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Dear fellow Miami Beach residents,

As you may know, one week ago I was served with a lawsuit, and today, due to technicalities, specifically my voting in the Town of Bay Harbor Islands and my billing address appearing on my old Driver's License, rather than my primary physical address, I was officially disqualified to run for Miami Beach Commissioner. It broke my heart.

Nothing gives me more meaning than fighting for our beautiful City and the well-being of my fellow residents. I respect the Judge's decision and appreciate his time and service on the court. I strongly believe in our legal system, and I was unaware that my voting or my billing address would result in disqualification.

Today was humbling, but this tremendously pales in comparison to how humbling it was to know that so many people believe in me and support me. This further confirms that, we, the residents, have the strongest voice, and, most importantly, we listen to one another.

My time will continue being spent for the betterment and well-being of Miami Beach. My commitment remains resolute; and with this spirit in mind, my next campaign, is one that we will win, together.

I hope through my hard work, to continue to inspire a higher level of integrity in local politics. I will fully support our law enforcement agencies – our heroes; I hope I have made clear that shining a light on our educational programs and our dedicated teachers will become a top priority; I hope my idea to implement a scaled income housing program for our Miami Beach workforce will become a plan in action.

What I walk away with today, in addition to my appreciation for all those who supported me, is an appreciation for the press - who have kept the news accurate and objective, and an appreciation for my opponent, Mark Samuelian and his team, for devising this lawsuit. Their time and investment to stop me simply confirms that I am a true threat to the established and inefficient status quo. And, in difficult moments such as these, it is not only comforting but a flattering validation.

Finally, to our elected officials, everyone running for office, and future candidates: I want my message to be clear: there are people with my determination and dedication to Miami Beach keeping watch.

To all of those who believed in me, thank you - and to the citizens of Miami Beach – here is another loud message: I'm not going anywhere.

Here's to 2023.

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