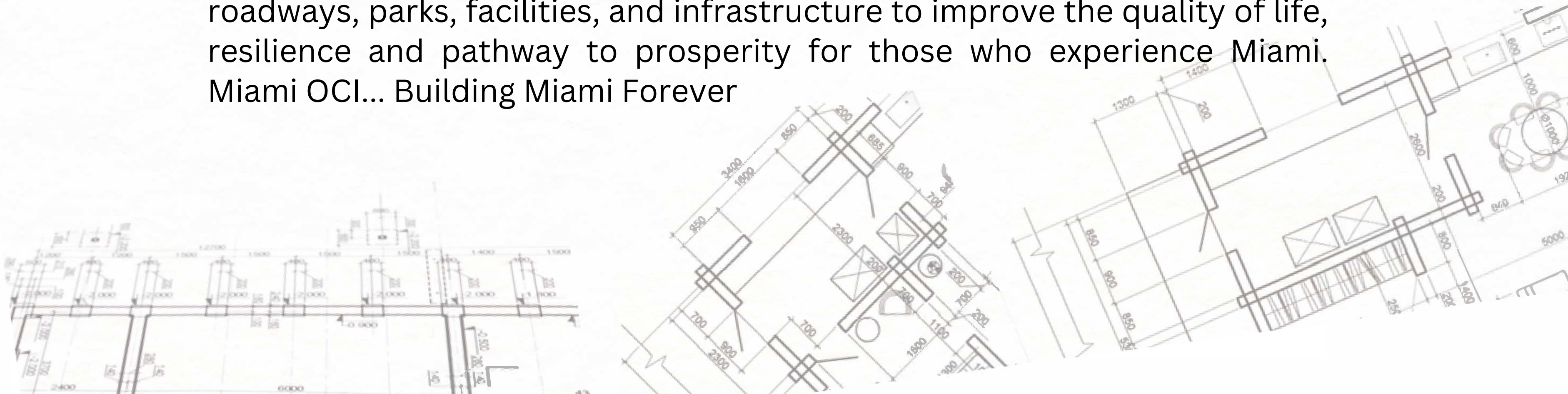
QUATISHA OGUTOYINBO-RASHAD | CHIEF OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

The Building Department enforces codes and regulations established by the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County governing the construction, alteration, and maintenance of buildings and structures within the City of Miami for the protection of residents and property. These regulations also extend to safeguarding the city’s natural environment—such as protecting existing trees during construction—helping ensure growth and development balance with sustainability.

OFFICE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

JOSE R. PEREZ | DIRECTOR

The Office of Capital Improvements manages and delivers the City of Miami's capital improvements program, proudly building the city's roadways, parks, facilities, and infrastructure to improve the quality of life, resilience and pathway to prosperity for those who experience Miami. Miami OCI... Building Miami Forever





