



City of Miami Beach  
Office of Mayor Matti Herrera Bower

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**MAYOR MATTI HERRERA BOWER CREATES THE TRANSPARENCY,  
RELIABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (TRAC) TO EVALUATE  
THE TRANSPARENCY OF CURRENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WITHIN  
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**

(Miami Beach, Florida) The Transparency, Reliability and Accountability Committee (TRAC) has been established to examine the city's current policies and procedures in terms of transparency, accountability and the ease of the public's access to information.

The purpose of TRAC shall be to review the City's systems of internal controls and recommend to the Mayor and Commission measures to enhance transparency, reliability and accountability in the City's governance.

Mayor Bower said, "I am appointing Commissioner Weithorn to serve as chair. Commissioner Weithorn, a practicing CPA with distinguished service on State government accountability committees, emphasized transparency, open government, responsiveness to residents and neighborhood interests, and accountability in her recent campaign for Office of the Commission."

Commissioner Weithorn stated, "I want this committee to achieve accountability without attitude. There is nothing more sacred than the trust between the people and their government. No where is this more evident than on a local level. I want this committee to look at making the words of accountability, transparency and reliability turn into actions. We need to look at ways to integrate data and principles so that we change and modify processes and systems so they better serve our citizens and stakeholders. We will use technology (E-governance) and all other means to help us along the way. Our citizens should be able to get the same information available to them that elected officials receive. That information should be meaningful to all of us. We also must be able to modify any process, system or culture that is not accountable to its citizens."

Particular issues TRAC will be evaluating include web-based applications which can streamline access to numerous different departments in the city such as the building permit/ inspection process and procurement.

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