



It's a privilege to seek your support to be elected to the group 1 commission seat to benefit the City of Miami Beach. As a longtime resident, business owner, and concerned president of my local homeowners' association Board, I am not beholden to any special interest or political party; rather, my application is made on behalf of the greater good of this community, I am a dedicated proponent of sound, common-sense government policy that enhances our shared quality of life, property values, schools, and economic development engines.

I was born the son of an Air Force captain during the Vietnam War, whose own father was a navigator during the Korean War, and therefore public service is a core value defining our family. My preparatory schooling was in Charlotte, North Carolina, after which I graduated from the University of Utah with a major in Political Science and minor in Japanese. During college, I was a scholarship recipient officer in the Sigma Chi Fraternity and worked as a ski instructor in Park City, Utah. This affirmed my strong belief in the importance of personal involvement and putting the well-being of someone else before yours.

My post-collegiate career as regional sales manager for a solenoid valve manufacturing company has taught me how close collaboration and communication with executives, engineers, and purchasing managers leads to success. My work required extensive traveling, almost exclusively by auto, which exposed me to thousands of infrastructure projects, revealing those that are well-planned and cost-effective, and those that are not. This experience would be an asset to any aspiring commissioner. Further, my ownership of a sales contracting firm grants me flexibility to ensure 100% meeting attendance, consistent and genuine interaction with constituents, and taking a hands-on role in community service initiatives.

Living here on the beach is truly inspiring. Golf, running, and biking are among my favorite activities. I am blessed with a golden retriever therapy dog, who has joined me in volunteering for memory-impaired people at Easter Seals Adult Day Care in Miami—one of my most rewarding endeavors. There is no feeling comparable to the warmth you receive from giving of yourself to benefit others!

I truly love this city, its people, and will always be an advocate for their welfare. I am a hard worker and not afraid to delve deeply into the issues that require complex solutions. Leading by example is, in my



opinion, an admirable goal. I also have a deep sense of personal responsibility and can assure you that, should I be elected the commission and city will be well-served by my tenure.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Blake Young

