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Commissioner Eileen Higgins. It's been over two years since Eileen was elected to serve the residents and businesses of District 5 as its County Commissioner, representing the Downtown and Brickell urban core, the sandy beaches of Miami Beach, tree-lined neighborhoods of Coral Way, and the colorful center of Latin culture in Little Havana.

An engineer by trade, with an MBA from Cornell University, she is a problem solver with a proven record of helping businesses and local organizations address the many complex issues facing our community. Her work as a Country Director in the Peace Corps and as a diplomat in the US State Department gives her the ability to look at local challenges with a unique perspective and in a compassionate manner. From more reliable transportation to sea level rise, from affordable housing to better paying jobs, she is a champion for the policies that help everyone in our community succeed.

As County Commissioner, Eileen has led the charge on solving the County's affordable housing crisis. As Vice Chair of the Housing and Finance Committee, she has championed increased affordable housing opportunities in District 5 and Miami-Dade County. From the completion of the Martin Fine Villas, to the unveiling of the River Parc Master Plan, Eileen will have initiated, preserved, or created over 4,600 affordable housing units in District 5 alone - including 500 new units at the Senior Campus in Little Havana by 2024. In addition to expediting and incentivizing the development of affordable and workforce units, Eileen has sponsored legislation that directs the administration to utilize County and/or public-owned land for affordable housing.

In addition to her action on housing, Eileen has been an advocate for an improved quality of life and increased economic opportunities for residents and small businesses. She is fighting for transportation solutions and safer, walkable neighborhood as Chair of the TPO Urban Mobility Task Force; addressing equity gaps as Chair of the Community Disparities sub-committee; and defending green spaces and protecting the waters that surround us.

Nick Inamdar is a Principal with Magellan Housing, an emerging national leader in the development of multifamily workforce and affordable housing communities. He is focused on the development, underwriting, and financing of multifamily housing communities throughout Florida. Over the last 15 years, Nick has participated in the development of over 1,400 restricted multifamily apartments in South Florida with a cost basis in excess of \$260,000,000.

He has served as Chairman of the Board for the Florida statewide industry organization, the Coalition of Affordable Housing Providers (CAHP). He also currently serves as a board member for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) and has previously served as a board member to the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX). Nick is also a member of Leadership Florida Class 30.

Michael Liu since 2014, has led the Public Housing and Community Development Dept. of Miami-Dade County (PHCD), the sixth largest public housing agency in the country and the largest housing organization in Florida with an annual budget of \$500 million, a portfolio consisting of over 50,000 units under various federal (public housing; Section 8) and state programs, and annually lends over \$30 million. Under his leadership the \$400 million Liberty Square redevelopment transformation, \$500 million Gallery at River Parc, and 6,426 unit RAD portfolio initiatives are well under implementation. Under his leadership PHCD will have completed processing its Public Housing and Section 8 waiting lists by the first quarter of 2021; lists that numbered over 70,000 upon his arrival. His career includes service as US HUD Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing; US Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary for Small Community and Rural Development; SVP Dutko/Grayling; SVP and Community Investment Officer Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago; and VP Bank of America (FSB); and member of Hawaii's State House and Senate. He is a graduate of Stanford University and the University of Hawaii's Richardson School of Law.

Dr. Ned Murray, AICP, is the Associate Director of the Jorge M. Perez Florida International University (FIU) Metropolitan Center. Dr. Murray has over 25 years of professional and academic experience in city planning, housing and economic development. He holds a Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and is a professionally certified planner with the American Planning Association. Dr. Murray is a leading expert in the area of economic and housing market analysis. He has authored many of the landmark housing market and needs studies completed in South Florida in the past fifteen years, including the leading studies for Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties. He has recently served as the Principal Investigator on the City of Miami Affordable Housing Master Plan, Broward County Affordable Housing Needs Assessment and Broward County Housing Linkage Fee Nexus Study. Dr. Murray is the former editor of American Planning Association Economic Development Division (APA/EDD) publication, News and Views and has presented and written numerous articles on urban planning, affordable housing and economic development including published articles in Economic Development Quarterly, the Economic Development Journal and the Journal of Public Affairs Education.

Harold L. "Trey" Price joined Florida Housing Finance Corporation as Executive Director in April 2017. With over 20 years experience in real estate and government affairs, Trey brings extensive knowledge and insight into Florida's housing needs and an appreciation to the impact that safe, affordable housing has in our State. Trey is a second-generation Floridian born in Okeechobee, Florida. He and wife, Tara, have two young children, and two Australian Shepherds. He enjoys fishing, traveling, and University of Florida football.