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FIRST IN-PERSON SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING TAKES PLACE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SINCE COVID OUTBREAK

HOLLYWOOD, FL – For the first time since March 13, 2020, and hosted by charter member Miami-Dade County, the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) will conduct their monthly Council Meeting in-person and virtually at the Miami-Dade County Commission Chambers located at 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, Florida on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

The Council will receive important updates on the status of the regional Ocean Outfalls, as well as a water and sewer infrastructure funding update from special guests Roy Coley, MBA, Director, Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department; Kevin Carter, MS, Assistant to the Director, Broward County Water and Wastewater Services; and Vivek Galav, P.E., Director, City of Hollywood Public Utilities.

The Council is pleased to welcome back former Councilmembers the Honorable Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor, Miami-Dade County, and the Honorable José "Pepe" Díaz, Chair of the Miami-Dade County Commission. Mayor Levine Cava served on the Council as Chair from January 2020 – October 2021. Additionally, the Council is honored to present the SFRPC Chairman's Award to former State Representative Jared E. Moskowitz who was appointed as Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management by Governor Ron DeSantis and served in that capacity from January 2019 to June 2021. Mr. Moskowitz is currently the Chief Executive Officer of MOD, LLC based in Fort Lauderdale.

Miami-Dade Commissioners Vice-Chair Oliver Gilbert III, Senator Rene Garcia, and Commissioner Jean Monestime currently serve on the SFRPC along with Mayor Joseph Corradino, Councilmember Jordan Leonard, and Chair Mario Bailey representing Miami-Dade County.

"First and foremost our hearts go out to the victims, families, and first responders assisting in the rescue and recovery of the Champlain Towers South Condo collapse in Surfside. We stand ready and willing to assist and support as needed. Regarding Monday, we are looking forward to meeting with our fellow Councilmembers in-person after all this time. We will address very important issues such as Ocean Outfalls, infrastructure funding, and other regional matters. We will also have the privilege of presenting Mr. Jared E. Moskowitz with the SFRPC Chairman's Award, in gratitude of his service and dedication to the Florida Division of Emergency Management. We are thankful to be moving forward and will continue to strive for South Florida's success and continued growth."

Councilmember Mario J. Bailey, Chair

"I echo Chair Bailey's sentiments regarding the tragedy in Surfside. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and first responders working to save lives. At this upcoming meeting, the Council and Board Members will continue their collaboration to identify and work together to address critical issues facing Southeast Florida to create a better future and quality of life for our residents."

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Since 1974, the SFRPC has served as the regional planning agency for Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Broward counties. The Council's mission is to identify the long-term challenges and opportunities facing Southeast Florida and assist the region's leaders, as well as public, private, and nonprofit stakeholders through regional, collaborative planning in developing and implementing creative strategies that result in more prosperous communities, ultimately shaping a better future for South Florida.

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