Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava | Biography

Daniella Levine Cava was elected as Miami-Dade County's first female Mayor in November 2020 following a 40-year career as a social worker, lawyer, and advocate for South Florida families. Originally from New York, and raised across North and South America, she graduated from Yale College with an honors degree in psychology, and from Columbia University with graduate degrees in law and social work. After moving to Miami-Dade with her husband, Mayor Levine Cava worked at Legal Services of Greater Miami serving children in the school system, and at the Guardian Ad Litem program where she founded Voices for Children. She subsequently served as state administrator for foster care and adoptions in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. She founded Catalyst Miami in 1995 where she dedicated two decades to building prosperity and civic leadership in all our communities.

Levine Cava was elected to the County Commission for the first time in 2014 and served six years before being elected as Mayor. She has empowered small businesses, increased community policing in underserved areas, improved transit options and housing affordability, protected the environment and addressed climate change. She oversees more than 28,000 employees, serves nearly 3 million residents, and manages a $9 billion annual budget. Mayor Levine Cava's administration is focused on building a stronger, more inclusive and more resilient Miami-Dade by directly engaging with residents to make local government more responsive, transparent, and accountable.