

WIEDER, David

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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.

Wieder	David	S.
_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ Middle Initial
1390 Bay Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33141		
Home Address	City	State
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Cellular Telephone	Email Address	
David S. Wieder, P.A.	Attorney at Law	
Business Name	Occupation	
300 71st Street, Suite 545, Miami Beach, FL 33141		
Business Address	City	State
		Zip Code

- 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): 108994436

- 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?

Currently on the Planning Board

Organization Name

Position

Organization Name

Position

- List all properties owned or in which you have an ownership interest in Miami Beach:

My home at the above listed address

- How long have you lived in Miami Beach? 1948-1964 1971-to date

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

If yes, which Board(s) or Committee(s)? Historic Preservation 6 years; chairman 1 year; Planning Board one year

What were your contributions to the Board(s) or Committee(s)? Supervised countless projects on HPB; Participated in decisions on planning for approval or disapproval of projects; willing to serve the city which has given so much to me and to my family.

- Why are you interested in serving on the City Commission? I can make a positive contribution to the commission; utilizing my experience and knowledge of the Miami Beach. I am a collegial person and can work with the other members of the commission to move the city forward, using my knowledge, temperament and analytical skills.

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

I have practiced law in this community since 1971. Miami Beach is in my DNA. At the same time, I have lived in other world class cities and understand the difficulties of urban life as well as what needs to be done here. I ran for mayor in '16 against the current mayor's predecessor and many people voted for me (38-40%) despite being underfunded against a publicity blitz.

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

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



Applicant's Signature

12/31/18

Date

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

- E-mail to [elections@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:elections@miamibeachfl.gov)
- In person 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 DAVID WEPER  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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:

1390 BAY DRIVE MIAMI BEACH, FL 33141  
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.

[Signature]  
Signature of Candidate

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 2 day of JANUARY, 2018,  
by \_\_\_\_\_.

(NOTARY SEAL)



[Signature]  
Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

MAIRA L. TREJO  
Name of Notary Typed, Printed, or Stamped

Personally Known ☒ OR

Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_



DAVID S. WIEDER, P.A.  
Attorney at Law

December 31, 2018

City Commission  
City of Miami Beach  
1700 Convention Center Drive  
Miami Beach, FL 33141

BY FAX TO CITY CLERK  
305.673.7254

Dear Commissioners:

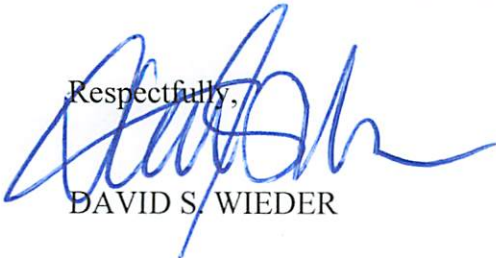
This is a letter of intent, applying for appointment the vacant seat on the City Commission created by the resigning Kristen Rosen Gonzalez.

Attached is my application and resume.

As you know I have served the city on two important boards and believe that I have the experience and abilities to fill the vacant seat until the next scheduled election with the experience, collegiality and humility necessary to efficiently participate in the important decisions to be made by the commission

I have always enjoyed serving this city and think that I can make a difference.

Respectfully,



DAVID S. WIEDER

## About Attorney David S. Wieder

### A MIAMI BASED AND AV RATED BY MARTINDALE-HUBBELL ATTORNEY

Born in New York City, David Wieder started first grade in Miami Beach at North Beach Elementary, went to Nautilus Junior High and graduated from Miami Beach Senior High, making him a true native Floridian. Raised as a child of Miami pioneer hotel business parents, he traveled between upstate New York and Miami twice a year, following his winter-in-Miami and summer-in-New York parents. He loves Miami and its way of life, as well as the cultural diversity that has enveloped the city. "Miami is a very different place than when I grew up. It has changed to a world class city," he says. Not only that, it is a destination for the world.

After graduating from the University of Miami, he traveled "up east" to graduate from New England Law in Boston, Massachusetts. After finishing law school, Wieder lived in Paris for a while with his French-born wife, Catherine, learning to speak French. "A wonderful experience," he says, but then, deciding to live in New York City again, he got his first job in Manhattan, joining the legal staff of Hartford Insurance and gaining valuable court work experience and learning how to function as a trial lawyer. He worked a few blocks from the twin towers of the World Trade Center, watching them go up. Recently, he visited the 9/11 memorial and was taken by the immensity and scope of the museum. It is a place we all should visit as Americans to appreciate all those who gave their lives and were the victims of terrorism.

