

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk  
DATE: July 18, 2024  
SUBJECT: City Commission – At-Large Nominations for July 24, 2024 – Release # 1

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Below please find the City Commission At-Large Nominations received to date for the July 24, 2024 Commission Meeting.

### BOARD AND COMMITTEES:

#### AD HOC CITY LIGHTING PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mid Beach Resident.  
(Category (a)(ii))  
*(One Vacant Seat is Available.)*

- **Jill Swartz**  
Nominated for **appointment** (Mid Beach Resident Category) by Mayor Meiner.  
(Release # 1, Page 3)

#### COMMITTEE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION IN MIAMI BEACH

City Commission Liaison Category.  
*(One Vacant Seat Is Available.)*

- **Commissioner Alex Fernandez**  
Commissioner Fernandez has requested to be appointed as one of the two City Commission Liaisons who shall report to the City Commission actions of the Committee for Quality Education.  
(Release # 1, Page 1)

#### NORTH BEACH CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Resides, For A Minimum Of Five Years, Within The Geographic Boundaries Of The NBCRA, Or A  
300-foot Radius Thereof  
(Category 1b)  
*(Two Vacant Seats Are Available.)*

- **Omar Jimenez Pacheonaya**  
Nominated for **appointment** (CRA Resident/300-foot radius) by Commissioners Bhatt and Fernandez.  
(Release # 1, Page 13)

**Note:** The approval of this nomination is contingent upon the enactment of the proposed Ordinance permitting the waiver of the geographic area residence requirement under specific conditions. This Ordinance is set for First Reading on July 24, 2024 (Item R5 AG), and if passed during First Reading, it will proceed to a Second Reading and Public Hearing on September 11, 2024.

**TRANSPORTATION, PARKING, AND BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

A South Beach Business Owner or South Beach Business Association.  
(Category 3)  
(One Vacant Seat is Available.)

- **Josh Squire**  
Nominated for **appointment** (South Beach Business Owner/Business Association) by Mayor Meiner.  
(Release # 1, Page 2)  
*Application Pending*

Issued on July 18, 2024

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- **Jill Swartz**

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**AFFILIATION WITH THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**

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- I am resident of: Middle Beach
- Or
- b. Demonstrate an ownership interest in a business established in the City for a minimum of six (6) months: Yes
- "Ownership Interest" shall mean the ownership of ten percent (10%) or more (including the ownership of 10% or more of the outstanding capital stock) in a business.*
- "Business" shall mean any sole proprietorship, sponsorship, corporation, limited liability company, or other entity or business association.*
- Or
- c. Full-time employee of such a business (for a minimum of six months); and I am based in an office or other location of the business that is physically located in Miami Beach (for a minimum of six months): No
- Notwithstanding the requirements set forth herein, the qualified full-time employee of a business must be approved by a 4/7th vote of the Mayor and City Commission.*

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- I am applying for an appointment because I have special abilities, knowledge and experience. Please list below:

- Are you presently a registered lobbyist with the City of Miami Beach? No
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- Do you currently owe the City of Miami Beach any money: No If yes, please explain in detail:  
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- Are you currently serving on any City Boards or Committees: No If yes, which board?  
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- In what organization(s) in the City of Miami Beach do you currently hold membership in?

No Organization Information Submitted.

- List the address of all properties owned or in which you have an interest within the City of Miami Beach:

Property

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- Are you now employed by the City of Miami Beach: No If so, which department and title?

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● **Pursuant to City Code Section 2-25 (b):**

Do you have a parent, spouse, child, brother, or sister who is employed by the City of Miami Beach?

No

If "Yes", identify person(s) and department(s):

No relative's information submitted.

