



OATH OF WITHDRAWAL

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I, Renita Ross Samuels-Dixon, have filed as a candidate for the office of
District 2 City Commissioner.

I wish to withdraw my name as a candidate for this office and I will not accept the office for which I filed campaign documents.

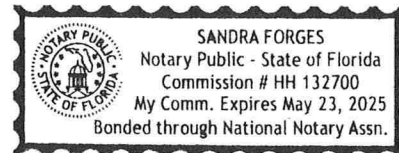
Renita Ross Samuels-Dixon
Signature of Candidate

3506 Solana Road
Address

Miami City FL State 33133 ZIP

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of January, 2023
 by physical presence or online presence.

[Signature]
Signature of Officer Administering the Oath or Notary Public



Sandra Forges
Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known Produced Identification FL Driver License

Candidate Withdrawal Policy

No qualifying fee shall be returned to the candidate unless the candidate withdraws his or her candidacy before the end of their qualifying period. (Reference: Florida Statutes 99.092)

CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL

I was one of approximately 18 candidates who abided by Section 4(c) of the City of Miami Charter, by submitting a qualified application for Appointment to the Interim Non-Partisan District 2 Commission Seat, vacated on December 29, 2022 by the District 2 commissioner, whose elected term ends November 2023 as prescribed in Section 12(a)(1);

The public and I observed our four sitting commissioners as they failed to fulfill City Charter Section 12(a) by not appointing a qualified applicant as stated in Section 4(c); during the Vacated Commissioner "Special City Commission Meeting" held on Saturday, January 7, 2023 – which was slated to begin at 11 a.m., but without credible explanation, We, the civic-minded public patiently and then impatiently remained steadfast as the meeting began well after 12 noon.

The agenda simply stated, "Invocation and Pledge" and "Discussion Item". Without advance notice, the Commissioners provided 3 minutes for each "Potential" Appointee/Applicant to speak and allowed Public Comments from those in Chamber; but, the commissioners, failed to acknowledge or even ask our City Clerk if there were any Virtual Public Comments, from concerned residents, which could be read into the Special Meeting minutes. Why?

The commissioners obviously did not stress the importance of no lobbying for applicants during the Special Meeting; nor did they [the commissioners] seek guidance on establishing additional criteria, beyond Section 12(a); for example, they failed in duty by not consulting then giving a directive to the City's Department of Human Resources professional(s) to provide additional selection criteria from which they [the commissioners] could use in deciding who to appoint. Criteria such as: years of neighborhood and City volunteer participation & type of service. Without additional criteria, citizens spent a day listening to unproductive bantering about what happened when previous special district commissioner appointments were required and the outcomes. Then commissioner inconclusive ballot count selections lead to The Special Meeting ending late, in the evening, with the only decision made, that day, to reconvene on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 2 p.m. during the official 39th Annual King Mango Strut (held down the street from City Hall). Sunday's meeting provided the last opportunity for our commissioners to fulfill their duty under Section 12(a); instead their decision was to activate Section 12(b) by the 5 p.m. deadline.

Citizens witnessed No resolve to complete the appointment within the Charter's time frame. No effort to save taxpayer dollars and time even entered the discussion. Where was Commissioner accountability?

2022-23 Funding distributions, Planning & Zoning, Services, and Environmental Sustainability issues are in the forefront for District 2 residents; as well as, the 2023-24 Budget planning period. Now, District 2 residents are drawn into a special election with 15 candidates, costing over \$300,000 for less than 10 months of commission service before the required odd-year general municipal election in November 2023. We will be without a commissioner on the dais until March 2023, when we could have had a commissioner appointed on January 7, 2023.

Renita Cliffonia Ross Samuels-Dixon, I am the Granddaughter of Florida Coconut Grove Pioneers Melvin R. Jackson (the first African-American Florida State Employment Service Manager in Miami from 1936 to 1970) and Mrs. Hattie A.E. Hughey Jackson (a community advocate in her own right). My uncle, First Lt. Melvin R. Jackson was killed in action and is buried in the Miami City Cemetery; and my parents, Sgt. Clifford Ross, Sr. a Montford Point Marine (served the USMC honorably as an Aerial Photographer while mom, Mrs. Cliffonia J. Ross (was a Dade County Public School Teacher).

With great sadness due to unforeseen circumstances, effective January, 18, 2023, I, Renita Ross Samuels-Dixon, withdraw my name and candidacy for the District 2 City of Miami Commission Seat; and, Special Election scheduled to be held on February 27, 2023 within the City of Miami.

Sincerely,

 1/18/2023
Renita Ross Samuels-Dixon
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