

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Dear Miami Resident:

On November 13, 2001, you will have the opportunity to vote on the Homeland Defense/Neighborhood Improvement Bond Program for the City of Miami. This bond program will provide much needed resources in a variety of areas such as Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, Streets and Drainage,

Quality of Life Infrastructure Improvements, and Historic Preservation Initiatives.

The City of Miami is aggressively moving forward on numerous Capital Improvement Projects with existing and future revenues that will improve the quality of life of our residents. However, the unmet needs are greater than our current and future resources. The Homeland Defense/Neighborhood Improvement Bond Program is critical for the long-term viability of our Capital Improvement Program.

Important projects such as Homeland Defense Preparedness Initiatives will provide the necessary resources for our fire fighters and police officers in homeland security measures to better protect our residents and visitors. Additionally, new fire stations would be strategically placed to improve response times to fire-rescue emergencies. New Police and Fire-Rescue Training Facilities will also provide the best training available to ensure you receive the highest level of emergency public safety assistance and ensure preparedness for disaster response.

Your parks will receive the majority of the funding for numerous improvements and enhancements. This bond initiative is very important to your neighborhood parks because it will provide a dedicated source of funding for needed improvements. In addition, recent flooding problems in our community require numerous flooding mitigation projects and this program will allocate funds for streets and drainage. Also, extensive neighborhood improvements, such as street paving, sidewalks, greenways, and lighting, will receive the necessary funding under the Quality of Life Initiative.

The City of Miami is committed to our neighborhoods and their improvement. This initiative will provide the resources needed to meet these demands. We remain committed to continue making this the greatest city to live, work, and play!

Sincerely,

Carlos A. Gimenez

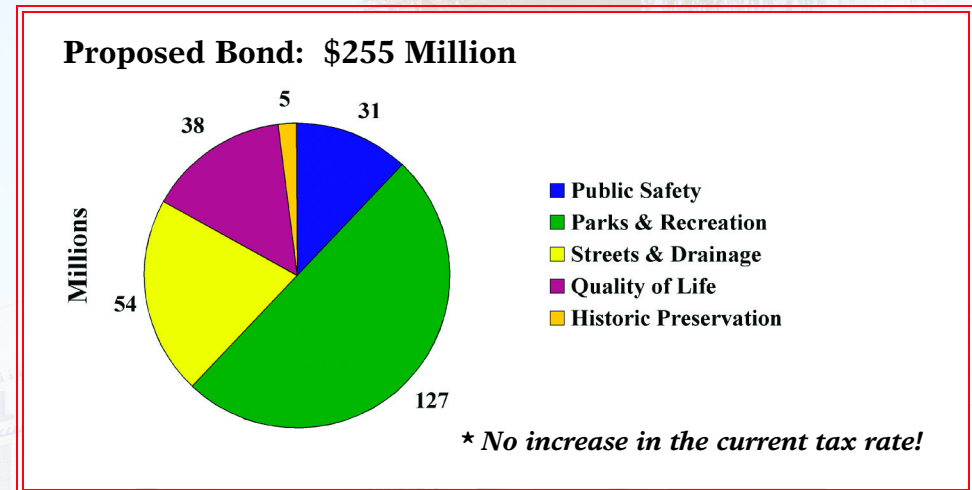
WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

On November 13th, voters will have the opportunity to make a decision concerning the future of Our City – *a decision that will improve the quality of life of our residents!*

The City of Miami is proposing a ballot question on the November 13th election for the authorization to issue \$255 million in **Homeland Defense/Neighborhood Improvement Bonds**.

This bond program is weighted toward the improvement of City Parks (they have no dedicated revenue source for improvements) and will also include dollars for Public Safety, Streets and Drainage, Quality of Life Infrastructure Improvements, and Historic Preservation.

The City has structured the projects to complement existing and future funds available for improvements. Here is the breakdown of funds for improvements:



The issuance of this bond has been structured to stay within the current tax rates and will further accelerate project implementation in our city without sacrificing the quality you, our residents, deserve!

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Bonding Our Neighborhoods