

# Welcome New Council Members

## **The Honorable Craig Cates, Council Member Mayor Pro Tem, Monroe County**

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Gov. Ron DeSantis appointed Commissioner Craig Cates to the vacated Monroe County Commissioner District 1 seat and he was elected to the seat in November 2020.

Cates, of Key West, served as Mayor for the City of Key West from 2009 until 2018. He was named “Mayor Emeritus” for his dedication to improving the quality of life for the citizens of the City of Key West. Prior to serving as mayor, he owned a Napa Auto Parts store for ten years. He was voted Key West’s best-elected official five years in a row and in 2014 was selected by Rural Leaders Magazine as one of Small Town Americas Top 100 Most Influential People. He is a fourth-generation resident of Key West.

## **The Honorable Kionne L. McGhee, Council Member Commissioner, Miami-Dade County**

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Kionne McGhee grew up in South Dade public housing and went on to earn a bachelor’s degree from Howard University and a Juris Doctorate from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

He was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2012 for Florida House District 117 and served as Minority Leader from 2018 to 2020, when he was elected as Miami-Dade County Commissioner for District 9.

Commissioner McGhee is an accomplished attorney and the author of the best selling-book “Conquering Hope: The Life You Were Destined to Live.”

His numerous affiliations include the Florida Trial Lawyers Association, Wilkie D. Ferguson Bar Association, and the Greater Miami Service Corps, where he serves as a board member. He is also President and founder of 2NOIT Media & Publishing, founder of Y.A.L.E. (Young Advocates Leading by Example), and president of Transitions, Inc. He has been named as one of Miami’s Rising Voices by AT&T and the Miami Herald, and earned the Florida Self-Sufficiency Award in 2010.

Commissioner McGhee is married to Stacy McGhee and is the father of Kionne II, Hayley and Hays.

