“Corrupt Carlos” Giménez gave himself a 67 percent pay raise but cut $400 million in spending that would create jobs for us. His increased salary of $250,000 a year is more than almost every Mayor in the country.

Giménez: “I’m Corrupt, I’m Corrupt, I’m Corrupt.” Giménez said, “She’s trying to impugn my integrity, because she has nothing to run on. It’s right away to I’m corrupt, I’m corrupt, I’m corrupt.” [Miami’s Community Newspapers, Miami’s Community News, 22:45, 10/2/20] (VIDEO)

Giménez On His Opponent’s Ads: “What She Says Is Factual.” Giménez said regarding Mucarsel-Powell’s ads, “She is a liar by omission. What she says is factual, but she doesn’t tell the whole story. And she’s trying to paint a picture which is completely false. Totally false.” [Miami’s Community Newspapers, Miami’s Community News, 22:02, 10/2/20] (VIDEO)

2018: Giménez Arranged For His Pay To Increase Roughly 67% To $250,000 And Agreed To Take The Full $250,000 Salary. “Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez arranged for a pay increase that took effect Monday, with his longtime salary of $150,000 set to increase about 67 percent to $250,000. County commissioners authorized the new $250,000 salary when they approved the mayor's proposed budget last month. Gimenez's budget chief, Jennifer Moon, told commissioners before the Sept. 20 vote that ‘the mayor may opt to receive a salary up to that amount.' On Monday night, Gimenez issued a statement saying he would take the full $250,000.” [Miami Herald, 10/2/18]

HEADLINE: “Miami-Dade’s Mayor Secures A Pay Boost As The County’s New Budget Takes Effect” [Miami Herald, 10/2/18]

Gimenez In 2018: “I Will Be Earning A Salary Of $250,000 A Year.” “After taking a $150,000 cut in compensation since 2011, and saving Miami-Dade County over $1 million in salary alone, I will be earning a salary of $250,000 a year starting Oct. 1,” Gimenez said. ‘I made a decision to reduce my salary and benefits by half when I was first elected mayor in 2011 during a tough economic time in which all employees had to face salary reductions. Today, after forgoing my full salary for seven years, our county’s economy is strong, and our efforts to tighten the belt have paid off.’” [Miami Herald, 10/2/18]

2017: Giménez Pushed To Increase His Mayoral Salary To $324,000 A Year. “The mayor of New York, America's largest and most expensive city to run, earns about $225,000 a year to serve as the municipal government's top administrative officer. A proposal to give Miami-Dade's mayor a raise would have Carlos Gimenez earning up to $324,000 a year, nearly 50 percent more than Bill de Blasio makes running NYC. In fact, a proposal narrowly approved by a county committee this week and endorsed through a spokesman for Gimenez could make Miami-Dade's chief executive one of the highest paid big-city mayors in the country. Research by Gimenez's office and a 2017 survey by the American City Business Journals found that San Francisco's mayor, the late Edwin Lee, earned the most of the nation's large-city mayors. The Miami-Dade survey said Lee earned $365,200 in salary and fringe benefits.” [Miami Herald, 12/13/17]


Giménez: “I Asked The Commission, Hey Can You Restore A Portion Of My Salary … I Went To $250,000.” Giménez said, “Then in the year 2018, I asked the Commission, hey, can you restore a portion of my salary? And the Commission approved the restoration of a portion. But I didn’t go to $320,000. I went to $250,000.” [Miami’s Community Newspapers, Miami’s Community News, 18:35, 10/2/20] (VIDEO)


The Miami-Dade Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Gave The Mayor A Salary Of $250,000. “Ms. Moon noted that the Mayor’s salary included in the fiscal year 2018-19 budget is $250,000 with approval of this budget the Mayor my [sic] opt to receive a salary up to this amount and the pay plan will be amended accordingly.” [Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners, Minutes, 9/20/18]

