

In The Community

The job of a commissioner is not just giving out free things, but includes some of the following:

- Create policies and ordinances that bring about changes to help the city function better;
- Identify issues in the city that need to be addressed;
- Has a strong knowledge on the district needs, both residents and business owners;
- Develops a budget for the upcoming fiscal year to ensure programs are properly funded to allow that will allow financial stability for the city;
- Set the pay rates for the city employees; and
- Collaborates with agencies for the betterment of the community.

With much hesitation and resistance from elected officials, I was able to accomplish the following projects:

- As an active participant in the nighttime economy study done in 2015 by the CRA to enhance the safety and security of those that patronize downtown Orlando. The study resulted in the creation of a nighttime manager, assigned food truck parking spots downtown, transportation hubs for Uber and Lyft, downtown manager, stronger alliance with the nightclubs to give them a voice for changes and so much more.
redevelopment.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/HZA-Nighttime-Economy-Management.pdf
- As union steward and contract negotiator for SEIU, in 2019, myself and my team members were able to secure \$15 per hour minimum for all SEIU employees over the three year contract and other union contracts subsequently received the same deal. There were also changes to policies that were creating inequities, such as not giving adequate notice for the union to attend new hire orientation to know their rights to be part of a union, not allowing union stewards the right to investigate potential discipline to gather their evidence, mediation so discipline could be handled without going to arbitration (costing the city a lot of money), and more.
www.seiufpsu.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/SEIU-Orlando-TAed-Agreement-2019.pdf
- With community partners, I have organized and have accomplished the beautification of the community, from clean ups to street resurfacing to even the removal of infected trees.
[Volunteers gather to clean up Parramore to put 'unity back in community' - Orlando Sentinel](#)
- With community partners, I hosted the first ever Trick or Treat on Church Street Halloween event for the youth in Parramore. This route reduces potential conflict of people going to one community center over another in the community; it is a meet in the middle of the community and have some good ole fun.

- There was a study done by Bethune Cookman University Center for Law & Social Justice Community Safety and Engagement Action Plan for Law Enforcement, as well as with the Bowman Group. As a participant, I shared the importance of positive community engagement with Law Enforcement. One suggestion made, after any major community disruption, such as a raid, within 24-48 hours the officers need to return to the community to explain to the youth they were just doing their job to remove bad people and keep the community safe.

[Orlando police meet with residents to bridge gap between officers and community \(clickorlando.com\)](#)

[Trainer hosts meetings in Orlando neighborhoods to build relationships with law enforcement \(clickorlando.com\)](#)

[Residents weigh in on Orlando Police Department during virtual meeting – WFTV](#)

- There was an abandoned house that was an eyesore for the community and had been for many years, through advocating, I was able to have the house demolished and the site can be used for homeownership opportunities in the future.

[Neighbors say Parramore eyesore has got to go – WFTV](#)



- The Parramore community is surrounded by commercial businesses and I have advocated for the placement of additional trash cans around the community, so visitors and residents can dispose of their trash in a receptacle instead of on the floor.
- Through efforts with the local organizations, I was able to increase Census participation in 2020, which is critical for funding in our communities.

[With Census deadline approaching local leaders ramp up efforts to collect responses \(clickorlando.com\)](#)

- With community partners, during the pandemic, I facilitated the delivery of food boxes for the seniors, snacks and food for the students that were homebound, coping mechanisms for parents, the distribution of over 22,000 face masks, and so much more. [VIDEO: Parramore residents concerned about a lack of social distancing – WFTV In COVID-19 Era, Nonprofits Fill Inequity-Exacerbated Needs \(mynews13.com\)](#)
- There are speeding concerns along Parramore Avenue, so I advocated for an enhanced cross walk for ZL Riley Park to ensure families could safely get to the park.
- There were many complaints of children and their family not being able to use ZL Riley Park without being panhandled or harassed, so I advocated for the placement of a security guard while the park was open and people have been ecstatic that they are able to use the park again.
- There was a tree fallen on a house in Parramore which impeded the sidewalk, I was able to get it removed and the sidewalk replaced.