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- Requirement to disclose certain financial interests and gifts (Miami-Dade County Code section 2-11.1).
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- Voting conflict - Form 8B is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected Board, Council, Commission, Authority, or Committee. It applies equality to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143. Florida Statutes.
- Commencing with terms beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and as a condition of applying for appointment to a City agency, board, or committee, each applicant must voluntarily agree that in the event the applicant files with the City Clerk a Statement of Candidate formally announcing candidacy for City elective office, such filing with the City Clerk shall be deemed a tender of resignation from the City agency, board or committee, and the member's automatic resignation shall thereby immediately create a vacancy in the agency, board, or committee.

**BOARD & COMMITTEE FINANCIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

**Acknowledgement of fines/suspension for Board/Committee Members for failure to comply with Miami-Dade County Financial Disclosure Code Section 2-11.1(i)(2)**

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**One** of the following forms **must be filled** with the City Clerk of Miami Beach, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida, no later than 12:00 noon of **July 1, of each year**:

1. A "Source of Income Statement;" or
2. A "Statement of Financial Interests (Form 1)<sup>1</sup>;" or
3. A Copy of your latest Federal Income Tax Return.

Failure to file one of these forms, pursuant to the Miami-Dade County Code, may subject the person to a fine of no more than \$500, 60 days in jail, or both.

<sup>1</sup> Members of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment will be notified directly by the State of Florida, pursuant to F.S. §112.3145(1)(a), to file a Statement of Financial Interests (Form 1) with the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections by 12:00 noon, July 1. Planning Board and Board of Adjustment members who file their Form 1 with the County Supervisor of Elections automatically satisfy the County's financial disclosure requirement as a Miami Beach City Board/Committee member and need not file an additional form with the Office of the City Clerk. However, compliance with the County disclosure requirement does not satisfy the State requirement.

**DIVERSITY STATISTICS REPORT**

The following information is voluntary and has no bearing on your consideration for appointment. It is being asked to comply with City diversity reporting requirements.

**Gender:** Female

Race/Ethnic Categories  
**What is your race?** White

Are you Spanish/Hispanic/ Latino? Mark the "No" box if not Spanish / Hispanic / Latino. No

Other Description: No details provided

Physically Challenged: No

**Board and Committee Application Checklist:** Please ensure you have provided all information before applying or reapplying to any Board and Committee.

- YES** I have answered all questions fully.
- YES** I have uploaded a current resume, photograph, and a copy of any applicable professional license.
- YES** I have completed and attached the Board & Committee Financial Acknowledgment Statement.
- YES** I have completed and attached the Diversity Statistics Report.
- YES** I voluntarily agree to the resignation from the City agency, board, or committee, if I file a Statement of Candidate for a City Elective Office **(1)**.

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- 1) Use your office or other address for your mailing address;
- 2) Use your office or other telephone number for your contact number; and
- 3) Do not attach a photograph.

**I HEREBY ATTEST TO THE ACCURACY AND TRUTHFULNESS OF THE APPLICATION; AND I HAVE RECEIVED, READ AND WILL ABIDE BY CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII, OF THE MIAMI BEACH CITY CODE, ENTITLED "STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR CITY OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENCY MEMBERS AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE COUNTY AND/OR STATE LAWS AND STATUTES ACCORDINGLY.**

I Jill Swartz agreed to the following terms on 7/11/2024 1:12:44 PM

Received in the City Clerk's Office by:

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Name of Deputy Clerk	Control No.	Date
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# Jill Tavlin Swartz

Miami, Florida

305-915-7654

jillyswartz@gmail.com

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: National Council of Jewish Woman, Inc.

