



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 295-2006

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: December 1, 2006

SUBJECT: Hamid Dolikhani, Assistant Building Director

The purpose of this LTC is to advise you of the resignation of Hamid Dolikhani, Assistant Building Director. This resignation is effective December 1, 2006.

Mr. Dolikhani worked for the Building Department for the past 18 years and made many contributions during his tenure with the City.

From April 2005 to March 2006, Mr. Dolikhani served as the Acting Building Director where he dealt with several serious and life-threatening situations with major condominium buildings, significant damage to older structures resulting from Hurricane Wilma, and also dealt with policy issues relating to the City's historic building stock, such as the Coral Rock House and the Neptune building. With regard to Hurricane Wilma, with Mr. Dolikhani's help and participation, the City of Miami Beach was one of the first municipalities to fully recognize and address the housing issues caused by the storm's effects which put the City at the forefront of raising the awareness of the issue to Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida, and with FEMA. The majority of surrounding municipalities had not even begun inspections of multi-family structures by the time the City was able to complete our initial assessment. Mr. Dolikhani's pro-activeness was instrumental in getting the County and State to recognize that a legitimate temporary housing crisis existed and helped to persuade them to open and keep open temporary shelters to assist those residents affected.

Please join me in thanking Mr. Dolikhani for all his contributions to the City and in wishing him the best of luck with his future endeavors.

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