

Focus Continues on Education Needs of Brickell & Downtown Families

Discussions about new schools in the Brickell area seem to be picking up since we held our Inaugural Education Forum in May. We're hearing ideas about advancing the stalled request to convert Southside Elementary to a K-8, which includes taking action on the restoration of the currently closed and unusable historical buildings that has been on hold. We've also heard concepts from Miami-Dade Public Schools officials of expanding beyond K-8, perhaps through 12th grade, by using other City property around the school.

BHA also heard about plans by Mater Academy to build a charter school in the Brickell area. The private company has amassed space in the Southwest 17th Road and Second Avenue area

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Four Seats Up Representing Brickell

Brickell residents are urged to learn as much as they can about candidates in several races that will represent Brickell in key public offices. For those who missed the Candidates Forum on September 27, we have short articles from candidates in this issue, and a recap of the Forum online. BHA recognizes how important elected officials are to safeguarding and improving Brickell's continued quality of life. We hope all Brickell residents will take a look at

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Take a Ride Over the Causeway to "Taste Paradise"

The Key Biscayne Chamber of Commerce is shining a spotlight on the island's stellar dining scene during the entire month of October during its Second Annual "Taste Paradise." Seventeen restaurants will welcome diners to embark on a culinary journey in paradise.

The Chamber's Marketing Committee—chaired by Nora Camejo, Publisher of Key Biscayne's Lions Club Directory,—is making a special invitation to BHA residents to head over the Rickenbacker Causeway to Key Biscayne for "The World's Best Cuisine on One Island." Event organizers further elaborate:

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Education Takes Center Stage



Gail Feldman

This issue of *BHA News* contains news of progress made in important areas on our agenda. The first is in education, a critical topic. Having quality public school options in the neighborhood is key to a thriving, diverse and sustainable community.

We're vertical but not different

While Brickell is a unique neighborhood, we're really no different in that regard. We want our children to be able to attend a good school in the neighborhood.

The photo below—despite its lackluster composition—is a great photo. It signifies leaders in our community are hearing our voices about education needs. It shows community citizens advocating for improvements and solutions, and being heard. It shows us coming together.

These folks were on the stage at Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus to serve as part of our Education Forum panel in May. As I identify them, you'll get an idea of those involved in finding solutions and options to what is a challenging, but nonetheless urgent need.

Starting on the far left, **Elena Bondarenko** from Southside PTA has been advocating for conversion of the school to a K-8 for nearly three years. A skilled attorney, she and several other parents have led the charge on making the formal application to Miami-Dade Public Schools, which we hope they will act on soon.

Next is **Senator Miguel Diaz de la Portilla**, who has been our Senator in Tallahassee and as part of the Dade Delegation, one on whom we depend to bring State money home.

Standing next to me is School Board Member **Dr. Martin Karp**, a seasoned Board member who has Southside in his domain. He has always been helpful to us. We look forward to his leadership as we move forward to complete the renovations needed and expand the school to serve more of our children.

Victoria Kenny is next, principle of Brickell and KB Moms, a stalwart community advocate with a specialization in early childhood, and great BHA partner.

School Board Rep Raquel Regalado is next. She has been a champion for Downtown and Brickell's need for neighborhood schools. Students in District 6 attend Southside, although the school falls under Dr. Karp's domain.

Shown speaking is our **Miami Commissioner Ken Russell**, who is providing leadership on this issue and in whom we hold a lot of hope for finding solutions with MDCPS.

Next is **Representative José Javier Rodríguez**, District 112 Rep, who has been a defender of Brickell needs in Tallahassee, again, key to funding for our public school district.

Next is **Dr. Richard Soria**, president of Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus and who opened up the MDC facility for this important Forum. We are thrilled to have Dr. Soria's involvement

And finally, our moderator extraordinaire, **Michael Góngora**, who generously gave of his time to facilitate our Forum discussion and keep us focused. Thank you, Michael, you never disappoint!

Our July BHA meeting was announced as a follow up to the Forum, and was packed, testament to our residents' concerns about education options. We'll continue to work with all entities, and Superintendent Carvalho's Chief Strategist **Lisa Martinez**, to see the needs of Brickell fulfilled. Thank you all for your dedication.

I invite neighbors to get involved. Contact BHA's Advocacy Director **Sam Joseph** at sjoseph@brickellhomeowners.com.

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In other areas where our advocacy has seen results, we have seen significant improvements to the Brickell Avenue median south of 15th Road, including colorful flower beds at several spots and new plantings.

Grass and groundcover continue to present challenges. Raphael Gonzalez, Operations Coordinator for Miami Public Works, reported they are trying other shade-tolerate grass types and the use of perennial peanut as an alternative groundcover.

Mr. Gonzalez also reported that some of the Oak trees that appear sickly have been "inoculated." He is monitoring their reaction, and looking "forward to their improved health."

BHA is hoping to see similar progress on median and sidewalk improvements on northern Brickell Avenue from 15th Road to the Brickell Bridge.

Looking ahead, I hope to see all neighbors at Pooch Parade Oct. 29 and the Holiday Celebration in December! •



Panelists at BHA's Brickell/Downtown Education Forum hosted by Miami Dade College on May 23, 2016, identified in the article above.

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Property Manager Maria Giron will represent BoxVault in BHA. She stands ready to help any of our neighbors who need to free up some living space. www.boxvault.com; (305) 697-5546.

We're also pleased to welcome **National Water Restoration** as a member of BHA. When the unthinkable damage happens, they handle the water and fire restoration and cleaning. They have a seasoned restoration and extraction team that is well versed in damage assessment. National Water Restoration handles documentation of all damage and preparation of reports to help streamline insurance claims.



