

**Miami Beach United  
Flooding / Sea Rise Planning Resolution  
August 3, 2017**

Whereas, Miami Beach United supports efforts to ensure against flooding and the effects of sea rise, and

Whereas, the current pace and method of trying to protect the City against the threat of sea rise has caused the disruption of life for Miami Beach residents, tourists and businesses, and

Whereas, Miami Beach has completed work on the city's most vulnerable streets, and the City is planning to extend the timeline of its previous flood protection plan by approximately 3 years, and

Whereas, the City is in the midst of investing hundreds of millions of residents' and tourists tax dollars, and new technologies and techniques are evolving quickly and may allow for more effective solutions in the future than those that were planned several years ago, and

Whereas, neighborhoods are subject in different ways to risk from sea-level rise, with specific local challenges that merit consideration of specific solutions rather than a uniform, one-size-fits-all approach;

THEREFORE, Miami Beach United urges the City to improve planning and implementation for future storm water/flooding projects, including both public works and related legislation, by taking the following steps:

1. Determine the urgency of public works necessary in each neighborhood and prioritize City actions and time lines in conjunction with neighborhood input.
2. Engage and work together with affected neighborhood associations to address specific local needs and conditions, and fully respond to those questions or concerns before finalizing public works plans. Attention should be given to the implications of raised streets, sidewalks, or alleys upon private property owners.
3. The same transparent, community-inclusive approach process should be followed before enacting changes in zoning, redevelopment incentives, or other guidelines for new private development based on long-term sea-level rise.
4. Special attention should be given to guidelines that protect and enhance historic buildings and neighborhoods, developed with formal community input at the Historic Preservation Board, specific to each affected historic district.

5. Provide full disclosure of a plan's impact upon the removal of parking or landscaping in residential neighborhoods, as parking is limited and landscaping is a key element to protect urban spaces from flooding.
6. Add emergency generators to flood pumps to reduce flooding when power outages occur.
7. Research new solutions and technology for water retention and protection against flooding, and provide independent review from unbiased experts to assess learnings to-date and future plans.
8. Use every effort to abate traffic congestion while roads are being raised.

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