

THE HONORABLE SENATOR RENÉ GARCÍA

Chair, SFRPC;

Miami-Dade County Commissioner, District 13

Commissioner Senator René García joined the South Florida Regional Planning Council in February 2021 and currently serves as Chairman. Born and raised in the City of Hialeah, Commissioner García's passion for serving his community began nearly 30 years ago as a Councilman in the City of Hialeah. During his service as State Representative and then State Senator, René focused on helping those most in need and giving a voice to the voiceless as his number one priority. During his service in the Florida Legislature, he advocated for comprehensive reforms to mental health laws, sponsored legislation to end surprise medical bills following a hospital stay, and supported expanding health care services for children through the Florida KidCare program. He continues to be a staunch advocate for families, children, and seniors in Miami-Dade County and South Florida.

First elected in 2020 as County Commissioner for District 13 and then re-elected in 2024, Commissioner García truly believes in the importance of balancing the economic progress and growth of a community with the social needs of its people. He works collaboratively with others to address pressing community and regional issues such as workforce housing, the environment, crumbling infrastructure and safety in communities to create better communities for Miami-Dade County and South Florida residents.

Commissioner García currently serves on several Miami-Dade County Commission Committees. He is Chairman of the Recreation and Tourism Committee, Vice Chairman of the Safety and Health Committee, Member of the Transportation Committee and Chairman of the County's Behavioral Health Advisory Board.