PLANNING

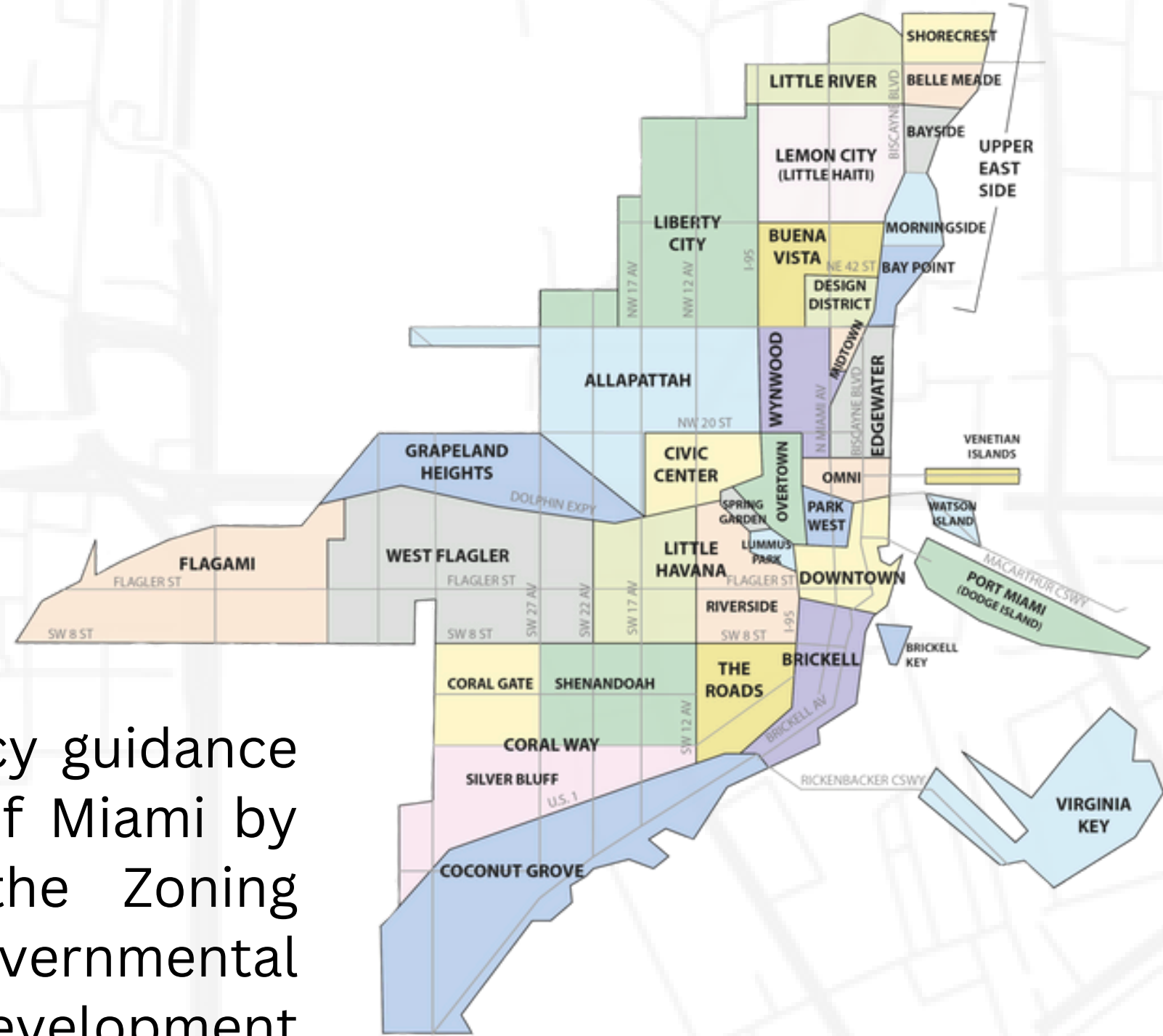
DAVID SNOW | DIRECTOR

The Planning Department facilitates and regulates land development, preserves natural resources for our distinct neighborhoods, and cultivates an improved quality of life for our city's diverse communities.

ZONING

TAMARA FROST | DIRECTOR

The Office of Zoning provides policy guidance for the development of the City of Miami by interpreting and administering the Zoning Ordinance and other relevant governmental regulations pertaining to land development regulations for construction and land use.





RESILIENCE & **PUBLIC WORKS**

JUVENAL SANTANA | DIRECTOR

THE DEPARTMENT OF RESILIENCE AND PUBLIC WORKS

(RPW) is responsible for engineering design and technical standards, permitting and regulation of construction of public improvements, and the repair and maintenance of City-maintained streets (potholes, flooding, tree trimming, ROW aesthetics, etc.), alleys, sidewalks, curbs, drainage, bridges, canals, and trolleys within the City of Miami public right-of-way. Integrating sustainable practices and climate resilience into daily operations.





