Civics 305
The 101
Our mission is to build a more just, democratic, and sustainable Miami by developing a local culture of civic participation for young people that is bold, creative, and impactful.
What do we do?

Educate - Civics305

Activate - Voter Registration and Engagement

Elevate - the Young People’s Policy Priorities (YPPP)
What does local government do?
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- Parks
- Libraries + Culture
- Fire
- Police
- Waste
- Water
- Roads, Ports, Infrastructure
- Zoning
- Elections
- Transportation + Housing
- Environmental Protection
- Emergency Management (Covid, Hurricanes, etc.)
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<th>LOT OCCUPATION</th>
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<td>a. Lot Area</td>
<td>5,000 s.f. min.</td>
<td>1,400 s.f. - 20,000 s.f. **</td>
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<td>b. Lot Width</td>
<td>50 ft. min.</td>
<td>16 ft. min / 50 ft. min. **</td>
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<td>c. Lot Coverage</td>
<td>50% max. 1st Floor 30% max. 2nd Floor for T3 R &amp; T3 L only</td>
<td>60% max.</td>
<td>80% max.</td>
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<td>d. Floor Lot Ratio (FLR)</td>
<td>5 / 25% additional Public Benefit ***</td>
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<td>8 / 30% additional Public Benefit ***</td>
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<td>e. Frontage at front Setback</td>
<td>50% min.</td>
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<td>f. Green / Open Space Requirements</td>
<td>25% Lot Area min.</td>
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<td>g. Density</td>
<td>9-18 du/acre max. **</td>
<td>36 du/acre max.</td>
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**Zoning - Miami-Dade County Classifications**
Imagine

What would happen in a world without?  
What would happen if we were truly just and sustainable?
Compare and Contrast
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Follow the Money
So, how do we pay for this?

Property Taxes (millage rate)
Bond
Land/Asset Management
Fees
Privatization?
Millage Rates

The millage rate is defined as the amount of property tax charged per $1000 of the assessed/taxable value of a property. ... In Miami Dade, the Property Appraiser releases the current year property values by July. That office figures out how much total tax revenues they need and will create the millage rate accordingly.
7.8496

Miami-Dade
9.8000

Opa-Locka
6.02221

Miami Beach
Imagine you have $100,000,000 to spend on:

- Parks
- Libraries + Cultural
- Fire
- Police
- Waste
- Water
- Roads, Ports + Infrastructure
- Transportation + Housing
- Elections
- Environmental Protection
- Emergency Management (Covid, Hurricanes, etc.)
Home Rule + Miami-Dade County Charter
Local 2-Tier System of Government

- Unincorporated
- Municipalities
Miami-Dade County

Structure: Mayor & 13 Commissioners

Responsibilities:
Airport & Seaport
Transportation
Environment
Water & Sewer
Solid Waste Management
Zoning (for unincorporated areas)

Housing Programs
Emergency Management
Elections
Parks & Cultural Facilities
Municipalities: Strong vs. Weak Mayors

- Mayor or Manager
- Council or Commission
  - Lower Boards
  - Lower Boards
- Departments
Mayor- Carlos Gimenez
D1- Barbara J. Jordan
D2- Jean Monestime
D3- Audrey M. Edmonson
D4- Sally A. Heyman
D5- Eileen Higgins
D6- Rebeca Sosa
D7- Xavier L. Suarez
D8- Daniella Levine Cava
D9- Dennis C. Moss
D10- Javier D. Souto
D11- Joe A. Martinez
D12- Jose “Pepe” Diaz
D13- Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
2020 ELECTIONS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICTS MAP

Mayor-______________
D1-______________
D2-______________
D3-______________
D4- Sally A. Heyman
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OUR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION

DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA, MAYOR
OLIVER GILBERT, DISTRICT 1
JEAN MONESTIME, DISTRICT 2
KEON HARDEMON, DISTRICT 3
SALLY A. HEYMAN, DISTRICT 4

EILEEN HIGGINS, DISTRICT 5
REBECA SOSA, DISTRICT 6
RAQUEL REGALADO, DISTRICT 7
KIONNE L. MCGHEE, DISTRICT 9

JAVIER D. SOUTO, DISTRICT 10
JOE A. MARTINEZ, DISTRICT 11
JOSE "PEPE" DIAZ, DISTRICT 12
René García, DISTRICT 13

FIRST-TIME COMMISSIONER
MAYOR
SEAT ON BALLOT IN 2022
RE-ELECTED

ENGAGE MIAMI
Non-Partisan Elections at the Local Level

Our County and City Commissioners are non-partisan seats in Miami-Dade. This means the candidates do not run with a party affiliation to their name.
Even before Miami-Dade voters elect a sheriff for the first time in generations, they’ll get to decide whether to make the post nonpartisan.

On Tuesday, county commissioners unanimously approved a ballot question for 2020 to make future elections for sheriff, tax collector and election supervisor nonpartisan contests.

Under a new amendment to the Florida Constitution, Miami-Dade must elect each of those positions by 2025. Miami-Dade is the only county without an elected sheriff, and most counties already elect their election supervisors and tax collectors, too. Florida voters adopted Amendment 10 in November.
For your consideration:

Single Districts vs At Large + Redistricting

Term Limits

Election Timing
## Municipal

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Civic Power: who and what is it for?

Analyze, Strategize, Organize
Miami-Dade’s college campuses should have early voting sites like the rest of Florida

By FABIOLA SANTIAGO

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Civil Rights Groups Pressure Miami-Dade County For Early Voting On College Campuses

By JESSICA BAKEMAN • SEP 13, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
September 12, 2018

MIA-MI-DADE COUNTY SHOULD SAY YES TO CAMPUS EARLY VOTING!

MIAMI, FL, September 12, 2018 – We are deeply troubled that Miami-Dade County has not yet completed its commitment to implement early voting on college campuses. In a report by the League of Women Voters of Miami-Dade County, it was noted that early voting on college campuses in Miami-Dade County is not considered a priority. This lack of prioritization is unacceptable, especially in light of the growing importance of college campuses as voting sites. It is critical that Miami-Dade County fully commit to early voting on college campuses to ensure that all students have the opportunity to cast their ballots in the upcoming elections. We urge Miami-Dade County to take immediate action to ensure that all students have access to early voting on college campuses.
County says yes to early voting at MDC. no to a billionaire paying for it.

More Than 10K Ballots Cast At Miami-Dade's Colleges — Where Early Voting Almost Didn't Happen

Students Force Early-Voting Sites At North And Kendall Campuses
Mayor for a Day
Get Involved

- Local Boards
- Local Organizations
- Neighborhood Engagement and Community Building
- Contact Electeds
- Public Comment - City Council, Budget, Zoning meetings
- Local news sources
- Reflect and Imagine - what are your values, what are your priorities?
- Engage Miami’s [Young People’s Policy Priorities](#)
- [Thrive305](#) + [Upcoming County Budget Meetings](#)
Thank you!