

“Corrupt Carlos” Giménez approved a 67 percent pay raise for himself and increased his own pension. He makes \$250,000 a year, more than almost every big-city Mayor in the country. He also kept his taxpayer-funded Mercedes-Benz after slashing \$400 million in government jobs and spending.

HEADLINE: “Mayor Giménez And His Family Live Off The Public Sector, But We Shouldn’t, He Says” [Miami Herald, Fabiola Santiago, [9/11/20](#)]

Columnist Fabiola Santiago Called Giménez “The Ultimate Hypocrite” For Having “Spent His Entire Professional Life Profiting Off The Public Sector” But Arguing Against Public Sector Jobs. Columnist Fabiola Santiago wrote, “Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez is the ultimate hypocrite. The 66-year-old Republican has spent his entire professional life profiting off the public sector, drawing hefty paychecks from the payrolls of the city of Miami and Miami-Dade County, traveling the world on the public’s dime. Firefighter. Fire chief. City manager. County commissioner. County mayor. Now, his congressional bid for U.S. House District 26 against incumbent Democrat Debbie Mucarsel-Powell is more of the same public-benefit hunting. Yet, Gimenez tells the Miami Herald in an interview about issues in the race: ‘I don’t believe the public sector is the place to seek employment.’” [Miami Herald, Fabiola Santiago, [9/11/20](#)]

Columnist Fabiola Santiago Argued That Giménez Was Running For Congress To “Do More Of What He’s Done In Miami-Dade: Work On Behalf Of The Interests Of His Politically Connected Business Friends, Campaign Donors And Family By Funneling Tax Dollars To The Private Sector.” “In other words, Gimenez wants to be in a position to do more of what he’s done in Miami-Dade: Work on behalf of the interests of his politically connected business friends, campaign donors and family by funneling tax dollars to the private sector. You would think voters would know better by now, but this is the tightest race in Miami for a U.S. House seat.” [Miami Herald, Fabiola Santiago, [9/11/20](#)]

Columnist Fabiola Santiago Criticized Giménez’s “Cadillac-Grade Health Insurance” And Numerous Pensions. “How many pensions could Gimenez possibly collect in one lifetime? All Gimenez needs is to be elected to Congress for one term to retire from that post, too, with pension and benefits. Oh, yes, he also gets to continue to enjoy in this post the type of Cadillac-grade health insurance Gimenez has always had working in the public sector in South Florida. And he can indulge in more of his trips abroad, too, claiming he’s doing public service. Maybe he can sell the Paris Air Show as a must-see to Congress, too.” [Miami Herald, Fabiola Santiago, [9/11/20](#)]

Columnist Fabiola Santiago Called Giménez “A Perfect Fit For A Washington Ruled By Nepotism-Friendly Donald Trump.” “It all probably makes Gimenez a perfect fit for a Washington ruled by nepotism-friendly Donald Trump, who has endorsed him. Trump has Ivanka, Eric, Donald Jr., and the in-law Jared Kushner. Gimenez has his lobbyist son duo, C.J. and Julio Gimenez, who are constantly trying to make a buck representing clients with county business before their father. They’re not, however, as masterful as Gimenez, who could hold workshops on the art of going from one government post to another, on the art of bringing your family along for the ride. He also could conduct spin-off lessons on how to facilitate the flow of public wealth into your descendants’ bank accounts, too — and not get caught doing anything illegal. (Lesson No. 1: Ensure the Ethics Commission in charge of investigating you is as weak as they come.)” [Miami Herald, Fabiola Santiago, [9/11/20](#)]

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](#)]

HEADLINE: “How The Mayor Of Miami-Dade Might End Up Earning More Than The Mayor Of New York” [Miami Herald, [12/13/17](#)]

September 20, 2018: The Miami-Dade Board Of County Commissioners Adopted The Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget. On September 20, 2018 the Miami Dade County Board of Commissioners Adopted “ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE COUNTYWIDE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019;” [Ordinance 18-97, File Number 182452, adopted [9/20/18](#)]

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](#)]

2019 - MAYOR'S OFFICE					
NAME	TITLE	GROSS PAY LAST PAYCHECK	ADJ GROSS LAST PAYCHECK - (HLTH & FRS)	YTD GROSS	ADJ YTD GROSS - (HLTH & FRS)
GIMENEZ, CARLOS A	MAYOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY	\$9,658.84	\$9,370.38	\$251,129.84	\$243,629.88

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](#)]

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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](#)]

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](#)]

PolitiFact Found That, As A County Commissioner, Gimenez Drove A Mercedes-Benz Funded By A County Car Allowance. “Car allowances -- or the use of city-owned cars -- is one piece of an official's compensation package that may include salary, expenses, health insurance and pensions. We are not providing a full comparison here of every part of the officials' compensation -- but we think its worth looking at the benefit of the car allowance within the context of their salaries and expense accounts. [...] Gimenez was a county commissioner between 2004 and 2011 when he stepped down to run for mayor. In his final year he was earning an annual salary of \$6,000 plus about \$55,000 in benefits, including the car allowance. J.C. Planas, an attorney for the Gimenez campaign and a former state legislator, told us in an e-mail that Gimenez was entitled to the same car allowances as all the commissioners. For the last year and a half, Gimenez drove a Mercedes-Benz ML and prior to that a Mercedes-Benz E320. Gimenez said in a June 16 interview that his most recent car, the Mercedes-Benz ML, was silver, and he thought it was a 2009 car. He said it was \$2.44 above the \$800 monthly car allowance and that he paid for that out of his own pocket. [...] Gimenez doesn't dispute that he had a car allowance -- but he said that Alvarez had access to more cars and drivers.” [PolitiFact, [6/20/11](#)]

2009: Giménez Voted For The Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Miami-Dade County Budget. Giménez voted for, “ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE COUNTYWIDE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010” The ordinance was adopted 13-0. [Ordinance 09-83, [9/17/09](#)]

The Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Miami-Dade County Budget 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]