Business Development Director Miguel Ibarguren will represent National Water Restoration in BHA. www.nationalwaterrestoration.com, (877) 933-7924

We also want to recognize and thank sponsors of recent BHA meetings. **Castle Group** arranged and generously sponsored the July meeting at Morton's. They provided wonderful meeting space, sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and libations for a packed meeting of BHA members, VIPs and pub-



lic officials focused on education and Brickell. Thank you Jim Donnelly and Castle for your leadership and support.

We also thank **U.S. Security**, for sponsoring hospitality for our **U.S. SECURITY** May Town Hall Meeting at The Metropolitan. The condo's Property Manager, **Diana Puentes**, always takes great care of BHA, providing their building's beautiful meeting space and everything we need.

Looking ahead, several sponsors have are enabling community-wide events this fall. **Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables, Brickell City Centre, KW Property Management, Mary Brickell Village and It's Always Sunny Dogwalkers** are brining you the 3rd Annual Pooch Parade on October 29.

And in December, **FirstService Residential and Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables** have already committed to taking the lead for our 5th Annual Holiday Celebration. Thank you all! •

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“Key Biscayne is known for its silver sand beaches and impressive parks, with a little secret that includes an irresistible selection of world-class restaurants. In October, the dining scene bursts into full gear during this 2nd annual promotional dining showcase tempting all to taste paradise.”

An impressive who’s-who of Key Biscayne restaurants will be offering special *prix-fixe* menus for the entire month of October. They’ll be featuring their signature dishes prepared by their world-class chefs at neighborly discounted prices. An added perk: Enjoy free parking (with the exception of hotel restaurants).

For casual dining, it’s \$10, \$15 and \$25 for breakfast, lunch or dinner. For fine dining, it’s \$15, \$20 and \$35.

To commemorate the opening Key Biscayne’s new dog park scheduled to coincide with the Village’s 25th anniversary of incorporation on September 25th, canine treats—compliments of Brigitte de Langeron, MiamiWaterfront.com— will be provided to all four-legged diners at participating Taste Paradise restaurants with outdoor dining.

Plan your calendar to visit your favorite Key Biscayne restaurants or hit those you’ve always wanted to try.

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The Underline Moving on a Steady Path

By Meg Daly

It may have been summertime, but Friends of The Underline didn't take a vacation. That's probably why The Underline is the fastest-moving project of its scope in the country!

Since we incorporated in January 2014 as a 501C3 non-profit, we have hit many major milestones in record time. With the support of the University of Miami School of Architecture, we completed two design studios in 2014 which paved the way for the beginning of our professional design process last year.

Bringing the best to the project

In 2015 we had six public meetings and completed The Underline 10-mile master plan by the renowned NYC-based James Corner Field Operations (responsible for the High Line in NYC and many other visionary projects around the world.) During that time, many of you came to our public meetings and helped us define the design vision for the future Brickell Backyard which was completed last winter.

Public and private partners provide seed funding

We also went to work raising public and private funds to start building in the Brickell area. We raised \$3 million dollars from Miami-Dade County, \$2 million from the State of Florida, \$1 million from the City of Miami and \$1 million from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). We recently announced a \$600,000 contribution from Swire Properties and that we are a winner of a \$250,000 Knight Cities Challenge grant for our Brickell Backyard: Outdoor Gym. We have also received donations from Florida Blue, Pinnacle Housing Group, Banyan Capital Partners, Mary Brickell Village and most recently, Publix Charities.

Each public funding source has its own requirements and uses. The Miami-Dade County funding was used to commission a study that proved The Underline will increase capacity on US1 by reducing traffic. This is achieved by taking cars off roads as people walk and bike rather than drive.

The study took more than 10 months to execute to secure approval from Miami-Dade County Public Works to use the funds. The Florida Department of Transportation and the State of Florida funding can only be used for building the trail and the City of Miami funding can be used for building park spaces.



Why are we talking so much about money?

Because it will take substantial public and private funds to build The Underline. We believe in our mission of making Miami more walkable, bikeable, more connected and sustainable. We believe that adding 10 acres of open space in the Brickell area alone is important and will greatly improve Brickell area residents' quality of life. We think it is important to have safe, lit paths for people to walk and bike in their neighborhoods. And, we are working intensely to start building The Underline in the Fall of 2017.

Sign up at theunderline.org and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @theunderlinemia for ongoing updates.

Thanks for the support! Friends of The Underline. ●

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Happenings In the Neighborhood

October 8: Dr. Paul George Tour of Endangered Historic Buildings

DADE HERITAGE TRUST and History Miami are presenting a new bus tour with historian Dr. Paul George on Saturday, October 8 at 9:30 am. The tour will visit Miami's 11 Most Endangered Historic Buildings and end with a reception at Dade Heritage Trust's office at 190 SE 12 Terrace.

Venues include sites throughout the City including the neighborhoods of Lemon City/Little Haiti, Overtown, Edgewater, Coconut Grove and more! You will learn about the history of these buildings, Miami's neighborhoods and the importance of preservation in creating Miami's unique sense of place.

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- Baked Goods
- Organic Produce
- Artisanal Foods
- Arts Crafts & Jewelry
- Pet Products

The Market is on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., located along the paved pathway beneath the Metromover between 8th and 6th Streets. BCC invites you to visit the BCC tent for a Free Gift. #BCCFarmersMarket ●

October 18: Brickell Comedy Festival @ Flamingo Theater

COMIC CURE kicks off the community comedy festival season with the Brickell Comedy Festival on Tuesday, October 18 at the beautiful Flamingo Theater in Brickell. There are two great shows planned for the evening, At 7:00 p.m. it's "Comedy for a Cure: A Special Evening of Humor, Hope, & Healing" and at 9:00 p.m., "Make America Laugh Again: A Roast of the Presidential Candidates with Roastmaster Billy Corben."



