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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Yesterday's record rainfall that led to the National Weather Service to issue a flood advisory for Miami Beach has highlighted the need for immediate and swift implementation of the emergency generators for our pump stations.

Following Hurricane Matthew last October, the city made the determination that we needed to install at least one permanent generator in Sunset Harbour. The Public Works Department immediately set out to evaluate which pump station would be most effective with a generator. Their determination was that it would be best if both pump station number two and three had permanent power. With this recommendation in place from our city staff, my colleagues and I authorized in February the purchase of these generators so they could be in place ahead of the summer rain.

While the city has been working through the procurement process to secure the generators, the process has been bogged down in bureaucratic paralysis. As you can understand, this is extremely frustrating and the delay has clearly impacted the progress we've made to address flooding in our city.

To put it simply, we cannot wait any longer. Our residents, rightfully so, are demanding action and I agree. Therefore, I have directed city staff to immediately pursue emergency procurement procedures to secure the generators to prevent future flooding as seen yesterday.

The work we've done to mitigate flooding in 15-percent of the city is working and this morning we saw how the pumps drained the flooded streets quickly. However, I appreciate that more needs to be done to fully address this issue. This is why I am committed to ensuring we do all we can in my remaining months as Mayor to deliver on my commitment to you to address the threats of sea level rise and climate change.

We cannot stop now because the consequences of inaction are too great and the progress we made thus far requires us to stay focused on achieving results for our residents.

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Sincerely,

Philip Levine       &nbsp;=

Mayor of Miami Beach

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