



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 17, 2025

Via Email

The Honorable Eric Carpenter
City Manager
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Subject: South Beach Holiday Fireworks

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

As think you know, we have been advised that all South Beach holiday fireworks activity must emanate from “offshore barges” rather than the “on beach” historical approach. We understand this is based on a very commendable effort to preserve appropriate conditions for Sea Turtle activity on the beach. Noting also that the Ocean Drive Association, and the businesses we represent, have partnered with the city for many years to manage and fund the fireworks activations on both July 4th and New Year’s Eve.

We are writing now to advise you that the cost of such activations, particularly now with the profound additional cost of securing offshore barges (to the extent they are available at all), makes our continued financial support of these activities that benefit of the entire Miami Beach community beyond our capacity to fund.

We would be delighted to have ODA leadership to continue to manage the program if the city chooses to fund the full cost of the two principal holiday fireworks activations

Respectfully,

The Board of Directors

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