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Dear Concerned North Miami Beach Neighbor:

I received a Christmas card from Mayor Defillipo from his re-election campaign. I thought he was prohibited from running again by term limits. I remember very clearly that our term limit rules were designed to keep commissioners from running more than 8 years consecutively. I thought a lot about this.

Mayor Spiegel said on the dais that the term limits were "8 years and they're out." Since the 2016 charter referendum, we voted to allow filling in a vacancy up to two years without counting against the term limit and we closed the loophole that said you could serve more if you just serve part of your term, resign and come back to a fresh term limit. This loophole seems to be exactly what Mayor Defillipo is trying to take advantage of as he attempts to run for reelection and ask to serve continuously for 11 years and 5 months (May 2013 to November 2024). Even worse, he can say he's been out of office for 2 years in regards to term limits, and keep running. I remember he was supposed to take a 2 year break by not running again in 2018 so he could run for mayor in 2020; but he didn't.

Thanks go to Mayor Spiegel for crafting the strong term limit language we have in the charter (probably the toughest in Florida!).

Special thanks for Commissioner Kramer for fighting so hard to get term limits in North Miami Beach.

I hope you can consider looking at this attached proposed lawsuit that asks the courts to enforce our term limit rules to prevent Mayor Defillipo from exploiting the term limit loop hole we voted to close. It doesn't seem like we have to wait for the election either and can do so now when it matters on who should be our future mayor.

Please share this email to anyone you think may be interested.

Thank you again.

Yours truly,

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