



CHAIRWOMAN CHRISTINE KING

City of Miami District 5
Commissioner
Miami, FL



City of Miami Chairwoman and District 5 Commissioner Christine King is passionate about serving the public and has been since an early age. Born in Guyana, she moved to Miami at age five. She would go on to serve her community as Chief of Constituent Services for a Miami-Dade County Commissioner and later as an executive with the Community Action Agency (CAA).

Subsequently, she studied at Nova Southeastern University earning her Juris Doctor Degree, becoming a practicing attorney. She most recently served as President and CEO of the Martin Luther King Economic Development Corporation, where she managed meaningful community programs like 'Wheels to Work' which addresses transportation hardships for families in need of vehicles to function within their daily lives.

In November 2021, when Commissioner King entered office, she was the first Guyanese American to be elected in the City of Miami and the first woman to be named Chairwoman of the Commission. Her mission for District 5 is for the community to be known for its culture, vibrancy, and diversity – not for poverty or crime. With this mission in mind, she is working to make a lasting impression for future District 5 Commissioners to continue her legacy.

Early in her role, she began making significant strides in transforming her priorities into accomplishments. She continues to focus on increasing the availability of affordable and workforce housing, addressing climate change along with sea level rise, and supporting the creation and maintenance of elderly and child community services. Only days into office, Commissioner King voted in favor of the Miami Forever Carbon Neutral program, officially placing the Magic City on a course to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

She invested more than \$750,000 in programs and services that support District 5 families, to create wealth through employment opportunities, housing provision, and education. She also brought immense attention to the City's homelessness crisis by supporting the Functional Zero initiative and Lotus House endeavors. She has placed immense focus on the affordable housing crisis by sponsoring programs like the First Time Home Ownership Program which works to create generational wealth for district residents, co-sponsoring legislation to continue the

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA-2), and approving funding for the Overtown CRA to provide rental assistance to Overtown residents.

Commissioner King believes that when a community is surrounded by beauty, it instills a sense of unity and respect, not just for the land but for one another. To that end, she continues her efforts to beautify the city through actions such as personally monitoring illegal dumping reports, overseeing the installation of new street landscaping within the District and installation of banners in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., along the boulevard bearing his name. She also encourages residents to voice their concerns about issues, or share their thoughts directly with her without an appointment on “Constituent Tuesdays,” which occur the first Tuesday of every month. Commissioner King is not a politician. She is a public servant on a mission to improve the lives of residents within District 5 and the City of Miami, as a whole. She is committed to continuing her work with other community leaders and stakeholders towards the rehabilitation, renovation, and revitalization of District 5 both now and for many years to come.