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HLA REQUESTS THAT THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH CONDUCT ITS COMMISSION HEARING ON MAY 16, 2023, IN REGARD TO ITEM 6.1 ON THE AGENDA, IN A TRANSPARENT, HONEST AND FAIR MANNER

May 16, 2023

Dear Mayor & City Commissioners:

The Haitian Lawyers Association (“HLA”) requests that any actions to force the ouster of Commissioner Michael Joseph be stayed, to allow for the complete investigation of all allegations related to Commissioner Joseph’s alleged violation of the City of North Miami Beach (“City”) Charter. It is quintessential that Commissioner Joseph’s Due Process rights be secured and wholly protected. HLA urges that the City Commission follow the rule of law and apply the facts on the record in a just manner. HLA has collaborated with the City for many years on various projects, including but not limited to, the Temporary Protective Status and Citizenship Drives conducted to assist immigrants from Haiti, Cuba, and Latin America in becoming citizens of the United States. These drives have received the support of the City and its representatives as well as Commissioner Fleurimond and Commissioner Jean. Therefore, HLA trusts that the City will continue to promote reasonable and equitable practices and adhere to the rule of law.

For disclosure purposes, Commissioner Michael Joseph is a member of the Haitian Lawyers Association.

Respectfully,

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