## JOY V.W. MALAKOFF COMMISSIONER

## CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

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## Dear Friends & Neighbors:

I am writing to you with gratitude and regret. It has been my great honor to represent you these past three years and I look forward to being your commissioner until the end of my term, this November.

However during my July vacation I had a terrible accident. I underwent spinal surgery due to extensive thoracic and cervical damage. I had expected to fully recover within three months. Now it is almost six months and I do not have the same stamina, and experience continual discomfort.

Therefore I must announce that I am unable to continue my re-election campaign with deep, sincere regret. I will complete my term with dedication; we have accomplished much with more to come.

In the future I plan to continue to be involved with the City of Miami Beach, a city I deeply love. I am proud to say I have always acted honorably and knowledgeably, and in a thoughtful manner to seek balanced solutions.

I will be giving further details at the Presentations and Awards Commission Meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Joy V.W. Malakoff

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