More information and tickets at www.BrickellComedyFestival.com ●

October 22: BKB Mom's 4th Annual Miami Schools Fair & Conference at Mercy Bayside

This annual event provides a chance to review renowned preschools, private and public schools by talking directly to representatives from each school. A conference program allows parents to hear from experts about preschool philosophies, admission processes as well as bilingual education. This year BKB has added a college preparatory workshop as well as a Wellness in Schools Forum. Learn about options and narrow your choices in one morning! www.miamischoolsfair.com to register.

Time is Running Out to Vote on Fire Sprinklers

By Rosa de la Camara, BHA General Counsel



There are two standards for fire sprinkler retrofitting in the State of Florida: one for high-rises and another for buildings up to four stories in height. The Statute clearly requires high-rise buildings (which are defined as buildings at least 75 feet in height above the lowest point of fire department entry) to retrofit with a sprinkler system unless an opt out vote has been taken and an opt out approved by the members.

Both Chapters 718 and 719, Florida Statutes, which apply to condominiums and cooperatives, respectively, allow the Association to opt out of any requirement to retrofit the common elements and residential units with a fire sprinkler system through a mem-

“If an Association wishes to opt out, it is advisable to take the vote well in advance of December 31st”

bership vote. The vote required to opt out is a majority of all voting interests in the Association, and the vote must be taken and completed by December 31, 2016. In addition to the vote, there are other notification requirements involving recording and filing with the county and state which must be completed after the vote passes but before the deadline.

If an Association wishes to opt out, it is advisable to take the vote well in advance of December 31st so that it can complete the process before the deadline. If your Association does not timely and successfully complete the opt out vote and other procedural requirements, you are required to start the permit application process and complete the retrofitting process by the end of 2019.

There may be some limits to the Association’s right to opt out. For example,

in condominiums which allow short term rentals or have commercial units, even if the owners have successfully opted out, you still might be required to install an engineered life safety system (“ELSS”), the scope of which would be determined by the local fire marshal.

Some confusion had arisen as to whether the requirement to install fire sprinklers applied to condominiums which are not high-rise buildings. This is because the Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares and Mobile Homes (“Division”) had been quoted in media articles advising that all multifamily buildings in Florida, regardless of height, must install sprinklers unless they opt out prior to the December 31, 2016 deadline. This

seemed at odds with existing laws because the requirement for sprinkler retrofitting arises from Chapter 633 of the Florida Statutes not from either Chapter 718 or 719 where the opt out rights are provided. Chapter 633 of the Florida Statutes incorporates the National Fire Protection Association (“NFPA”) standards. The NFPA requires high-rise buildings to retrofit with sprinklers. There is no blanket requirement that all condominiums and cooperatives in the State of Florida, regardless of height or occupancy or date of construction be equipped with fire sprinklers.

We were very pleased that the Division just recently issued a Memo confirming that the opt out language in Chapters 718 and 719 of the Florida Statutes does not unilaterally impose a sprinkler installation requirement on mid- and low-rise buildings in Florida. Still, regardless of building height, we

December 31st is the deadline for high-rises (75 feet & higher) to opt out of retrofitting with fire sprinklers.

recommend that you contact your local fire marshal or a fire safety engineer to confirm that your local ordinances impose no retrofitting requirements.

For high-rises which are not exempt from installation of a full sprinkler retrofit, a successful opt out vote will allow those buildings to avoid a full sprinkler installation but it will most likely not allow those buildings to avoid installing an ELSS. Installation of sprinklers and even an ELSS is expensive and planning is needed to budget for this cost. As the December 31, 2016 deadline approaches, it becomes increasingly important that Associations be aware of their rights and responsibilities and make a timely and fully informed decision. ●

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her practice on representing community associations and addressing complex issues involving Boards, unit owners, managers and state and local policymakers. She is widely recognized for her well-honed skills and serves as General Counsel to many boards, including BHA.

Canine Courtesy: Police cracking down on dogs

Many Brickell neighbors are fed up with dog owners who don't abide by the laws that require owners to curb their dogs. Just in case there's any confusion, "curb," in this case, encompasses both picking up the dog's poop and keeping the dog on a lease. Basically, to control what the animal does so as to not be a nuisance to anyone.

Police and BHA have been inundated with complaints about folks not picking up after their canine friends, so our Neighborhood Resource Officer Daniel Rodriguez informs us the Miami Police are enforcing the Dog Leash and Pooper Scooper (Nuisance) Laws and imposing fines.

The Dog Leash law is straightforward:

Your dog is not permitted to roam free off your private property. When your dog is off your property, it must be

leashed at all times. Running at large: \$150 fine for an unsterilized dog (plus a \$10 surcharge), \$50 fine for sterilized dogs (plus a \$10 surcharge).

The "Pooper Scooper" law is also straightforward:

Not picking up your dog's poop is considered a public nuisance. You must exercise proper care and control of your dog. It is creating a public nuisance when it chases vehicles or persons, or when it trespasses or causes damage to another person's private property, or on public property. The law in Miami-Dade gets into more detail for those interested. From Section 5-20:

"It shall be unlawful for a responsible party to allow, whether willfully or through failure to exercise due care or control, a dog to commit any nuisance upon: the sidewalk of any public street; the floor of any common hall in any apartment house, hotel, or oth-

er multi-family dwelling; or any entranceway, stairway or wall immediately abutting on a public sidewalk; or the floor of any theatre, shop, store, office building or other building used in common by the public.