OFFICE OF **RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY**

SONIA BRUBAKER | DIRECTOR

The Office of Resilience and Sustainability is charged with working across departments to apply a resilience lens to the City's operations, strategic planning and budgeting processes, in order to strengthen its ability to address the systemic stresses and challenges it faces, as well as enhance its ability to prepare for and rebound from acute shocks.

CODE COMPLIANCE

RICKI FRANQUI

TRELANA HAINES

OUR MISSION IS COMPLIANCE

We seek to promote and protect the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life for the City of Miami residents, businesses, and tourists, and we seek to enforce our city codes in a consistent and equitable manner.

OUR VISION IS:

- To maintain our neighborhoods and community's quality of life.
- To enforce all city ordinances in a timely and equitable manner.
- To serve the public professionally, with integrity and respect.





PARKS & **RECREATION**

LACLEVEIA MORLEY | INTERIM DIRECTOR

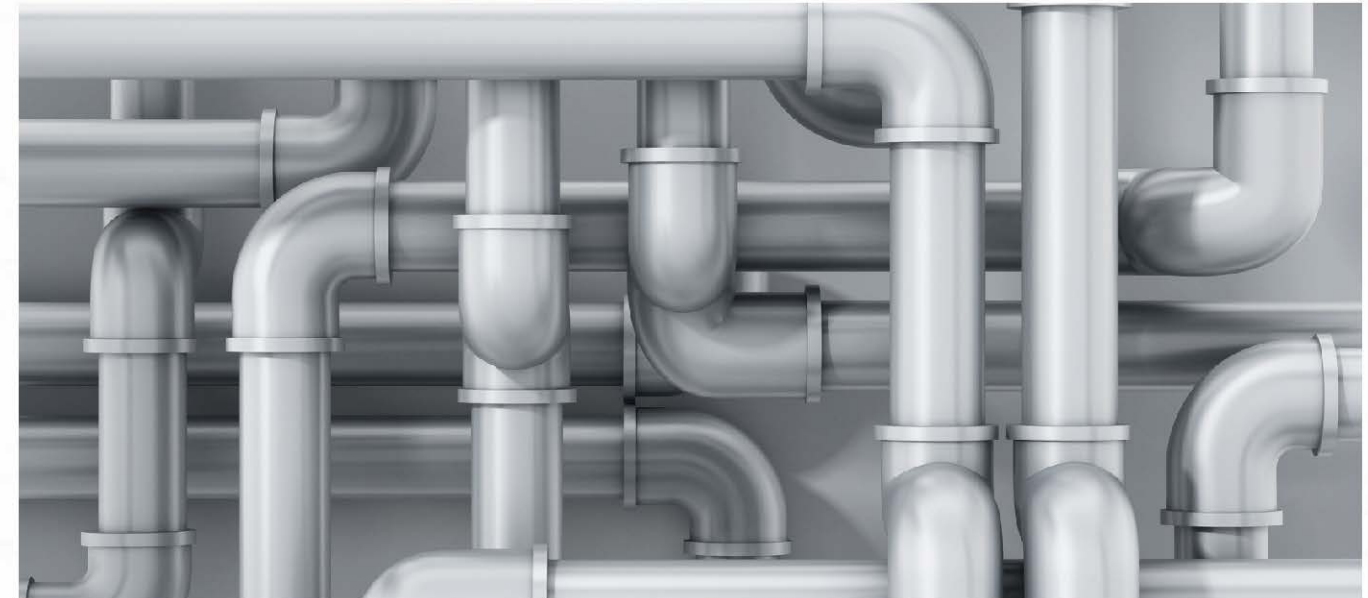
The City of Miami's Parks and Recreation Department strives to create a brighter future with a world class parks system for our community and visitors. We are home to over 150 beautiful parks, totalling more than 1,400 acres, 12 swimming pool facilities, 43 community centres, 4 gymnasiums, the Sandra DeLucca Developmental Center, the Little Haiti Cultural Center and Caribbean Marketplace, a Japanese Garden, the Grapeland Water Park, and the Melreese Golf Course. We also offer services at Virginia Key: mountain bike trails, walking trails, and beaches, as well three natural areas designated as Natural Forest Communities that include a Visitor's Center at Simpson Hammock Park, the Virginia Key 32-acre hammock restoration and interpretive trail, and the hammock at Alice Wainwright Park.

