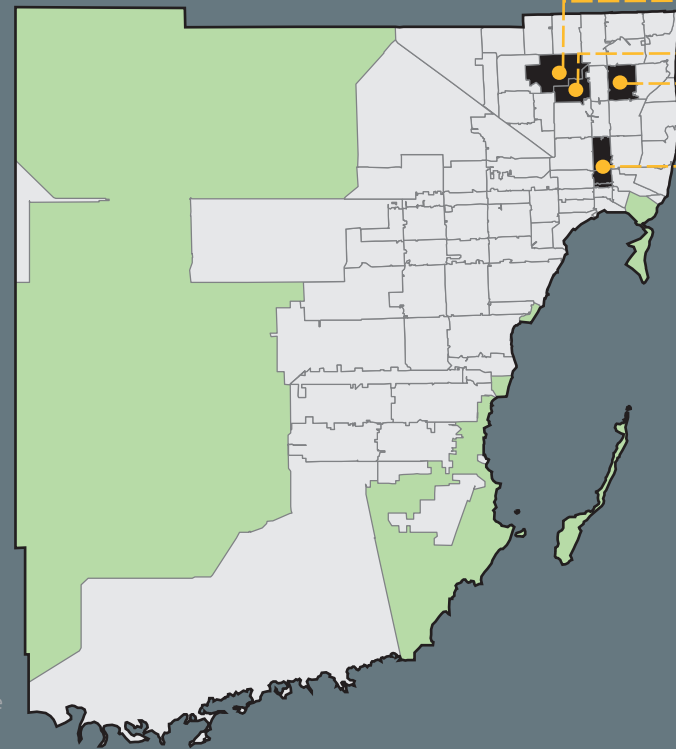


# DEMOCRACY RISING: A SPECIAL PRIMER ON MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Prior to the November 2018 passage of Amendment 4, Florida’s felony disenfranchisement laws were a relic of Reconstruction-era voter suppression efforts designed to prevent Black residents from building political power. Now that the state’s constitution automatically restores voting rights for Returning Citizens who have completed parole or probation, the task for advocates becomes dismantling the disproportionate harm felony disenfranchisement has on communities of color.

In **Liberty City, Overtown, Opa Locka and North Miami**, as in other parts of Florida, felony disenfranchisement is a determinative factor in the conditions of a community. According to 2012 data on income, child poverty and unemployment, Returning Citizens reside in communities that are disproportionately Black and/or poor when compared to the state average. As the number of Returning Citizens in a neighborhood increases, so do child poverty and unemployment rates; median incomes, however, decrease. This primer examines four key neighborhoods (expressed as zip codes) and makes the case as to why Florida must fully implement Amendment 4 to remove roadblocks to sustainable livelihoods for Returning Citizens.



Without Returning Citizens’ voices in the governing process of our institutions, our democracy is unjust and incomplete. This is why Florida must fully implement Amendment 4 and support civic engagement efforts in disenfranchised and underrepresented communities.



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### Opa Locka

| ZIP Code | Returning Citizens | Household Income | Black Population (%) | Child Poverty Rate (%) | Unemployment Rate (%) |
|----------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 33054    | 285                | \$25,660         | 72.5                 | 46.9                   | 13.9                  |

### Liberty City

| ZIP Code | Returning Citizens | Household Income | Black Population (%) | Child Poverty Rate (%) | Unemployment Rate (%) |
|----------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 33127    | 371                | \$12,424         | 51.3                 | 49.0                   | 22.1                  |

### Overtown

| ZIP Code | Returning Citizens | Household Income | Black Population (%) | Child Poverty Rate (%) | Unemployment Rate (%) |
|----------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 33127    | 371                | \$12,424         | 51.3                 | 49.0                   | 22.1                  |
| 33136    | 340                | \$22,493         | 57.8                 | 65.5                   | 21.8                  |
| 33128    | 371                | \$21,424         | 51.3                 | 49.0                   | 22.5                  |

### North Miami

| ZIP Code | Returning Citizens | Household Income | Black Population (%) | Child Poverty Rate (%) | Unemployment Rate (%) |
|----------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 33161    | 181                | \$33,857         | 64.9                 | 36.4                   | 14.0                  |
| 33167    | 127                | \$36,434         | 73.7                 | 27.3                   | 15.2                  |