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Mario Bailey, Chair SFRPC

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## SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL ELECTS NEW CHAIR MARIO BAILEY TO LEAD THE POLICY-MAKING ORGANIZATION

**HOLLYWOOD, FL** - The South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) announced the election of Mario Bailey as chair following the tenures of Mayor Steve Geller of Broward County and Mayor Daniella Levine Cava of Miami-Dade County at its monthly Board Meeting on February 22nd. SFRPC is a planning and public policy agency responsible for addressing regional priorities and providing assistance and policy guidance to local governments in an advisory capacity. The 19-member council is comprised of elected officials and gubernatorial appointees from Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe Counties.

Bailey, who was initially appointed to the SFRPC in 2013 by former Governor Rick Scot, said, "I am honored to lead the Council in addressing long-term issues impacting our communities, such as sea level rise, climate change, economic development, housing, and the impacts of COVID-19. I look forward to continuing the successes of my predecessors and our executive director."

"Mario's years of experience in organizing, advocating, and securing resources for our communities make him a natural fit to serve as the next Chairman of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. As the former chair, I could not be more proud to see that the torch has been passed to someone with a passion for South Florida and the skills to coordinate economic growth efforts across jurisdictions. I'm thrilled to work with Mario and the entire SFRPC in months and years to come as we move South Florida forward."

~ Daniella Levine Cava, Miami-Dade County Mayor

"I became Chair of the SFRPC when our former Chair, Daniella Levine Cava, became Mayor of Miami-Dade County, and I was thrilled to take on this important role. My work as Mayor of Broward County must come first and I'm confident that Mario has the time and talent to excel in this role. The SFRPC is in good hands. I look forward to serving a complete term as Chair after Mario's term is over."

~ Steve Geller, Broward County Mayor

Since 1974, the South Florida Regional Planning Council has served as the regional planning agency for Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Broward counties. It is governed by a public/private board of county and municipal elected and appointed officials from three counties. The Council supports the region's elected leaders and public, private, and nonprofit stakeholders through regional, collaborative planning and the development and implementation of programs and strategies shaping a better future for South Florida.

For more information about the SFRPC and the services offered, please visit: https://sfregionalcouncil.org/.

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