



**First Place: Carmin Farrington
Championship Academy of Distinction of West Broward, City of Lauderhill**

If I were elected Mayor, I would focus on improving the infrastructure and transportation in the city. This would include updating and expanding public transportation options, such as buses and trains, as well as implementing bike-sharing programs and creating more bike lanes. Additionally, I would work to improve the city's roads and sidewalks to make them safer and more accessible for all residents.

I would prioritize affordable housing and work to create more affordable housing options for low-income residents. This includes implementing inclusionary zoning policies, which require developers to include a certain percentage of affordable units in new developments, as well as working with non-profit organizations to create affordable housing units.

Home Rule is a key aspect of my city's government, as it allows our city to have more autonomy and control over our own affairs. This means that our city can pass laws and regulations that are tailored to our specific needs and priorities, rather than being dictated by the state or federal government. This allows our city to be more responsive to the needs of our residents and to make decisions that are in the best interest of our community.

Overall, if I were elected Mayor, I would work to improve the infrastructure, transportation, affordable housing and recreational facilities in the city. By utilizing Home Rule, our city can continue to be a great place to live and work for all residents.



**Second Place: Isabelle Jo Petit
Western Pines Community Middle School, City of Westlake**

If I were elected Mayor of my city, I would take a proactive approach to make my city a great place to live. I would focus on improving the quality of life for all citizens by investing in public services, housing and education. I would work to create jobs, strengthen local businesses and attract new businesses to our area. I would also strive to make our city safer and more secure by investing in law enforcement and public safety initiatives.

I would focus on promoting and strengthening our city's Home Rule. Home Rule gives cities the ability to create and enforce laws that are tailored to their unique needs and circumstances. This allows our city to address problems and challenges that are specific to our area, which can lead to more effective and efficient policy solutions.

I would also prioritize expanding access to affordable housing for all citizens. I believe that everyone should have access to safe affordable housing, and I would work to ensure that our city's housing stock is available to all residents.

These are just a few of the things I would do if I were elected Mayor. Home Rule allows our city to create innovative policies that are tailored to the needs and challenges of our citizens. By investing in our city's public services, housing and education, we can make our city a great place to live.



**Third Place: Susanna Stille
Gulf Coast Classical Academy, City of Clearwater**

If I were elected Mayor, my top priority would be to uphold the law and fix communal problems based upon the needs of the people. Who would want to live in a boring, poorly maintained community? That would not be a problem in my city. I would ensure that the best opportunities are provided to every city resident.

With the city council and the authority of Home Rule, the city would be organized and safe. Home Rule means that city officials are elected by their fellow residents, so they live and work in the community and they get to decide how their city is governed.

With the help of my city council, I would strive to make the community eco-friendlier. Small problems can grow quickly, so they need to be recognized and fixed. I would organize food drives and ask for community volunteers who are willing to help clean up the parks. I would do everything in my power to make sure the people of the city had all the food and shelter they need. I would make a law preventing people from littering and apply for a grant to make parks nicer and cleaner, roads safer and sidewalks wider. Additionally, I would start a construction project to create homeless shelters for those who need it.

As Mayor, my goal is to make a beneficial, long-lasting impact. It is my duty to work diligently to follow and uphold the law, Constitution of the U.S. and the Constitution of Florida.