

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH  
Office of the City Manager  
Letter to Commission No. 117-2005



To: Mayor David Dermer and  
Members of the City Commission

Date: May 5, 2005

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

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Subject: **Cultural Affairs Program Manager**

This Letter to Commission (LTC) is intended to provide you with an update on the status of the Cultural Affairs Program Manager position. As you may know, William Baites, who served as Cultural Affairs Program Manager for one and one-half years, resigned from the City in February 2005.

Gary Farmer has been selected to fill the aforementioned position on a temporary basis until such time that a permanent candidate is chosen. As you can see from the attached resume, Mr. Farmer has a long history in the Miami Beach community and with cultural arts. Mr. Farmer will be a member of the Tourism and Cultural Development Department responsible for directing the activities of the City's cultural affairs program, facilities and Cultural Arts Council. Additionally, the City has begun advertising the Cultural Affairs Program Manager position, which will remain open until filled.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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c: Tim Hemstreet, Acting Assistant City Manager  
Max A. Sklar, Tourism and Cultural Development Director

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### *EDUCATION*

B.S., Magna Cum Laude, Art, Southern Oregon University, 2004

### *WORK HISTORY*

**North Beach Development Corporation, Miami Beach**  
*Marketing Director* 2004 (current)

**The Goldman Properties Company, Miami Beach, Philadelphia and New York**  
*Director of Special Projects* 1998 – 2002

**Miami Design Preservation League, Miami Beach**  
*Development Director and Logistics Coordinator for Art Deco Weekend* 1995 – 1998

**Island Outpost, Miami Beach**  
*General Manager, Marlin Hotel* 1994 – 1995

**The Strand, Miami Beach**  
*Owner/operator* 1985 – 1991

### *COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT*

**National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, Miami and Washington, D.C.:** *Visual Arts Program Advisor*, 1987 – 1991; **Tigertail Foundation, Miami:** *Board of Directors*, 1987 – 1991; **Dade Community Foundation, Miami:** *Arts Grants Panel Advisor*, 1991; **Miami Beach Community Development Corporation:** *Board of Directors*, 1987 – 1991 and 1994 – 1996; **Miami Design Preservation League:** *Board of Directors*, 2004 (current)

### *OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS*

Marketing and Development Consultant, 1975 – 2004; monthly columnist, *GQ* magazine, 1981 – 1982; book reviewer, *Art & Auction* magazine, 1982 – 1984; Key to the City of Miami Beach awarded 1987; Cable ACE Award nominations, *TV Dinner* (writer/producer) and *Postcards from Miami Beach* (writer/producer), 1988; publication of *TRUST* interior design in *Esquire*, *Interior Design* and *Philadelphia* magazines, 2002.