**Joe I. Rasco**

**Biography**

Joe Rasco has resided in Key Biscayne since 1978 where he and his wife raised their three children. As a founding member of the Village’s Incorporation, he was part of the group that successfully spearheaded the separation from Miami-Dade County in 1991. He served on the first Village Council which created the initial master plan and budget, hired the first manager, and updated land development zoning codes for both commercial and residential areas on the island. He fought arduously to create our own independent fire and police departments, which provide higher level of services than what we were getting from the county at a significant tax savings to our residents. The establishment of our fire department has produced a savings of over $200 million to the residents of Key Biscayne. He also fought to purchase the land for our Village Green, Key Biscayne’s crown jewel. In 1998, our community elected Joe to serve as Mayor. Under his leadership, state-of-the-art facilities were built to house our fire and police departments, which were previously operating out of trailers, as well as a new administration building and public chambers. He also secured funding and completed plans to build the community center, which residents of all ages enjoy on a daily basis.

As a Senior Management Executive and trusted advisor, Joe has over 30 years of leadership experience in local government and large business organizations. He served as Interim Manager for the City of Doral in 2003-2004 and for the Village of Palmetto Bay in 2002-2003.

For 17 years, until his retirement in December 2021, Joe served as the Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs for Miami-Dade County, the largest of 67 counties in the State of Florida with an annual budget of over $10 billion and 30,000 employees. He worked on key strategic objectives with the Mayor, Board of County Commissioners, and critical departments including transit, police, fire, seaport, airport, public works, parks, libraries, water and sewer, and solid waste. His office was responsible for securing millions of dollars at the state and federal level for the county’s public projects.

He maintains strong working relationships and a highly regarded reputation with elected officials and community leaders at municipal, county, state, and federal levels.

Joe received his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service and has a master’s degree in business from Florida International University. He is a recipient of the Nancy Hughes Community Commitment Award.

In November 2023, Joe was elected Mayor of the Village of Key Biscayne once again. He and his wife, Ana, enjoy playing pickleball at the community center, visiting national parks, and spending time with their three children, their spouses, and six grandchildren.