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CITY COMMISSION GROUP IV VACANCY APPLICATION

This application form is required as part of the City Commission Group IV Vacancy application submittal. The completed application MUST accompany your letter of interest, current resume, photograph, and City of Miami Beach oath. You may attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide the required information. See the Notice of Commission Vacancy for additional information.

<u>Baron</u>	<u>Richard</u>	
<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle Initial</u>
<u>2526 Lake Avenue</u>	<u>Miami Beach, FL</u>	<u>33140</u>
<u>Home Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
<u>305 528 2688</u>	<u>rb@richardbaronlaw.com</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>
<u>Cellular Telephone</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	
<u>Baron, Breslin & Sarmiento</u>	<u>Attorney</u>	
<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	
<u>169 E. Flagler Street</u>	<u>Miami, FL</u>	<u>33131</u>
<u>Business Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>
		<u>Zip Code</u>

- Have you been a resident of Miami Beach for a minimum of one year? Yes No
- Are you a registered voter in Miami Beach? Yes No

Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): 109107352

- Are you presently a registered lobbyist with the City of Miami Beach? Yes No
- Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No
- Have you been issued a violation(s) of the City of Miami Beach Code that remains open or pending?
 Yes No

If yes, please explain in detail: _____

- Do you currently owe the City of Miami Beach any money? Yes No

If yes, please explain in detail: _____

- In what organization(s) in Miami Beach do you currently hold membership?

Organization Name

Position

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- List all properties owned or in which you have an ownership interest in Miami Beach:
home located at 2526 Lake Avenue

- How long have you lived in Miami Beach? Since 1995

- Have you served on any City of Miami Beach Board(s) or Committee(s)? Yes No

If yes, which Board(s) or Committee(s)? Board of Adjustment

What were your contributions to the Board(s) or Committee(s)? Been a member of the BOA for three years and I bring 49 years of legal and life experience to the Board.

- Why are you interested in serving on the City Commission? I have lived on Miami Beach since 1995 and love our City. I believe I can contribute to the City by being a City Commissioner because of my life's experience, my 48 years experience as an attorney and my involvement on the Board of Adjustment.

- How does your education and/or experience complement the powers and duties of the City Commission?

As an attorney, I have always practiced my profession with honor and truthfulness, qualities that I believe a City Commissioner must have to do the best job for the citizens of Miami Beach.

- Will you run for a City Commission seat in 2019? Yes No Undecided

I HEREBY ATTEST TO THE ACCURACY AND TRUTHFULNESS OF THIS APPLICATION.

Rafael Granado
Applicant's Signature

1/4/19
Date

NOTE:

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The completed application along with all accompanying materials may be submitted via:

- Email to RafaelGranado@miamibeachfl.gov
- Hand delivery to the Office of the City Clerk, 1700 Convention Center Drive, First Floor
- Postal mail to City of Miami Beach, Office of the City Clerk, Attention: Rafael E. Granado, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139

PUBLIC RECORD:

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, this application and everything attached to it is a public record. The materials you provide will be posted on the Office of the City Clerk's Election webpage and will be available for inspection. If you are an individual listed in Section 119.071, F.S., whose home address is exempt from disclosure, the City Clerk will maintain that confidentiality if you submit a written request.

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CITY OF MIAMI BEACH OATH

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

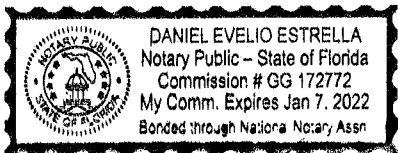
Before me, an officer authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared Richard Baron
_____ to me well known who, being sworn, says that he/she is seeking
appointment to the Office of City Commissioner (Group No. IV) for the City of Miami Beach,
Florida; that he/she is a qualified elector of said City residing within the City at least one year
before applying for this office; that his/her legal residence is:
2526 Lake Avenue,

Miami Beach, Miami-Dade County, Florida; that he/she is qualified under the ordinances
(including Miami Beach City Code Chapter 38 governing "Elections") and Charter of said City to
hold such office.