2023 – Present	NCJW, Inc. National Board Member and National State Policy Advocate Co-Chair
2014 - 2017	NCJW, Inc. Bylaws Committee Advisor and 2015 NCJW's Leaders' Retreat Co-Chair
2011 - 2014	NCJW, Inc. National Board Member and NCJW, Inc. Bylaws Committee Chair
2013	NCJW Greater Miami Section, Woman of Valor Award
2012	Co-Chair NCJW's South Florida Coalition: Campaign to Vote No on 6 & 8
2007 - 2013	NCJW's Florida State Policy Advocate Chair
2008 - 2011	NCJW, Inc. Bylaws Committee Member
2005 - 2007	NCJW Greater Miami Section President

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2022 – Present	University of Miami School of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors
2018 - 2021	Miami Beach Senior High School Student Needs Committee Chair
2014 - 2016	Miami Beach Senior High School PTSA <b>President</b>
2012 - 2018	City of Miami Beach Quality Education Committee and 2013-2014 Quality Education Committee Chair

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

2020 - Present	<b>United States Citizenship &amp; Immigration Services Associate Counsel</b> , Southeastern Law Division serving as local counsel to the USCIS Miami Field Office and providing litigation support to the U.S. Attorneys Office. Acting Priorities Advisor for Chief Counsel and detail to Transformation Law Division implementing strategic goals aimed at programmatic health and management. Collateral duties include Academy instructor, mediator, career coach, meeting facilitator, and mentor. Received both USCIS Director Award and ICE Director Award in 2024 for implementation of cross agency initiative to increase efficiency.
2016 - 2020	<b>Immigration &amp; Customs Enforcement, Office of Principal Legal Advisor</b> , Chief of Strategic Management Division. Responsible for drafting and implementing five-year plan, creator of the ICE OPLA New Attorney Training program, and developer of ICE Leadership Development Model. Collateral duties included ethics fact finder, substantive law trainer, and mentor. Received DHS General Counsel Award for Training 2015, 2016 and Principal Legal Advisor Awards in 2016, 2018, and 2019 for training initiatives.
2009 - 2016	<b>Immigration &amp; Customs Enforcement, Office of Principal Legal Advisor</b> , Deputy Chief Miami Office serving as first-line supervisor, office appeals coordinator, nationwide PLANet case management developer. In 2014 received both PLA Award for PLANet development and ICE Director Award for Meritorious Service.

## CERTIFICATIONS & EDUCATION

In Progress	ICF Master Coach Certification, Center for Coaching Certification
2023	ICF Professional Coach Certification, Center for Coaching Certification
2022	Certificate in Strategic Planning, Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies
1993	Admitted to Florida Bar
1993	University of Miami School of Law, J.D. <i>cum laude</i>
1990	University of Texas at Austin, B.A. Economics

## PERSONAL

Mother of two adult sons, spouse of a supportive husband, sister, daughter, and very cool Aunt. When I am not working professionally or on behalf of my community, I enjoy photography, fiber arts, and craft cocktails, preferably at the beach.



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- **Omar Jimenez Pacheonaya**



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Home Address		Middle Initial	
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Cellular		Home	
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7863760651		parkviewisland@gmail.com	
Work		Email Address	
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Bella Cuba Restaurant		Operations	
Business Name:		Occupation:	
_____		_____	
1659 Washington Avenue		Miami Beach	
Business Address		City	
_____		_____	
_____		Florida	
_____		State	
_____		33139	
_____		Zip Code	

Please list your preferences in order of ranking [1] first choice [2] second choice, and [3] third choice. **Please note that only three (3) choices will be observed by the City Clerk's Office.** (Regular Boards of City)

**Choice 1:** North Beach CRA Advisory Committee

**Choice 2:**

**Choice 3:**

### Professional License

No Professional Licenses Submitted.

**Note:** If you are seeking appointment to a professional seat (e.g. attorney, architect, etc.), you must attach a copy of your currently effective corresponding professional license.

★ **Note:** If applying for the At-Large position of the Historic Preservation Board, please answer the below questions:

- Have you ever resided in one of the City's Historic Districts for at least one year? No

No Address in City Historic District submitted.