- When the Soccer Stadium was being built, several businesses along Church Street struggled because of the road closures, people not being able to park and patronize at their business. So I researched and created a rent abatement assistance program to alleviate some of the financial issues, provide some temporary help to businesses, and the program was even used later during COVID to support the struggling businesses within the CRA.
- Due to certain regulations, there are no flashing school lights around the OCPS ACE School letting people know it is a school zone. Through my advocacy the CRA installed speed humps to get the cars to slow down and coordination with OPD happened to increase crossing guards to all major intersections within the Parramore community.

- To reduce recidivism amongst the homeless population in the City of Orlando, I researched a homeless community court and although the full community court has not been implemented because of the major partnerships and funding needed, there is now a mobile crisis response team, increased Crisis Intervention Training (C.I.T.) for OPD, and there is a more comprehensive matrix required for receiving funding to provide services to homeless individuals.
- Through my program, I mentor over 20 youth in the community to ensure they have the guidance and opportunities needed for a successful future. My mentees have committed to better grades, not participating in activities that could get them in trouble, and picking up trash to keep their street clean.



- Through my advocacy for more positive interaction with law enforcement and the youth, subsequently the OPD youth liaison team was created to find alternative solutions to taking youth to jail and more community collaborations for opportunities for youth, such as training and jobs.
[Talking about police in Parramore - YouTube](#)
- The split second it takes for a first-responder to miss a house because there is no number on the house or the house number is not visible from the street, could be the difference between life or death. Many houses in the Parramore community do not have a house number or the house number is not visible from the right-of-way. So I applied for a grant and was able to place house numbers on the curbside in my immediate area.

- With community partners, my organization was able to provide over turkey, financial literacy, housing and training opportunities to over 75 unemployed Disney workers and over 150 toys to their children.
- Many of the post offices are going to cluster boxes, rather than mailboxes in front of the home and there are many throughout the Parramore neighborhood. They are federal property, so I advocated for the replacement and cleaning of many of the boxes throughout the community.
- Due to lack of transportation and individuals not wanting to travel to unfamiliar locations, I started pop-up Pfizer COVID vaccines throughout Orange County and have been able to administer over 10, 000 vaccines to Orange County residents. My team has hosted vaccines in many places, from the comfort of people's home to churches to mechanic shops to nightclubs to a theater to corporate offices and so many more places.



[Storms disrupt some COVID-19 vaccine distribution sites in Florida – WFTV](#)

[Beacham Nightclub Orders up COVID-19 Vaccine for Employees \(mynews13.com\)](#)

['Shot for Shot': Downtown Orlando club to offer vaccine to 100 local hospitality workers \(wesh.com\)](#)

- There were speeding concerns around Jones High School, so I advocated for increased speed limit signs, mile marker signs along the Westmoreland Drive walking path, and updated school zone crossing signage around the school to heighten driver awareness.
- There are many traumatic events that take place in homes that distract youth from being able to focus at school and sometimes that lack of focus can land the youth in trouble. So with community partners, I have advocated for a Social and Emotional Learning curriculum for students who receive In School Suspension (I.S.S.) to provide them with

coping mechanisms to make better choices to reduce the getting Out of School Suspension (O.S.S.) or even worse, being expelled. I have also advocated the school board and City of Orlando to explore the Handle With Care program ([Handle with Care: Florida \(handlewithcarefl.org\)](http://HandlewithCare:Florida(handlewithcarefl.org))).

- With community partners, I was able to get bikes and helmets for over 10 children in the community.
- Through stronger community collaboration, my neighborhood association has received neighborhood watch of the year twice in a row.



There are many more fights to be had, many policies to be changed for prosperity, and so much work to be done in the City of Orlando District 5 to make this a better community where we can safely live, work, and play. I want you to be part of those changes as we move District 5 Forward and stop pushing people out!

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