

# MIAMI BEACH

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## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: April 20, 2018

SUBJECT: Urban Land Institute Presentation

I am pleased with the positive, innovative, and comprehensive presentation from the Urban Land Institute's expert panel yesterday. It was well-received by my team and the Greater Miami and the Beaches team. The 100 Resilient Cities initiative, pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation, fully funded this effort for Miami Beach.

We are looking forward to further reviewing the recommendations and enhancements as we develop both the Greater Miami and the Beaches Resiliency Strategy and the Miami Beach Rising Above Resilience Strategy. The full detailed Urban Land Institute report is anticipated by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. As discussed at the last Sustainability and Resiliency Committee on April 18<sup>th</sup>, the recommendations will be holistically examined through the Committee. The presentation and video can be accessed at: [www.mbrisingabove.com/ULI](http://www.mbrisingabove.com/ULI)

I'd like to thank the staff and the community for their time, insight, and dedication. I specifically acknowledge the preparation by Susanne Torriente, Assistant City Manager & Chief Resilience Officer, Amy Knowles, Deputy Resilience Officer, and Kayla Martinez, Office Associate V. They made sure this was a seamless and productive week for the ULI panel. In addition, Eric Carpenter, Assistant City Manager, Roy Coley, Public Works Director, Maria Hernandez, Convention Center Project Director, David Martinez, Capital Improvement Director, Thomas Mooney, Planning and Zoning Director, and Elizabeth Wheaton, Environment and Sustainability Director shared their expertise and commitment to Miami Beach through presentations and a guided tour. The community came to share their perspectives at the public meeting and many interviews.

I am proud of the resilience team, our city, and I look forward to the next steps of Miami Beach Rising Above.

JLM/SMT/ALK