Richard Baron
Signature of Candidate

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 3rd day of January, 2018,
by Richard Baron.

(NOTARY SEAL)

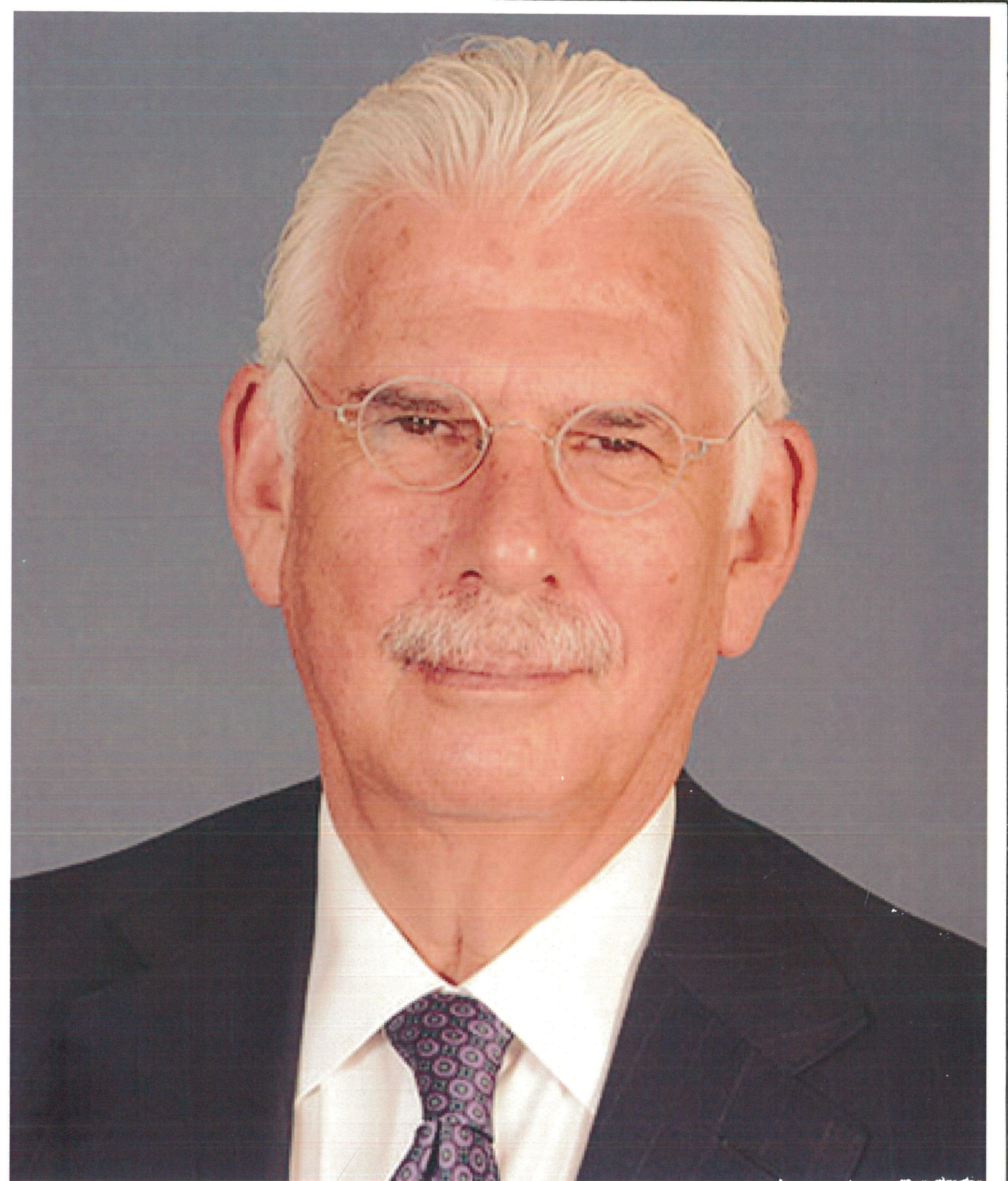


Daniel Estrella
Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

Daniel Estrella
Name of Notary Typed, Printed, or Stamped

Personally Known OR

Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____



BARON, BRESLIN & SARMIENTO

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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Jerry Breslin, Esq.
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January 4, 2019