"Nuisance," for the purposes of this section, shall be defined as defecation and/or public urination. If a dog defecates on the grassy swale of a public right-of-way or other such public property, or on private property without the express or implied consent of the property owner, the responsible party shall remove the defecation and deposit it in an appropriate trash receptacle, sanitary disposal unit, or other sealed container." •





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the candidates here and in other media, and gauge which candidates will best represent you.

We asked each of the contenders to respond to a simple question in limited space: "What can the Brickell community expect from you if elected?" We heard from everyone in the four races except Maria Teresa Rojas, candidate for School Board Rep District 6. The responses begin on the next page.

The 2016 Brickell-Downtown Candidates Forum on Tuesday, September 27, at First Presbyterian Church was presented by BHA and neighborhood partners with presenting sponsor Marten Advisory Group, and additional support from Becker & Poliakoff.

The Forum focused on the Miami-Dade County Mayor's race, and the two runoff candidates for School Board Representative for District 6 which involves a portion of the northern Brickell area. Races for Tallahassee seats representing the Brickell area includes

"What can the Brickell community expect from you if elected?"

the Florida House Representative for District 112 and Florida Senator for District 37. We also included Senate District 38 at the Forum as the district encompasses some of our neighbors to the north. Special thanks goes to our moderator Michael Gongora, and co-hosts Brickell Area Association, Downtown Neighbors Alliance and the Biscayne Neighborhoods Association.

"The Candidates Forum gives voters a chance to hear directly from the candidates and address issues key to the Brickell and Downtown community, Astrid Marten said. "We were pleased to support this event."

Last step: Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 8.

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Miami-Dade School Board Representative, District 6

Modesto "Mo" Abety



DOWNTOWN AND BRICKELL have traditionally been perceived as childless communities, home to young singles, or older residents seeking to downsize. The most recent demographics will confirm what is clearly visible on a drive through the area after the last school bell has rung: the number of school-aged children in these neighborhoods

has grown exponentially. Concurrency, urban planning and school facilities have not kept up with the growing school-aged child population.

And, while Superintendent Carvalho has pledged \$70 million for new schools or construction in the area, a key question is where... and when? Key stakeholders are looking to build up. Perhaps on top of Southside Elementary (which I attended; and would want to historically preserve) or on top of an adjacent Firehouse.

I support these "out of the box" efforts and hope to join in finding the right solutions with parents, homeowners and business leaders.

As former President & CEO of The Children's Trust, I have worked hard to earn the trust of parents, advocates for children and families, and community leaders. My dedication to the well-being, safety, health and education of our children defines me.

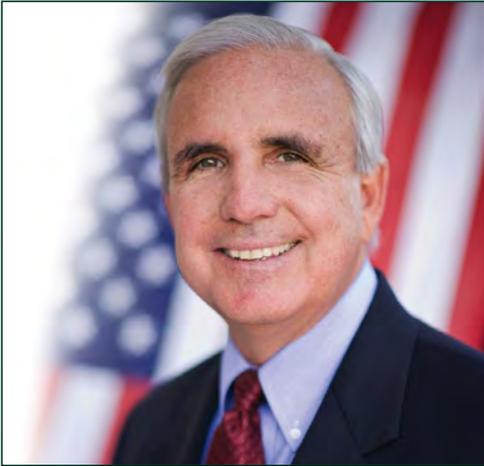
When elected as your school board member, you will have unfettered access, and I will be a voice for parents, children and teachers who want a world-class education system. I will put student learning and achievement ahead of teaching to a test. I'm committed to giving teachers in Brickell and Downtown the tools they need to do what they do best: TEACH! We must be willing to recruit and retain the best teachers.

My accountability is pledged to all our children and for all taxpayers. Our representatives to the Florida Legislature also need to be held accountable for ensuring that we get our fair share of the State's education dollars. I have a proven track record, and the ability and drive, to build consensus and together find solutions. You can learn more about me and my vision at www.moabety.com. Then let us stand for children on November 8th and vote for Modesto "Mo" Abety for School Board District 6. ●

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Miami-Dade County Mayor

Carlos Gimenez



I AM RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION of Miami-Dade County to continue moving our community forward. I have 40 years of public service experience and a clearly defined governing philosophy based on transparency, efficiency and fiscal responsibility. I want to represent all Miami-Dade County residents with integrity and honesty.

As Miami-Dade's highest-ranking elected official and chief administrator, I am responsible for the leadership and management of an organization (Miami-Dade County) with over 26,000 employees and an annual budget of more than \$7 billion.

I also oversee Miami International Airport and Port Miami, which directly or indirectly support half a million jobs in the community. In addition, I oversee the Water and Sewer Department, which has 2.3 million customers, and the Miami-Dade Police Department and Fire Rescue Department. The Police Department is the seventh largest law enforcement agency in the country and the Fire Rescue Department is the sixth largest of its kind in the United States.

My experience is listed below:

- Firefighter for the Miami Fire-Rescue Department for 25 years and served as Department Chief for the

last 9 years. Served as the first Hispanic Chief and was named Department Chief at the age of 37;

- Manager of the City of Miami from 2000 to 2003. Took the City's bond rating from "junk" to investment grade and left the City with more than \$140 million in reserves;
- Served as County Commissioner for seven years: first elected in 2004 and reelected for a second term in 2008;
- Chairman of the Government Operations Committee and Chairman of the Regional Transportation Committee, overseeing Miami-Dade County's transportation systems and championed the Port-Miami tunnel project;
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Raquel Regalado



WHEN I AM ELECTED COUNTY MAYOR, the Brickell community can expect a leader who is responsive to your needs, recognizes the importance of providing excellent service to your community, and will lead efforts to coordinate the delivery of services provided by municipal, state and federal agencies.

