

# MIAMI BEACH

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager 

DATE: September 30, 2016

SUBJECT: 100 Resilient Cities Agenda Setting Workshop

I am pleased to advise that the public process for developing the Greater Miami & the Beaches (GM&TB) Resilience Strategy took place on September 29, 2016 and it is off to a great start. As you know, the City of Miami Beach joined forces with the City of Miami and Miami Dade County last fall to apply for the 100 Resilient Cities (100 RC) network membership. After a very competitive process, more than 1000 applications over a three year cycle, this unique city/county collaboration caught the attention of the funders and we were chosen to enter the network. 100 RC is in 45 countries with 29 different languages.

The Agenda Setting Workshop was the most well-attended meeting of the 60 workshops held around the world to date. With more than 200 attendees, this showed our community commitment and dedication to making us a truly resilient community. Mayor Levine and Chief Resiliency Officer (CRO) Susanne Torriente participated and represented the city in the program. Miami Beach Commissioner Aleman, staff, residents, businesses attended and participated.



Over the next few months our staff will work to develop a strategy for the region and specifically for Miami Beach. This is not a community master plan, but rather an action-oriented prioritization process. It will leverage and integrate other plans, and ultimately inform our policy and budget decision making process. Our CRO will continue provide regular updates at the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee and the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Sea Level Rise.



I want to thank and recognize not only Susy and her Deputy CRO Amy Knowles, but all Directors and Resilience Team members in the many departments supporting this coordinated citywide effort. We are aggressively doing, planning, and learning daily to become a truly resilient city. Attached is a two page fact sheet about the 100 RC and GM&TB partnership.

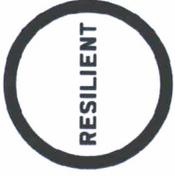
Thank you for your continued support.

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GREATER MIAMI  
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# 100 RESILIENT CITIES



## WHO IS GREATER MIAMI AND THE BEACHES?

Greater Miami & the Beaches is a unique collaboration among Miami Dade County, City of Miami Beach and City of Miami created to respond to global trends major metropolis' face: urbanization, globalization and climate change. Last spring, after a highly competitive process, Greater Miami and the Beaches was selected to join 100 Resilient Cities.

## WHO IS 100 RESILIENT CITIES (100RC)?

100 Resilient Cities, also referred to as 100RC, is an organization pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation. 100RC is dedicated to helping cities around the world become more resilient to the physical, social and economic challenges that are a growing part of the 21st century. 100RC will provide expert consultant support to develop a Resilience Strategy for Greater Miami and the Beaches. 100RC Cities will have access to \$200 million in solutions through consultant services over the next two-years as well as access to the network of peer cities.

## WHAT IS URBAN RESILIENCE?

Urban resilience is the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses and systems within a city to survive, adapt, and grow no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience.

Resilience planning is about making a city better, in both good times and bad, for the benefit of all its residents and visitors, particularly the poor and vulnerable.



### WHAT ARE SHOCKS AND STRESSES?

The Resilience Strategy will be designed to address Greater Miami and the Beach's key shocks and stresses. Acute shocks are sudden and sharp events that threaten a city. Chronic stresses weaken the fabric of a city on a day-to-day or cyclical basis.



### RESILIENCE PLANNING TIMELINE



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- The Chief Resilience Officer for the City of Miami will be selected.

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