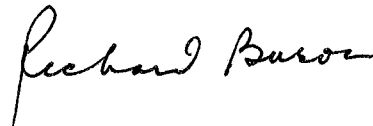
Rafael E. Granado, Esq., City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Dear Mr. Granado,

Please be advised that I am very interested in seeking the appointment as City Commissioner for Group IV caused by the resignation of Kristen Rosen Gonzalez. I believe my life's experience coupled with my 48 years of the active practice of law and my position as a member on the Board of Adjustment will suit me to serve honorably on the Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this letter of interest.

Sincerely,



Richard Baron

RESUME OF RICHARD BARON

Since 1980 Richard Baron has been the managing principal of the Law Firm of Richard Baron & Associates and more recently, Baron, Breslin & Sarmiento. He specializes in Family Law, representing lawyers before the Florida Bar and Applicants applying to the Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

Richard was born on October 27, 1945 in New York, NY. He is married to Nikki Samuels Baron and has three children; Nicole Goldner, Katherine Nullman and Stephen Baron and 6 grandchildren.

Mr. Baron graduated in 1967 from the American University with a B.A. in Government and Public Administration and attained his Juris Doctor degree from the University of New York at Buffalo, School of Law, in 1970. He was admitted New York Bar in 1970 and Florida Bar 1974. His employment history includes being a Trial Attorney with the Department of the Treasury 1970-1974 and the Tax Litigator at Greenberg Traurig 1974-1979. He has had his own law practice since 1979 and currently practices under the name of Baron Breslin & Sarmiento.

Mr. Baron is Active in philanthropy; He has served as a Trustee of Temple Beth Torah 1980-1985; Temple Beth Shalom 2001-2003 and Vice President, and Member of the Board of the Genetic Disease Foundation 1980-1984. He is also a Member of the Board of Our Children Our Future a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which assists inner city youth with psychological issues. He is the founder and president of the Drug Court Angels, Inc., a 501 (c)) (3) organization which raises and disburses funds to families in need while in the Juvenile Justice System. Since 2014, Richard is a member of the Board of Directors of the South Florida Behavioral Health Network, a nonprofit, managing entity that provides comprehensive planning, fiscal management of \$85,000,000 to expand behavioral health prevention and treatment services throughout the communities of South Florida. He is also a member of the Dade County Addiction Services Board.

Richard is the recipient of the Dade County Pro Bono Award, The Dade County Bar Association's Sookie Williams Award for Community Service and numerous other awards. He is active in Green Peace and in 1981-1983 was the Commissioner from Antigua and Barbuda, (then, a newly independent nation in the Caribbean) to the International Whaling Commission and cast the deciding vote that approved the ban on Commercial Whaling. The Ban is still in effect.

Richard understands addiction as he is a recovering addict and alcoholic since he joined Alcoholics Anonymous on October 10, 1985. As part of his commitment to recovery, he co-founded and has been president since 2003 of The Friends of the Drug Court, Inc., a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that raises and contributes in excess of a Hundred Thousand Dollars annually to the support of the Miami-Dade County, Florida Drug Court as well as to education and housing grants to the participants of the Drug Court. As an experienced trial lawyer, Richard represented hundreds of clients with drug and alcohol problems on a *pro bono* basis. He has been appointed numerous times as a Guardian Ad Litem to assist Family Court Judges in difficult cases with alcohol and drug issues, always without compensation.

Richard is a Charter member of Florida Lawyer's Assistant Program and monitor to dozens of lawyers with substance abuse issues in Miami-Dade County, Florida. He is the Facilitator of the Caduceus Group of Recovering Professionals under the auspices of Florida Lawyers Assistant Program and has been so since 1995.

He lives on Miami Beach since 1995 with his wife of almost 40 years.