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PRESS RELEASE

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Miami Beach Voters to Consider Three Ballot Questions

-- Early Voters Receive 15% Discount at Participating Businesses --

Miami Beach, FL -- On Tuesday, November 7, 2006, the City of Miami Beach will hold a Special General Election to present voters with the candidates for Group V Commission seat and three ballot questions dealing with issues which affect and involve the interests of the City and its citizens.

PUBLIC VOTE PRIOR TO TRANSFER OF CITY INTEREST IN PUBLIC BEACH RIGHT OF WAYS

Shall Miami Beach City Charter Section 1.03 be amended to require voter approval prior to the sale, exchange, conveyance, lease, or other transfer of any city interest in public beach right of ways (extending eastward from Collins Avenue/Ocean Drive to the erosion control line), excluding permits of no greater than one year, and excluding the sale, exchange, conveyance, lease or other transfers not exceeding 10% in width of such public beach right of ways?

Explanation:

The City Charter already provides for voter approval when the City wishes to transfer, sell or exchange certain properties, including park land and waterfront property. The proposed ballot question seeks to also require voter approval if the City transfers, sells or exchanges the street ends east of Collins Avenue that provide public access to the beach if such a transaction is larger than 10 percent of the width of the street end (generally five feet).

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: CHANGING TERMS OF OFFICE

Shall the City of Miami Beach's Related Special Acts be amended to provide that commencing with terms beginning on or after January 1, 2007, Board of Adjustment members' terms shall be changed from one year to two year staggered terms?

Explanation:

The City has four development review boards: Planning Board, Design Review Board, Historic Preservation Board and Board of Adjustment. The City Commission appoints members to these Boards to two-year staggered terms, with the exception of the Board of Adjustment. The ballot question seeks to amend the terms for the Board of Adjustment to be the same as the other development review boards from one to two-year staggered terms.

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**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: RESTRICTING CERTAIN
HEIGHT VARIANCES AND STORY (FLOOR) VARIANCES**
*Shall the City's Related Special Acts, Section 2 regarding "Board of Adjustment" be
amended to prohibit the board from granting any height variance greater than 3 feet or
any variance from a property's allowable number of stories (floors)?*

Explanation:

Currently, the Board of Adjustment, at the request of land owners, may waive or vary certain regulations that control how a property may be improved. The proposed ballot question seeks to limit two specific types of waivers. First, it would prohibit a waiver or variance from the maximum number of stories (or floors) above from what is allowed. Secondly, it would limit a request for a height variance to no more than three feet above the maximum height allowed in any area.

Early voting begins Monday, October 23 and is available daily until Sunday, November 5 at two Miami Beach locations: Miami Beach City Hall and the North Shore Library.

Monday – Friday (October 23 – 27)

7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday (October 30 – November 3)

11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays (October 28 and November 4)

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sundays (October 29 and November 5)

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Early Miami Beach voters are eligible to receive 15 percent discount at participating Miami Beach businesses and free entrance at the Scott Rakow Ice Rink, as part of the Vote Miami Beach program. Miami Beach residents must present an Early Voting Card and a valid Miami Beach Voter Registration Card to redeem the discount at the participating businesses.

All Miami Beach registered voters receive 10 percent discounts at participating businesses throughout the year. Go to [votemiamibeach.com](http://www.miamibeach.com) or <http://www.miamibeachfl.gov/newcity/cityhall/election2006/VoterGuide2006.pdf> for more information.

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