The Department enriches and inspires the community and visitors by promoting a world class park system that is safe, accessible, and facilitates a healthy and happy quality of life.

SOLID WASTE

KATIE GRATE | INTERIM DIRECTOR

The mission statement of the Department of Solid Waste is to promote a clean and healthy environment by the delivery of a comprehensive, safe, cost-effective, and environmentally sound solid waste management system; to support sustainable community programs and civic engagement; and to enforce sanitation code enforcement rules and policies.





HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

VICTOR TURNER | DEPARTMENT HEAD

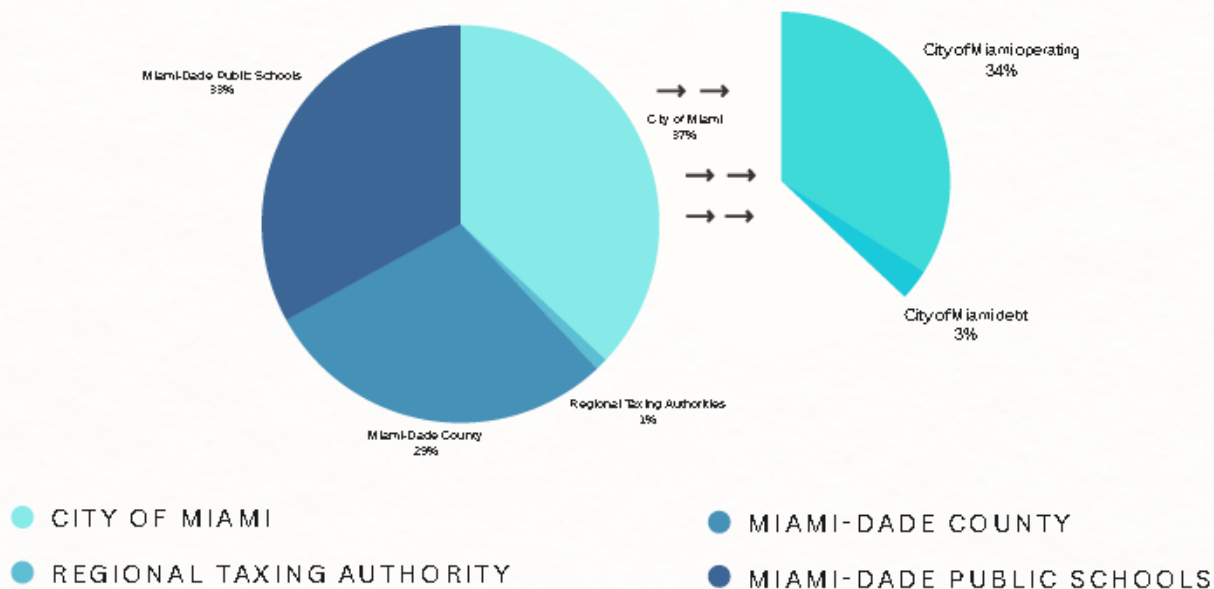
The Department of Housing & Community Development coordinates programs funded through federal and state grants to assist Miami's economically disadvantaged residents and neighborhoods. Through cooperative partnerships with the public and private sectors, the Department oversees the divisions of Housing and Administrative Services, which are dedicated to giving low-income residents access to the region's economic growth and prosperity.

ECONOMIC INNOVATION & DEVELOPMENT

KEITH CARSWELL | DEPARTMENT HEAD

The Department of Economic Innovation & Development is at the forefront of Miami's evolution into a cutting-edge, globally competitive economy. Our focus on economic development, technology integration, and workforce empowerment enables us to enhance the city's quality of life, attract and retain businesses, and foster entrepreneurship while building a resilient and sustainable urban landscape.

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