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I have lived in South Beach, and operate a Family operated Cuban restaurant with my family at 1659 Washington Avenue, since 2005. In 2022, our business was named Miami Beach Hispanic Heritage Restaurant of the Year. Since purchasing a waterfront Townhome in Park View Island in 2016, I founded the Park View Island Sustainable Association in 2020, and have been an active stakeholder in the community advocating for important quality of life improvements in the North Beach community.

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Name	Position
Park View Island Sustainable Association	President

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Property
Miami Beach, FL 33141

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I Omar Jimenez Pecheonaya agreed to the following terms on 6/27/2024 6:51:57 PM

Received in the City Clerk's Office by:

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Name of Deputy Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Control No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## OMAR JIMENEZ

Miami Beach, Florida, 33141  
(786) 375 0651 / parkviewisland@gmail.com

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### **Citizenship - United States**

To obtain a position on the North Beach CRA Advisory Board, where I can serve my community and utilize my experience and passion for urban development to contribute to the growth and revitalization of North Beach.

Experience in Miami Beach Business Operations with 20+ years combined experience in Hospitality Operations and Institutional / Non-Profit Administration.

### **EDUCATION:**

Scoil Pobail Chúil Mhín - Dublin, Ireland - 2005

Institute of Technology, Dublin, Ireland - BA Hospitality and Tourism Management - 2009

### **EXPERIENCE:**

#### **Green Coastal Development LLC - 2023 - present**

- Environmental Sustainability, advocacy and community outreach, through educational and volunteer programs and coastal urban development solutions, to serve the demands of growing coastal populations.

#### **Bella Cuba Restaurant - Family operation since 2005 - Miami Beach**

- Winner Miami New Times's Best Cuban Sandwich in Miami 2023
- 2022 Miami Beach Hispanic Business of the Year - Hispanic Heritage Month
- 1st Place - Best Cuban Sandwich in Miami - 2019 FORD International Cuban Sandwich Festival

#### **Full Time Parish Administrator, All Souls Episcopal Church - Miami Beach**

- A varied role, as full time administrator to the Church and Church Committees
- Church Liaison to the Montessori school located on site.
- Day to Day Administration included Communications, Events Coordination, Maintenance & Repairs, Financial, Employment Matters.
- Launched a weekly Sunday Luncheon, serving a full, fresh cooked meal, by volunteers, from scratch every Sunday after morning service, serving approximately 70-100 people each Sunday.
- Launched a partnership with Food Rescue South Florida, to start a weekly food distribution open to all in the community, where donated groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables were rescued from Trader Joes and Whole Foods every week through the partners at Food Rescue and delivered to the church, where approximately 100 community members were served each Sunday.

### **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**

2020 - Present - **Founding President, Park View Island Sustainable Association, Miami Beach.**

- Focused on advocacy for improvement of quality of life through sustainability and positive environmental action.
- Organizing community meetings and volunteer groups, liaising with local authorities, nonprofits and other neighborhood associations.
- Analyzing Local, County and State Policy - Sunshine Law
- Maintaining a growing database of active resident members, volunteer recruitment and management,
- Distribution of updates through monthly newsletters
- Picked up just over 20K pounds of trash from our community, and awarded over 1000 community service hours to local students since 2020, through our community advocacy, outreach and regular community and beach cleanups throughout the year.
- Hosted the annual Miami-Dade International Coastal Cleanup Day - North Beach Clean Up 2022-23.

- Hosting the 2024 Miami Dade / North Beach – International Coastal Cleanup Day in September.
- Presenter 2024 Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit – “Grassroots Advocacy: How a Neighborhood Association is Spearheading a More Sustainable Future For it’s Community”.

**SKILLS:**

- English, Spanish, Russian
- Community Engagement and Outreach
- Sunshine Law
- Experience following City Agendas, communicating with City Commissioners and Departments
- Knowledge of Legislative Process / Non-Profit / Institutional Organizations
- Excellent Written and Verbal Communication
- Proficiency in MS Office Suite, Google Workspace, Microsoft Teams, Constant Contact, and Photoshop.

