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## **For Immediate Release**

### **North Miami District 4 Councilwoman, Marie Erlande Steril, MSW, Decides Not to Seek Another Term in Office**

North Miami, Florida – February 17, 2015 – North Miami Councilwoman Marie Erlande Steril, MSW will not be seeking re-election during the upcoming May 2015 North Miami Municipal election. After serving as the City's District 4 representative, including several terms as Vice Mayor, since 2005, Councilwoman Steril has decided to return to the private sector to pursue other endeavors.

Councilwoman Steril has served three terms on the Council representing the interest of residents of North Miami's District 4. Reflecting on her experience, Councilwoman stated, "I have tirelessly worked to address concerns that impair residents' well-being. I have embraced District 4's many challenges and transformed them into opportunities for the betterment of the community."

In fact, Councilwoman Steril was the driving force behind the restoration of Clyde W. Judson Center and Kiwanis Park, the Joe Celestin Center, and the tennis center at Claude Pepper Park. Over the years, she has earned the reputation for championing streetscape projects throughout her district, including swale improvements, sidewalk replacements, and street resurfacing, ultimately producing the streetscape transformation of NW 131 Street that is now a prototype street for North Miami. She also established the NW 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Façade Improvement Program, funded from Progress 2013 funds, to concentrate on renovating businesses along one of the City's most historic corridors.

The decision to return to private life has not been made overnight by Steril, it has been the result of a deep reflection into her tenure as an elected official. She admits it was a difficult decision to step off the dais in North Miami. In her own words, she is confident for having "taken responsibility for the job that I was entrusted: to care for North Miami residents and be their voice, eyes, and ears in government."

Consequently, she thanks all her constituents in District 4 for entrusting her to represent the district for ten years and is thankful for the support of North Miami residents and her colleagues on the Council for their support.

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#### **About Councilwoman Marie Erlande Steril, MSW**

Councilwoman Marie Erlande Steril, MSW is the first black woman and Haitian-American woman elected in public office in the City of North Miami. She has been a resident of North Miami for 26 years. She holds a Master's Degree from Barry University and a Bachelor's degree from Florida International University in Social Work.

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