2019: Gimenez Was Paid A Gross Salary Of $251,129.84 For His Work As Mayor. According to Miami-Dade County records, Gimenez was paid a gross salary of $251,129.84 in 2019 for his work as “Mayor Miami-Dade County.” [Miami-Dade County, 2019]

2020: Gimenez Earned The Same Gross Paycheck As He Had In 2019 -- $9,658.84 – Which Totaled To $251,118.40 Over 26 Pay Checks. In 2020, Gimenez’s gross paycheck was $9,658.84. Over 26 paychecks, this totaled to $251,118.40. Gimenez’s gross paycheck in 2019 was also $9,658.84. [Miami-Dade County, 2020; Miami-Dade County, 2019]

2009: Giménez Received $27,839 In Taxpayer Funding For His Lease On A 2009 Mercedes Benz ML350W4 While The County Commission Cut More Than $400 Million In Jobs And Spending. “When County Hall's budget ax fell last year, the mayor and commissioners slashed more than $400 million in jobs and spending. Yet one perk was preserved: Their taxpayer-subsidized luxury cars. The public picks up most of the tab for Commissioner Joe Martinez's 2010 Lexus GX460, Audrey Edmonson's 2010 Cadillac SRX and Carlos Gimenez's 2009 Mercedes Benz ML 350. [...] In November 2008, the county paid $27,839 for Gimenez's three-year lease on a 2009 Mercedes Benz ML350W4.” [Miami Herald, 5/23/10]

HEADLINE: “Budget Crisis Or Not, Miami-Dade Leaders Are Keeping Their Luxury Cars” [Miami Herald, 5/23/10]


The Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Miami-Dade County Budget Reconciled A $444 Million Budget Deficit And Laid Off 945 County Workers. “It was billed as a public hearing to reconcile a $444 million budget deficit, but none of the negotiations took place before the packed audience at Miami-Dade County Hall Thursday night and early Friday. Instead, the budget was crafted in a series of private meetings between County Manager George Burgess and individual commissioners in a nearby conference room outside the commission chamber. At 5:01 a.m., exactly 12 hours after the meeting began Thursday evening, county commissioners approved a $7.4 billion budget. [...] The losers: county employees who stood to lose $106 million in salary cuts under the mayor's original budget and now stand to sacrifice another $68 million in assorted benefits. But the number of proposed layoffs has been reduced from 1,700 to 945.” [Miami Herald, 9/18/09]
2009: Giménez Supported The $106 Million In Miami-Dade County Employee Salary Cuts In The Fiscal Year 2009-2010 County Budget. “Money that allowed county administrators to stave off deeper cuts came from a few different sources: savings from delaying capital improvement projects, cutting employee expenses such as travel and putting a hold on merit raises. County employees also will have to absorb $106 million in salary cuts. Commissioners may end up basing that on a sliding scale, with the biggest earners taking the biggest cuts. Commissioner Carlos Gimenez said he supports the tiered salary cuts, and said Burgess has suggested having a range of cuts from 4 percent to 7.5 percent.” [South Florida Business Journal, 9/18/09]

2018: The Third-Highest-Paid Big City Mayor In The United States Made $248,141. “San Francisco Mayor London Breed's $301,000 base salary is the highest in the nation among mayors. It’s also $119,000 more than what Columbus, Ohio, Mayor Andrew Ginther earns each year, even though San Francisco has just 5,000 more residents than its Midwestern peer. The Business Journals looked at the salaries of 57 mayors, 15 of them women. Joining Breed among the top 10 highest-paid are Libby Schaff of Oakland, Calif., who makes $212,000, and Muriel Bowser of Washington, D.C., who makes $200,000 a year. See all the mayors and their salaries in the attached gallery. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio is the second-highest paid mayor in the country. Rounding out the top five are: Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles, who makes $248,141; Sylvester Turner of Houston, who makes $236,189, and Jim Kelly of Philadelphia, who makes $218,474.” [Business Journals, 10/9/18]