SOUTH OF FIFTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

APRIL 15, 2021

TO: Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Miami Beach; Raul J. Aguila, Esq., Interim City Manager; and Rafael Paz, Esq., City Attorney.

RE: <u>2021 RESOLUTION NO.1</u> - LOCATION OF STORMWATER PUMP STATION IN SOUTH OF FIFTH NEIGHBORHOOD

WHEREAS, the final selection of the location of the Stormwater Pump Station is an issue of critical importance to the SOFNA Community;

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 City staff presented its analysis of the five (5) options to the newly elected SOFNA Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, SOFNA requested an onsite meeting with staff, which took place on Friday, April 9, 2021, to view alterative locations and to discuss the placement location of the Pump underground and the Control Panel and Control Station locations including an optional backup generator;

WHEREAS, the SOFNA Board ultimately requested that staff perform one (1) additional analysis of a site generally described to be at the northeast corner of the intersection of Washington Avenue and 2^{nd} (a/k/a "Option 6");

WHEREAS, the community has made strong, vocal and continuous objections to a Stormwater Pump Installation in South Pointe Park, the "Jewel" of South Beach as well as objections to placement in the Triangle at 1st Street and Alton Rd. SOFNA does not support an installation of the Storm Water Pump Station in South Pointe Park or its parking lot nor the Triangle at 1st and Alton Road.

WHEREAS, SOFNA is aware that the selection of the South Pointe Park location ("Option 1") will lead to legal challenges from multiple Condominium Associations South of Fifth; such challenges would prohibit the project from moving forward in a timely fashion. As a pump station is vital to address the flooding, we support an alternative location that would allow the project to commence immediately. There are now at least two viable locations recently presented to Public Works by both SOFNA and other stakeholders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT IS DULY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS FOLLOWS:

1. SOFNA requests the Mayor and Commissioners do not vote on a final placement of the Stormwater Pump Station until the May Commissioners meeting.

- 2. SOFNA requests that the alternative locations recently under review at 1st & 2nd Streets and Washington Ave (Options 5 and 6) be presented by the City to our membership for consideration before a decision on the Stormwater pump station is made. Specifically, we ask that the Commission task Public Works to present the preferred SOFNA 2nd Street/Washington location along with those at 1st and Washington Avenue to our community in early May during a SOFNA Zoom meeting for the purpose of obtaining community feedback of the new alternative locations.
- 3. SOFNA requests the City take into account additional material factors to the location of Storm Water Pump placements than merely engineering analysis. The analysis must also include critical factors such as community feedback and concurrence (as evidenced by the latest city decision on the West Ave. Pump Station Location near Lincoln Rd).
- 4. Although more costly, SOFNA is highly optimistic about the location at 2nd and Washington as we believe it will provide the least negative community impact to residents and has the fewest lost parking spaces of all options. We do believe the 1st and Washington Avenue options are also viable and should be presented to our residents.
- 5. SOFNA commits to providing the City in writing our final stormwater pump location recommendation before the Commissioners' scheduled meeting in May.

On **April 15, 2021**, SOFNA held a duly noticed Meeting wherein this Resolution was proposed and adopted by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors.

We certify that the above Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of **SOUTH OF FIFTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**, **INC**., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, at said meeting wherein a quorum of the Board was present.

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