Just after his daughter's birth, the "sand in his shoes" itched mightily and he decided to move back to Florida and hang out a shingle as a sole practitioner. For over 40 years he has been successfully handling and trying personal injury and commercial cases, resulting in millions of dollars in settlements and million dollar verdicts for victims of injuries, medical negligence, and other civil torts. Wieder is a member of the New York and Florida Bars, the United States District Court trial bar, the American Bar Association, The American Association for Justice, the Dade County Bar Association, the Florida Justice Association, the Dade County Trial Lawyers Association, and the National Association of Personal Injury Lawyers. [www.napil.com](http://www.napil.com). Wieder enjoys explaining the facts to juries and judges, helping people and solving problems, using his extensive knowledge of people and their needs.

Wieder has served on several Florida Bar committees, including an Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, the function of which is to guard the public from unscrupulous people who claim to be lawyers but are not. He has also served on and chaired a Florida Bar Grievance Committee, which deliberated on whether to discipline and seek to disbar attorneys who have violated their public and professional trust. He holds two certificates of meritorious public service from the Florida Bar and one from the Dade County Bar Association. Mr. Wieder also served as chairman of the City of Miami Beach debarment (nothing to do with lawyers) committee, a quasi-judicial committee

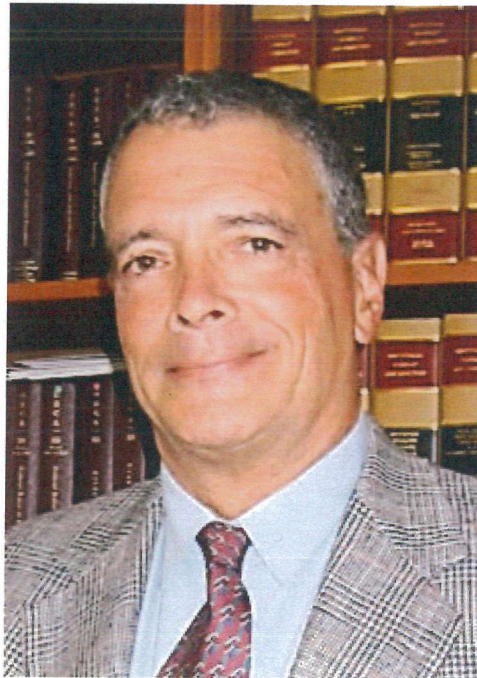


that determines whether contractors can continue to be eligible to bid on city projects, based on past improper conduct or criminality. The board meets on the initiative of the city attorney. Wieder was appointed to the board by a city commissioner. Wieder also chaired the Dade County Bar Association Mediation Committee and served on the Civil Litigation Committee as well. Wieder is "of counsel" to the prestigious Miami litigation boutique of Hermelelaw, which has a long and distinguished client list. He represented Lufthansa German Airlines for 17 years doing aviation cases, and has experience in commercial litigation and all phases of civil trial practice, including cases against stockbrokers who have taken advantage of their customers. Wieder also served as treasurer the American Jewish Committee, a human relations organization, that betters human understanding among diverse groups of people and which has monitored the continuing crisis in the middle east. He chaired the Historic Preservation board of the City of Miami Beach, dedicated to preventing the destruction of cherished historical buildings and the historic districts of the city. He was appointed by the full Miami Beach City Commission and reappointed twice thereafter, and is considered a valuable member of the board by all those with whom he serves, respected by developers and preservationists as well. After six years of service he was "termed out," and now has served his city on two boards for twelve years. He recently ran a valiant campaign for Mayor of the City of Miami Beach, fighting vested interests and influence peddlers and an administration that had been tainted by scandal. However, he was outspent by a multimillionaire mayor who financed his own campaign. Being outspent 40 to 1, (\$39,000 to \$1,600,000) Wieder still garnered almost 40% of the vote. He is respected as a community leader, and cited in numerous articles about his efforts against big money interests. Now he serves on the City of Miami Beach Planning Board. "I like to give back to the community that has been so good to me."

Wieder is AV rated (preeminent) by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating obtainable by an attorney, since it is obtained only through the recognition of peers and judges. "It is a particularly fine honor to be rated so well by my colleagues," he says. "I enjoy living up to people's trust. I genuinely like to help people and make a difference in their lives."

Wieder has two grown children: a son who is a television executive in Los Angeles, who has a son himself, and a daughter, a lawyer, who has given him three grandsons, none of whom, Wieder asserts, will be the next Roger Federer, since "athletic genes in the family are somewhat sparse."

Eligible to Practice Law in Florida



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153129

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**vCard:**





**County:**

Miami-Dade

**Circuit:**

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**Admitted:**

11/10/1972

**10-Year Discipline History:**

None

**Law School:**

New England School of Law

**Practice Areas:**

Civil Trial

Medical Malpractice

Real Estate

Securities

Trial

**Languages:**

English

French

Spanish

**Federal Courts:**

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida



**State Courts:**

Florida

New York

**Firm:**

David S. Wieder, P.A.

**Firm Website:**

<http://www.wiederlaw.com>

**Services:**

ADA Accessible Client Services

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