The Brickell community is a shining jewel within the City of Miami. Your community has also captured the imagi-

nation of people from around the world, and is a central showpiece for all of Miami-Dade County. As such, you will have an enthusiastic partner in the Office of the Miami-Dade County Mayor.

As your County Mayor, I will ensure that the direct government services provided by the County improve. Think about the county services you rely upon. Without listing everything Miami-Dade County does in the Brickell community, consider this short list:

- Mass transit operations
- Water and sewer service
- Elections
- Environmental protection of the Miami River and Biscayne Bay
- Traffic signals
- Bridge tenders
- Mosquito control

Now, there are some issues that will require coordination with other governmental entities. In those cases, I will be a leader, and not shirk responsibility be-

cause a particular service is the primary duty of another local, state or federal agency. I will work with you to coordinate the delivery of service with these other entities. Most major problems do require intergovernmental cooperation to be effectively resolved. As an attorney, a public affairs radio and television host, and an elected official, I know how to bring agencies together to assist the citizens.

My commitment to your community will be apparent from day one. Bringing the parties together to ensure the success of The Underline initiative, and making the entire Brickell community a pedestrian-safe, bike friendly neighborhood is a priority of mine. With all of the commercial services popping up, Brickell is well on its way to achieving the unique status of being a "walkable community." It is my personal goal to ensure the children of Brickell may one day walk to a public library.

I respectfully ask for your vote on Nov. 8! ●

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Florida House of Representatives, District 112

Nicholas X. Duran, Esq. (D)



THE BRICKELL COMMUNITY'S EXPONENTIAL growth over the past several years has brought up important issues related to education and safety. As your state representative, I will be focused on increasing the state's investment in education, particularly using my influence to ensure all of Brickell's children to are

able to receive a high-quality education and that the schools in the area have the capacity and resources to serve the growing student body. I'll work to bring down dollars for capital improvements and special projects for our district's schools. Additionally, I am committed to improving the safety of all our citizens and will champion much needed, pragmatic gun reform.

For the past six years, it has been my privilege to deliver results for those Floridians who have lacked access to healthcare and quality early education. As a non-profit executive and advocate I've found this success by working with folks from all political leanings and have built a reputation as a hard-working, consensus builder. I'm proud to be endorsed by The Miami Herald, Miami-Dade Commissioner Daniella Levine-Cava, SAVE Dade, the Florida Chamber of Commerce, The Florida Medical Association, United Teachers of Miami

Dade College, SEIU, and several others.

About Nick: Nick is a democratic candidate for Florida State House of Representative District 112. He is husband and father of two young children. He graduated from the University of Florida and New York Law School and is currently the executive director of the Florida Association of Free and Charitable Clinics, which works to provide access to medical services for working families without health insurance across the state. Previously, Nick worked as an organizer and advocate for the Children's Movement of Florida advocating for increased funding toward high-quality learning opportunities for all of Florida's children.

Before transitioning into the non-profit sector Nick worked at a law firm in Brickell. You can learn more about him at www.nickduranforhouse.com. ●

Rosy Palomino (R)

THE OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE ROSY PALOMINO will be focused on top-notch, constituent service. I come from a strong business background. I am aware that your patience is limited and your time precious. As a lifelong resident, I understand our community's needs. As your state representative, I will protect our quality of life and improve our standard of living with a focus on 3 issues: Traffic, Taxes and Water.

The solution to our traffic congestion must include Tallahassee. Florida's Department of Transportation (FDOT) manages the bridges across the Miami River, controls access to I-95, invests public dollars in mass transit, and permits water-based transit.

New businesses in Brickell are burdened with unnecessary start-up costs such as the commercial lease tax.



Our own condo associations are subject to new regulations and requirements that mean higher fees for the many condo residents. I will fight to keep condo regulations limited and fees down so our Brickell families can keep more money for their real expenses.

As a waterfront community, Biscayne Bay greets us every morning. Count on

me to defend your access to clean and safe waters to swim and boat in; expand our access to park and green space with additional funding for The Underline and improvements to Virginia Key, our natural treasure in the heart of the Bay.

I am one of you. I was married in Brickell. I attend church in Brickell. I served on the preservation committee for Simpson Park and was an early booster for The Underline. It would be a great honor to being able to represent our needs in Tallahassee and guide the future of Brickell together with you for years to come.

I humbly ask for your support and your vote for Rosy Palomino #61. ●

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Florida Senate, District 37

Miguel Diaz de la Portilla (R)



I WANT TO THANK THE BRICKELL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION for the opportunity to re-introduce myself to Brickell residents, a constituency that I have served for years even though it was just added to my new senate district (D37) during redistricting this year.

My grandfather, Angel, who had a profound effect on my upbringing, taught me to judge a person not by his or her words, but by his or her deeds. Words

are cheap, actions speak louder than words. I have lived my personal and professional life by this credo.

Instead of just telling you what I will do, let me explain what I have accomplished: I am sure you will agree that the best predictor of the future is the past.

As most of you know, it was my effort along with your previous Commissioner's, that transferred Brickell Avenue from a state road to a City of Miami road, allowing the lowering of the speed limit and beautification of the sidewalks and lush median with more than 120 new trees. We accomplished the transfer despite opposition from current Brickell legislators.

I also participated in the creation of 1814 Brickell Park, helping fund raise the private sector's investment.

What you may not know is that Governor Lawton Chiles appointed me in 1995 to the Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida to help restore the "River of Grass," ensuring

clean drinking water for all. I am a leading advocate for our environment in the Florida Senate.

