

# MIAMI BEACH

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: May 24, 2016



SUBJECT: Greater Miami & the Beaches Selected by 100 Resilient Cities

I am pleased to announce that Miami Beach has been selected to join 100 Resilient Cities [100RC]. This is an incredible opportunity to infuse the Miami Beach Rising Above Resiliency Strategy with the top resources and best practices around the world. Miami Beach applied for the designation in partnership with Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami; exemplifying the importance of working across municipal lines to address our most significant challenges.

Pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation, 100RC helps cities around the world become more resilient to social, economic, and physical challenges that are a growing part of the 21st century. 100RC provides this assistance through:

- Resources for drafting a Resilience Strategy;
- Access to private sector, public sector, academic, and NGO resilience tools; and
- Membership in a global network of peer cities to share best practices and challenges.

Susanne M. Torriente, Chief Resiliency Officer/ Assistant City Manager will lead this effort for our City with the daily support of Amy Knowles, Deputy Resiliency Officer, and the citywide expertise of the Resiliency Team. Every department in our City has valuable perspective and insight- all have an important part now and going forward. It is also my priority to continue to include and engage our residents and local and regional stakeholders throughout this journey.

The term resilience refers to the capacity to prepare for disruptions, recover from shocks and stresses, and adapt and grow from a disruptive experience. This effort brings long term benefits and opportunities resulting from proactive investments in resilience- both in times of crisis and times of calm. In our application to 100RC, we defined our shocks as hurricanes, infrastructure failure, coastal flooding, and rainfall flooding. We defined our stressors as sea level rise, coastal erosion, transportation, lack of affordable housing, and poverty.

The City of Miami Beach is ready to survive, adapt, grow and also thrive in this changing world. If you have any questions please reach out to Susy or me.

Thank you for your continued support.

For more information, visit: [www.100ResilientCities.org](http://www.100ResilientCities.org)

CC: Management Team

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