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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: August 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Condominium Courses 2009 with the State of Florida Condominium Ombudsman's Office

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The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to advise you that the City of Miami Beach Community Resource and Outreach Team, in partnership with the Office of the State of Florida Condominium Ombudsman, will hold the third in a series of Condominium Courses offered quarterly in the City of Miami Beach. The State of Florida Condominium Ombudsman's Office was created to serve as a neutral resource for condominium unit owners, board members and property managers throughout the State of Florida.

The remaining dates and topics for 2009 are as follows:

Wednesday, September 16, 2009 – Serving on a Board of Directors

Thursday, December 10, 2009 – Condominium Rules and Regulations

All classes are free and will be held at the Miami Beach Public Library, 227 22nd Street, 1st Floor Meeting Room from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The classes will be taught by Mr. William and Mrs. Susan Raphan. The Raphans have worked as volunteers for the Condominium Ombudsman's office from its inception. They helped establish policies and procedures for the office and have served as State employees managing the Fort Lauderdale branch of the Ombudsman's office for the past several years. Additionally, they have conducted seminars and lectures on condominium issues throughout the state, and taught classes at Broward College and Palm Beach Community College for the past three years. The Raphans also train monitors around the State of Florida to conduct elections in condominiums.

Persons interested in signing up for participation in the Condominium Course Series can contact Lynn W. Bernstein, City of Miami Beach Community Outreach Coordinator, 305-673-7000, ext. 6178, or by email lynnbernstein@miamibeachfl.gov

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