As a County Commissioner from 1993-2000, I oversaw the expansion of the Metro Mover to Brickell and Omni. I also created the county's school impact fee ordinance to force developers to pay for school infrastructure. I am now leading the way to bring a much needed public high school to Brickell.

Finally, I am proud of what did not occur: When the Florida House of Representatives passed bills this year to allow college students to carry firearms on campus and the open carry of firearms in our state, I did not allow these bills to move forward, crushing the proposed laws at their inception.

My past actions demonstrate that I have helped Brickell be successful. Together, we will make Brickell even better. I humbly ask for your vote.

Sincerely,
Senator Miguel Diaz de la Portilla •

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Three elected officials to continue

BHA congratulates Miami-Dade Commissioner **Bruno Barreiro** on his uncontested re-election as Commissioner for District 5, a position he has held since 1998. We look forward to continuing to work together for the betterment of Brickell, Downtown and Metropolitan Miami-Dade County.

BHA also congratulates **Dr. Martin Karp** who will continue as School Board Representative for District 3, which encompasses most of the BHA area. He drew no contenders for his seat, which he has held since 2004. We look forward to continuing work with Dr. Karp and his staff on attaining educational excellence in Miami's Urban Core and seeing Southside Elementary reach its full potential to serve our neighborhood.

BHA salutes **Commissioner Xavier Suarez**, who will continue to represent BHA and District 7 of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Suarez won outright in the August 30th election, easily defeating his single challenger. We look forward to working with the Commissioner on matters of importance for Brickell and Miami-Dade County. •




Bruno A. Barreiro
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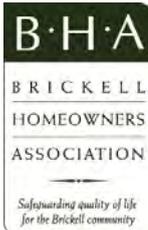
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Florida Senate, District 37

José Javier Rodríguez (D)



BY VOTING JOSE JAVIER RODRIGUEZ ON NOVEMBER 8TH, Brickell voters can expect me to continue working hard every day for the district. For four years I've had the honor of representing Brickell in the State House. In that time I stayed close to residents, working on issues in the district; labored hard to successfully advance policy in Tallahassee benefiting us; and battled powerful interests to protect us from bad policy.

Though I am a state not a local official, I worked on many constituent cases and quality of life issues in the Brickell community. For example, after the City took control of Brickell Avenue from State, we successfully continued working with the City to reduce our speed limit and make pedestrian crossing changes.

I am also proud as part of the winning team that halted FP&L's plans to build 105-foot transmission towers in our community. The giant, unsightly and harmful towers were slated for a corridor that included Brickell.

As the current Vice-Chair of the Miami-Dade delegation I am proud of progress this year toward long-term funding goals in transportation and transit, important as we deal with worsening traffic issues.

Properly providing for education is the Legislature's constitutional duty. Funds for public education are, however, routinely diverted. That's why as

ranking Democrat on the Finance & Tax Committee, I fought stubbornly for four years to change funding formulas. This year we won progress with \$428 million extra for local schools (reallocated away from wasteful projects). That is important especially for growing areas like Brickell and downtown.

If elected, I will continue battling interest groups for sensible reform to our condominium laws, having successfully passed legislation on the subject in my first term.

I will also continue fighting for property insurance policyholders. This year I co-sponsored a consumer-friendly bill granting protections to homeowners with Citizens Property Insurance. We got it passed in spite of difficult odds.

Giving someone your vote is not something you take lightly. If you vote for me, know that public service is something I take very seriously.

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for a K-12 that will provide for 3,000 students. Mater has acquired more land than they had in 2011 when they first proposed the school and faced concerns about traffic flow and impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools District and Mater Academy shared their visions and plans to serve the needs of Brickell students in columns for this *BHA News*. See articles from MDCPS and Mater, and renderings of Mater’s proposed charter school, on page 27.

“We want to bring high quality public education to Brickell,” Mater Academy President Antonio Roca told BHA in July.

BHA neighbors were especially encouraged that Mater said once they get the necessary okay’s from the City of Miami, they can build their school in a year.

“We’re happy to see some ideas and real planning come to the forefront on this critical need...”

“We’re happy to see some ideas and real planning come to the forefront on this critical need for families in Downtown and Brickell,” BHA President Gail Feldman said. “We don’t want families to leave our area as their children grow



Superintendent Alberto Carvalho

because they don’t have quality schools in the neighborhood.”

Education top concern

“Many besides BHA, including those who can make a difference, have focused on Downtown and Brickell education since we held our Forum in May,” Ms. Feldman said. “We are working with Miami DDA and our Downtown neighbors. Together we have thousands of families with children, and this common need.”

BHA and its partners put together the Inaugural Downtown/Brickell Education Forum on May 23rd to bring together community leaders, residents, educators, businesses, and other community stakeholders to address the state of education, particularly K-12, in our booming Urban Core. The goal was to engage stakeholders and see leaders emerge with strategies to overcome the challenges presented in our

metropolis-neighborhood, and seize opportunities for providing excellence in education in Miami’s Urban Core.

Much of what we heard from MDCPS at the Ed Forum did not address the lack of quality public middle and high schools in the Urban Core. We also heard that the school district does not have any plans to create the neighborhood-based schools residents in Downtown and Brickell are seeking.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho, in his keynote address (left), talked a lot about improving surrounding schools that are not in the Downtown/Brickell neighborhoods, and said he supported but had tabled the K-8 Southside conversion at the time. It is still on hold as Mr. Carvalho’s strategists work on creative — and we hope feasible — options.

MDCPS School Board Representatives Ms. Raquel Regalado & Dr. Martin Karp and MDC’s Dr. Richard Soria, President of the Wolfson Campus, addressed the State of Downtown/Brickell Area Public Schools on the panel followed by public Q & A.

