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Mayor Smith Joseph vow to vote against amending North Miami Election Dates on second reading

North Miami, FL-During his induction speech as Mayor, Mayor Smith Joseph promised residents that he wants to be known as the Mayor who listens. After a week of listening to residents, going door to door seeking opinions and input from residents, Mayor Joseph is now pledging to vote against amending the election dates by ordinance from May 2015 to August 2016 during second reading at the upcoming City Council Meeting scheduled February 10, 2015, although an opinion from the North Miami City Attorney indicates moving the North Miami city-wide elections from May 2015 to August 2016 without a referendum, or otherwise by ordinance, is completely legal under Sections 100.3065, 166.021, and 166.031, of the Florida Statutes, and many cities in Florida have already moved their elections to coincide with their county elections in the same manner as proposed in the subject ordinance.

Mayor Joseph believes that it is in the best interest of the city and residents to keep the scheduled elections for May 2015.

“When I took my oath of office, I pledged to make decisions that will bring positive results to the City of North Miami and its residents, even when my decisions are not popular. I recognize there is nothing illegal about the proposed ordinance to change the elections from May 2015 to August 2016”.

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About Mayor Smith Joseph, DO

Dr. Smith Joseph was elected Mayor of the City of North Miami during a special election Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Since taking office, Mayor Joseph has worked diligently to keep North Miami on track and has even coined the term “North Miami is on the Move”, creating jobs for residents and initiatives to enhance the quality of life for all residents of North Miami.

Mayor Joseph is a Medical Doctor by profession, who specializes in Internal Medicine. He is the Owner/CEO of the Universal Medical Centre, P.A., a medical clinic located North Miami, FL.

Born in Saint Louis Du Nord, Haiti, he graduated from Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University (FAMU) with a Doctoral Degree in Pharmacy in 1991 in Tallahassee Florida and another Doctoral Degree in Osteopathic Medicine from Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL in 1998.