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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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RE: Announcement of Candidacy for Mayor of North Miami

I am Michael A. Etienne, your former elected city clerk. North Miami has been my home almost all my life. I started my law practice here in the city at the age of 24 and have not looked back since. All my South Florida properties, including my homestead (unlike my opponent), are here in the city; thus, I have a vested interest to see us do well.

Even though our homeowners pay one of the highest municipal taxes in the entire South Florida region, we face a crushing financial crisis at city hall. The shear incompetence, immoral, and irresponsible behaviors displayed by my opponent have, and will continue, drive our city to the ground. We need a complete reset in city hall, and it starts at the top.

My opponent voted to spend millions of dollars to throw a super bowl party just to sit back and watch over 200 city employees lose their jobs.

My opponent drives around (as his personal car) a brand-new city owned and city paid SUV while shamefully demanding that residents stop complaining when he voted to allow an increase on our sewer/water and garbage bills.

My opponent caused our city insurance carrier to pay a victim up to $200,000 to settle his personal sexual harassment lawsuit while the city insurance carrier won't lift a finger to help North Miami homeowners pay for flood damages caused by the city's negligence.

We need better governance, we need fiscally responsible policies, we need smart and innovative infrastructure to solve our city wide flood problems, and we need responsible economic development, none of which can be achieved with the likes of him at the helms.

The people elected me as their city clerk before and I am confident that the people will elect me as their next Mayor of North Miami.

Sincerely,

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