Breakout groups on Urban Core issues were led by BKB Moms, Gulliver Schools, MDC’s Condo College and School of Education, Nature Links, and the Southside Elementary PTA. The roundtable discussions expanded the education topic to address special needs issues, private and charter school options, and adult education.

Strengthening the Urban Core Public Schools Feeder Pattern - Concerns

Limited Quality Public Middle and/ or High School Options in the Downtown/Brickell Area

- Jose De Diego Middle School: D
- Shenandoah Middle School: C
- Booker T. Washington High School: Incomplete
- Southside expansion application (K-8 conversion) tabled

More and Quality Educational Assets to Meet Immediate and Anticipated Need from New Development

- Dunbar Elementary– C
- Phillis Wheatley – C
- Frederick Douglass – C
- Southside Elementary – A
- “Choice” options extremely limited when it comes down to getting a slot.

School scores are as of July 2016; Booker T. Washington’s previous grade was a C.

Population Trends in Downtown & North Brickell

- The population of children ages 0-9 increased 28% between 2010 and 2014.
- 46% of the Downtown population is between 25 and 44, with the median age 34.7 yrs
- 8,442 families with children in 2014 in DDA area (excludes Brickell between 25th and 15th Rds.)

**From “Downtown Miami Population 2014 Demographics Report” by the Miami DDA’s Applied Research & Analytics Department.*



Castle Group CEO Jim Donnelly

BHA thanks all those who attended the Inaugural Downtown/Brickell Education Forum. A special thanks to the Forum's

Inaugural Sponsor **KW Property Management** for their generosity in support of our children's education. We thank our Ed Forum partners and co-hosts, Miami Dade College, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and the Miami Downtown Development Authority, and all the speakers and presenters for their efforts to ensure we provided an informative experience.

The Forum was successful in drawing serious attention to the genuine need for quality public education in Downtown and Brickell. We understand that given our area's density, creative ideas and approaches are needed.

Education Part 2: A Hot Topic in the Middle of Summer

Testament to the growing chorus of residents wanting to see educational options in the neighborhood, it was standing room only at BHA's July 26th meeting focused on Education to follow up the Forum. (Of course it helped that it was a great venue and sumptuous reception at Morton's generously sponsored by Castle Group.) We heard from Mater Academy with their exciting news, Gulliver Schools, Miami Children's Museum & Miami Children's Museum Charter School.

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BHA Vice President Bill Fitch, Rep. José Javier Rodriguez and Ernesto Cuesta, BHA Past President.



BHA Advocacy Director Sam Joseph discusses educational needs in Brickell to a full house.

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- Do your research – Find out more about the educational resources/assets available in your community
- Schedule site visits to local educational institutions to learn more about them
- Submit ideas for improving education in the Urban Core to your elected officials
- Hold officials accountable for addressing your needs, concerns, and/or ideas
- Support the institutions and/or people who support you and your family
- Stay active, informed, and engaged
- Submit ideas for improving education in the Urban Core and/or next year’s Forum at #DowntownBrickellEducation-Forum



Gail Feldman and Jim Donnelly

We also heard about the potential of a public/private partnership between MDCPS and the City of Miami to expand Southside Elementary School to a K-8 school (or possibly a K-12) with a satellite campus for the new upper school located at the site of the City’s Fire Station No. 4. The plan would be to co-locate the school on the property with a newly renovated Fire Station, with both Southside campuses sharing the nearby Southside Park for their outdoor needs. MDCPS officials are looking into the feasibility of an emergency facility sharing space with a school. The Fire Chief and City Manager will have to be convinced it’s feasible.

Where Do We Go From Here...

The planning process for addressing the Urban Core’s educational needs has been accelerated since the Ed Forum in May. Representatives from the City of Miami, MDCPS, and other stakeholders began meeting weekly to come up with solutions for the education issues we face in the Brickell and Downtown area.

After more than a year of informal talks, the Miami-Dade School Board recently moved to formalize those talks through a unanimous vote to create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the proposed Southside project at Fire Station No. 4. As part of that September 7th vote, the School Board also approved the Superintendent’s five-year strategic plan which allocates more than \$50 million toward projects related to Southside Elementary School and secondary school seats, including the completion of the renovation of the current campus and construction costs associated with the new satellite campus.

Unfortunately, to date BHA has still not received any information about time-

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lines for current and/or future projects. "We know neighbors want to see something faster than five years," BHA President Gail Feldman said.

BHA will continue to work with Urban Core stakeholders to organize our education advocacy efforts to ensure our

area's issues are heard and addressed appropriately. But we need the voices of residents at every juncture. Please take a few minutes to review this "Call to Action" and share it with your friends, neighbors, and others who care about education in the Brickell area.

Sam Joseph, BHA's Director of Advocacy, is leading this initiative and welcomes residents to join the committee. For more information about how you can get more involved in this important issue, contact him at sjoseph@brickellhomeowners.com. •

Message from Miami-Dade Public Schools about Community's Needs

By Lisa Martinez, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of the Superintendent

Over the last decade and a half, the Greater Miami Downtown population has essentially doubled. Our City's downtown growth denotes an evolution of a way of life. Residents are seeking employment close to their homes; employees are seeking homes near their work; and, current and future urban dwellers are calling for clear plans to address quality-of-life infrastructure needs. This includes an expectation for a holistic educational strategy for the current and future needs of this area's youth.

Across Miami-Dade County, quality educational options rest as a top priority for families. We work closely with parents and residents, municipalities, local businesses, higher education institutions and other vested stakeholders to frame a world class educational experience for all of our students.

