



(English translation)

Miami Dade: Budget for Parks and Public Spaces Increases by 20%

Commissioner Levine Cava excels at leading civic participation in the project "Parks for People"

The Miami-Dade Commissioners Committee has approved the 2015-2016 budget. Included in the budget, is the parks initiative called "Parks for People" lead by Commissionaire Daniella Levine Cava. The budget for parks and public spaces saw a 20% increase.

The initiative began this year with Commissionaire Levine Cava's help along with residents all across Miami-Dade who advocated for funds restoration for public spaces.

Justin Wales and John Quick, South Miami-Dade residents lead the residents' coalition and non-profit organizations that put together luncheons for more funds. The groups gathered 1,300 petitions supporting a 10% budget increase for parks during this year – the increase was given for 20%.

"The Commissioners Committee and the major listened to what the residents had to say. I'm very happy to vote for a budget that acknowledges the importance of investing in our parks. I thank all the residents and organizations that supported this issue, especially John Quick and Justin Wales, two civic starts in our community. My deep gratitude goes out to the Miami Foundation for administering this initiative throughout the county. I look forward to working with the community surrounding our public spaces", expressed Levine Cava.