

Isabel Cosio Carballo, MPA

Isabel Cosio Carballo is the Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Planning Council. During her 27-year tenure at the Council she has held positions of significant responsibility. A primary focus of her work has been the creation of collaborative, broad-based partnerships with public and private sector, non-profit, philanthropic, and community leaders to identify areas of opportunity and address issues of regional concern such as transportation, affordable and workforce housing, education, access to opportunity, the environment, and economic development. She spearheaded and organized, in collaboration with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and other regional stakeholders, the Southeast Florida Regional Partnership and its successful application to the U.S. HUD Inaugural Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. In October 2010, Southeast Florida was named one of 45 inaugural “Sustainable Communities” securing \$4.25 million for a seven county regional planning and capacity building process. Completed in 2014, and matched by more than \$2.3 million in local contribution, the Seven50: Southeast Florida Prosperity Plan lays the groundwork for the region’s future development, prosperity, and sustainability.

Prior to joining the Council in 1996, Mrs. Cosio Carballo served as chief of staff and legislative assistant to now Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, and legislative liaison for Broward County. She has a Bachelor of Arts from the McComb School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Public Administration from Florida International University. She currently serves as a board member of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, Life Sciences South Florida, Broward County Climate Change Task Force, Miami-Dade Public Schools 21st Century School Board Advisory Committee, and Coordinating Council of Broward.

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