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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Chief Resiliency Officer is a newly created position and an innovative approach in our administration as we continue to focus on sustainability and resiliency. Undoubtedly, a high-priority for the long term future of Miami Beach. We strive to find the right solutions in order to improve and develop cost-efficient and effective urban resilience to better address the city's challenges when it comes to climate change and sea level rise.

I am happy to announce that Susanne M. Torriente has been named Chief Resiliency Officer and Assistant City Manager of the City of Miami Beach, and will work on the city's resilience and initiatives.

Ms. Torriente, served as Assistant City Manager of the City of Fort Lauderdale where she oversaw Sustainable Development, which includes Building, Planning, Code, Public Works, Transportation & Mobility, Parks & Recreation and Structural Innovation. In that capacity, Susanne has integrated sustainability into city operations and played a leadership role at a local, state and national level on climate change issues.

She has been a member of the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact steering committee since its inception in 2009 and was a major contributor in the development of the regional climate action plan. She is currently on the national Board of Directors for the Association of Climate Change Officers, and a member of the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Community Resiliency Focus Group and the ICEL's Resilient Communities for America Advisory Committee.

Prior to joining the City of Fort Lauderdale in 2011, Susanne has a long history of government service, including serving as the Sustainability Director for Miami-Dade County and also as an Assistant County Manager. She also served as an Assistant City Manager in Coral Gables. She began her career in Miami-Dade County's prestigious Management Trainee Program. Susanne holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Public Administration, both from the University of Miami.

Ms. Torriente will be joining us starting September 21, 2015. We are excited to welcome her aboard.

Sincerely,

Philip Levine
Mayor of Miami Beach

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