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Madam City Clerk

Office of the City Clerk

City of North Miami Beach

17011 NE 19th Avenue

North Miami Beach, Florida 33162

**Re: Formal Notice of Protected Political Activity, Non-Interference with Candidacy,
and Preservation of Public Records**

Dear Madam City Clerk,

Please accept this correspondence as formal notice, for placement within the official public record, that my decision to seek public office constitutes protected political activity under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and applicable federal and state law.

Participation in the electoral process—including the right to seek and hold public office—is a core constitutional liberty recognized by federal courts as fundamental to democratic governance. Any attempt by a public official, former public official, municipal employee, or any individual acting under color of governmental authority to intimidate, threaten, retaliate against, or otherwise interfere with an individual because that individual has chosen to run for public office may raise serious concerns under federal civil rights law.

Such conduct may implicate, among other provisions, 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and 42 U.S.C. § 1985, which address the deprivation of constitutional rights and conspiracies to interfere with civil rights.

Additionally, Florida law strictly prohibits the misuse of public position, improper influence, or retaliatory conduct associated with governmental authority. Conduct of that nature may implicate provisions of the Florida Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, as well as other statutes governing public integrity and the proper use of public office.

This notice is respectfully submitted so that the public record clearly reflects my expectation that all public officials, former officials, and individuals acting in coordination with them will refrain from any conduct that could reasonably be interpreted as interference with my lawful candidacy, campaign activities, or lawful participation on public boards or advisory bodies, except through procedures expressly authorized by law.

Furthermore, this correspondence serves as a request that the City preserve all records that may relate to communications concerning my candidacy, political activities, or participation on public boards. This preservation request includes, but is not limited to, emails, text messages, communications through private messaging applications, memoranda, internal correspondence, visitor records, and any relevant surveillance footage associated with the Office of the City Clerk or other municipal offices.

The preservation of such materials is requested to ensure compliance with Florida public records law and to prevent the destruction or loss of documents that may be relevant to matters of public concern or potential legal review.

Nothing in this notice is intended to limit lawful political discussion, public debate, or constitutionally protected speech. Rather, it is intended to affirm that the electoral process must remain free from intimidation, coercion, or retaliatory conduct.

Please ensure that this correspondence is placed within the appropriate public record.

Respectfully submitted,

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