



January 4, 2019

City Commission

Via Email Only

George "Bud" Scholl
Mayor

The Honorable Mayor and City Commission
City of Sunny Isles Beach
18070 Collins Avenue
Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33160

Larisa Svechin
Vice Mayor

Dana Goldman
Commissioner

Alex Lama
Commissioner

Jeniffer Viscarra
Commissioner

Christopher J. Russo
City Manager

Hans Ottinot
City Attorney

Mauricio Betancur
City Clerk, CMC

Re: Retirement from the Position of City Attorney

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

I write this letter announcing my retirement as the City Attorney of the City of Sunny Isles Beach with a sense of emotional attachment which brings back so many wonderful memories. These memories include finding creative solutions to acquire properties for our K-8 school, parks, and working to facilitate the redevelopment of the City with luxury condominiums. My retirement is effective February 7, 2019.

After almost 19 years as an employee of the City (almost 14 years as City attorney), the time has come to pursue endeavors in the private sector. In leaving the City, I have so many people to say thank you to. **First**, my true boss, Jasmine Barnes, and my wonderful staff at the City Attorney's Office. **Second**, my recent Commission: Mayor Scholl, Vice Mayor Goldman, Commissioner Aelion, Commissioner Gatto, Commissioner Svechin. **Third**, thank you to my previous Commission: Mayor Edelcup, Vice Mayor Thaler, Commissioner Brezin, Commissioner Goodman, Commissioner Iglesias and Commissioner Levin.

During my years as City Attorney, I have received numerous recognitions for my work as City Attorney. The credit goes to my wonderful clients who have listened to my advice. I am also thankful to our new Commissioners, Jeniffer Viscarra and Alex Lama for seeking my guidance upon their election. **Fourth**, thank you to my colleagues on the staff. Too many to name but thank you to Chris Russo, Stan Morris, Susan Simpson, Clay Parker, Claudia Hasbun, Chief Maas, Chief Snyder and his police officers, Paola Villa, Tiffany Neely, Mauricio Betancur, Yael Londono, Derrick Arias, Sylvia Flores, Helena Forbes, and Joel Glendale.

Fifth, thank you to our development community for allowing me to disagree with you without throwing me under the bus, especially Raanan and Danny Katz, Joseph Milton, Michael and Gil Dezer, Warren Stamm, Stephanie and Jules Trump, Dr. Robert Cornfeld, Manuel Groskopf, Arie and Alon Steiger, Clifford Schulman, Stanley Price, Joseph Goldstein, Neisen Kasdin, Ron Choron, and Ethan Wasserman.

Last, I want to thank all the residents, especially Janet Cini, Dione Delmonico, Rabbi Keller, Rabbi Baron, and Richard and Loretta Mufson, who were steadfast in their support of me over the years and Lynn Dannheisser for providing me with the initial



opportunity to work for the City. If I did not specifically name you in this letter, please note that I am appreciative of your support also.

Many Thanks.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hans Ottinot', is written over the typed name.

Hans Ottinot

cc: All mentioned in letter
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Kendall Coffey, Esq.
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RK Centers Hired Hans Ottinot, City Attorney of Sunny Isles Beach, as Vice President of Government Relations and Chief Legal Strategist.

SUNNY ISLES BEACH – R K Centers, a family held real estate development company, has hired long-time Sunny Isles Beach City Attorney, Hans Ottinot, as Vice President of Governmental Relations and Chief Legal Strategist. Within these roles, Ottinot will assist the company in navigating the regulatory process and provide strategic legal advice on matters relating to the leasing and acquisition of real property.

RK Centers is expanding its real estate portfolio in South Florida with recent acquisitions in Broward County. “Bringing Hans on the team is important because he has a keen understanding of the transactional side of development and can also defend the company’s interests in litigation,” said Raanan Katz, the owner of RK Centers. “Hans is also a former athlete like myself and extremely competitive.”

Ottinot has worked for the City of Sunny Isles Beach for almost 19 years, which includes 14 years as City Attorney. “Joining RK Centers is an enormous opportunity for me to join a very successful company, which is critical to the economic engine of our country. I have had a wonderful experience with the City but I look forward to working with Raanan and Danny Katz and the rest of the family.”

RK Centers owns in excess of 8 million square feet of commercial property throughout Boston, Greater New England, and South Florida. Katz’ development philosophy is to operate with minimal debt in acquiring properties. RK Centers’ success is based on maintaining close working relations with tenants, customers, and local and regional entities. In addition to serving as City Attorney of the City of Sunny Isles Beach, Ottinot has served as City Attorney of North Miami and Miami Gardens. He has recently served as Chair of the 11th Circuit Court Judicial Nomination Commission and Chair of the statewide Florida Bar Committee for the City and County Local Governments. Ottinot has also been recognized as one of the top government attorneys in Florida by Florida Trend’s Magazine and South Florida Legal Guide.