Since early 2015, it has been our priority to balance the needs of the families living in the downtown area while envisioning solutions that will align with the rapid development of over 18,000 high rise condominium units; and office space expansion by hundreds of

thousands of square feet. Strategies range from expanding school campuses; to partnering with city, county and/or other local agencies on new sites; to advancing substantive facility and program improvements at established schools. The school district's 5-year capital plan that will be brought before the School Board this September will demonstrate significant investments in the downtown area with more than \$56 million specifically addressing the capacity needs of the Brickell community.

The education options unfolding for the Brickell area embrace the spirit of solution driven collaboration. Over the last year and a half, we have been working with Southside Elementary School parents, the City of Miami, the Downtown Development Authority and a variety of other stakeholders to truly understand the current and future needs of the neighborhood. The Southside Elementary School PTA submitted a K-8 conversion application with a goal of adding middle school grades in the Brickell area. The desire to expand the capacity and grade configuration of the quality program at this neighborhood school was underscored by parents and

residents alike. Proximity to the Urban Core, ease of walkability and accessibility to local public transportation options all resonate with the Live, Work, Play and Learn philosophy. It is our goal to jointly plan and deliver education offerings that address this way of life.

Together with our partners, an initial plan is being finalized that not only addresses a secondary school pathway in close proximity to Southside Elementary School, but also proposes the expansion of elementary school seats on the current campus. This strategy will leverage resources and land assets to address the evolving needs of the residents of the City of Miami. The details of our work will be brought to both the School Board and the City of Miami Commission in the near future.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is committed to innovative partnerships that will continue to bring rigorous and rich educational choice into the heart of our City. We look forward to working with the Brickell Homeowners Association in the continued work ahead. ●

MIAMI'S HOMELESS CRISIS UPDATE

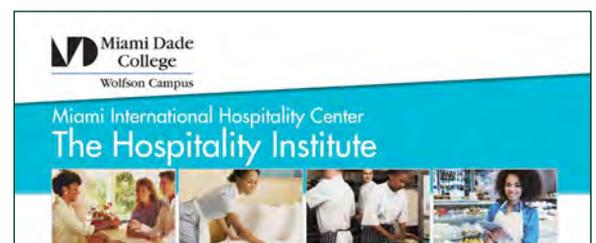
Miami Dade College and Area Hotels Providing Jobs Pipeline for Homeless

With the number of homeless individuals in our community reaching record numbers, it's great to share with BHA residents some positive news. We salute and support the work of our members, neighbors and partners who are helping our community's homeless with job training and employment through the Hospitality Institute.

The Hospitality Institute is a program of the Miami International Hospitality Center at Miami Dade College. It was established to connect Miami's inner city

residents with job opportunities in the local hospitality and tourism industry through job readiness and customer service training. Since its inception in 2007, The Hospitality Institute has provided training and job placement assistance to thousands of participants.

The Hospitality Institute is currently located in Overtown, and plans are underway to expand the program to serve residents in other areas of Miami-Dade County.



Hotels in Downtown and Brickell are part of the program pipeline by providing jobs to program graduates. With Miami Dade College, Marriott and Four Seasons involved, quality is assured! Hat's off to all for this positive program for some of our community's most disenfranchised individuals. ●

Mater Brickell Preparatory Academy: The Educational Future of Brickell NOW

By Mater Academy

Mater Academy, Inc. is a nationally acclaimed not-for-profit network of high performing charter schools comprised of a family of educational leaders focused on college readiness and expanding the horizons of opportunity and success for all children. Growing from three classrooms 18 years ago to a network of 27, tuition free open enrollment public charter schools and over fourteen thousand students, the mission of Mater Academy remains the same: teach effectively and produce college bound graduates.

Brickell has quickly become one of Miami's most rapidly growing areas and a focal point for new businesses, young professionals and growing families. The growth and transformation of the area has exacerbated the need for a high-quality educational option for the children of the Urban Core. With options limited and thousands of student

stations needed immediately, Mater Academy is uniquely able to deliver a high-quality, tuition-free, public charter school option to the Brickell community and surrounding areas.

Mater Academy is proposing a state-of-the-art K-12 academic campus on land it already owns in the heart of Brickell. The Mater Brickell urban campus will bring together components of the existing neighborhood while incorporating elements of the newer, more contemporary developments of the Brickell area.

All children deserve an excellent public education and the Mater Academy network continues to be a driving force

Renderings of Mater Brickell Preparatory Academy.



in accomplishing this goal. In order to make Mater Academy's vision of an educational campus for Brickell a reality TODAY, we will need your help.

For more information, contact us at info@materacademy.com or call Eric Gonzalez at (256) 684-5231. Please visit us at www.brickellprep.com and www.materacademy.com. ●

Note from BHA on Mater Brickell Academy

BHA Board members and residents were pleased to hear the announcement of new plans for a Brickell area school from Mater Academy presented at BHA's July meeting at Morton's sponsored by Castle Group. BHA had supported the charter school company's efforts in 2011 to get the charter permitted, but the application was not supported by the City of Miami. Objections centered around access points and traffic that would be generated by the K-12 school. Since that time Mater has acquired additional adjacent land.



Antonio Roca at July BHA meeting.

As we currently understand the plans, the location of the K-12 would be in the Southwest 17th Road and Second Avenue area. The site will enable two access points and provide for increased on-site, underground cuing for vehicles, Mater Academy President Antonio Roca said. The school will be able to accommodate up to 3,000 students with a full academic program, gymnasium and outside play areas. Envisioned at seven stories, Mr. Roca cited the SLAM school next to the Marlins Stadium, also seven stories, as an example of similar success Brickell can expect from its more vertically aligned school. Mater has invited BHA to tour it or its Coconut Grove school in the near future. ●



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