

The Honorable René García, Second Vice Chair, SFRPC; Former State Senator,

District 36; Miami-Dade County Commissioner,

Commissioner René Garcia is a product of Northwest Dade. He was born and raised in the City of Hialeah. Commissioner Garcia's passion for serving his community began more than 20 years ago as a Councilman in the City of Hialeah. As a State Representative, and then as a State Senator, René focused on helping those most in need. Giving a voice to the voiceless has always been René's number one priority. He advocated for comprehensive reforms to our mental health laws, sponsored legislation to end surprise medical bills after any hospitalization, promoted the importance of expanding health care services for children through the Florida KidCare program, and has been a staunch advocate for the seniors in our community.

Elected in 2020 as County Commissioner for District 13, Commissioner Garcia truly believes in the importance of balancing the economic progress and growth of a community with the social needs of its people, while working together to address the pressing issues of the community such as workforce housing, the environment, our crumbling infrastructure and safety in our communities, using a pragmatic approach to leave this community a better place for our children.

Commissioner Garcia was recently appointed as Chairman of the Public Health Trust/Medical Schools Annual Operating Agreement Committee. He is also sitting on the Community Health Committee (CHC), the Housing, Recreation, Culture, and Community Development Committee (HRCCDC), and the Transportation, Mobility, and Planning Committee (TMPC).