DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER

FOR CANDIDATES WHO AGREE TO COMPLY WITH
THE ***VOLUNTARY*** STATEMENT OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

AN EXPLANATION REGARDING YOUR RIGHTS

Section 2-11.1.1(D)(2) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, provides that any candidate for public office in Miami-Dade County may at any time ***voluntarily*** declare that he or she agrees to abide by the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices. In agreeing to abide by the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices, the candidate recognizes, as compulsory, the authority of the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust to decide whether the candidate has violated the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices and, if so, to impose the appropriate penalty, if any.

Before agreeing to abide by the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices, you should carefully read the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices included with this DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER as well as the following information regarding your rights.

The Statement of Fair Campaign Practices is ***voluntary***. You are under no obligation to agree to the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices. If you decide not to agree to the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices, you may still run for elective office in Miami-Dade County if you are qualified. There is NO PENALTY if you decide not to sign the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices.

If you decide to agree to the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices, you should know that you will be WAIVING YOUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO FREE SPEECH because certain speech prohibited by the ***voluntary*** Statement of Campaign Practices is protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 4, of the Florida Constitution. Prior to agreeing to comply with the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices, you should consider consulting an attorney to ensure that you understand the consequences of signing the DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER.

Before signing this DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER, you have the right to request and receive from the Ethics Commission an advisory opinion as to whether your planned campaign activities (*e.g.*, campaign advertisement or statements) are likely to violate the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices. In the event that you sign the DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER, you will continue to have the right to request and receive from the Ethics Commission an advisory opinion regarding any future campaign activities that you may be considering.

A determination by a candidate not to execute the DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER shall not be construed by Miami-Dade County or the Ethics Commission to mean that the candidate is unethical in any way. Further, a determination by a candidate not to execute the DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER should not be construed by any candidate or any other person or entity to mean that the candidate is unethical in any way.

INSTRUCTIONS

The DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER, which includes the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices, can be found on page 2 of this form. If you are a candidate for county office and agree to abide by the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices, please sign the DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER and file with the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and the Miami-Dade Elections Department. If you are a candidate for municipal office and agree to abide by the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices, please sign and file with the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and your respective municipal clerk. For further information, contact the Miami-Dade Office of Governmental Affairs at 305 499-8410.

Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics
19 W. Flagler St., Suite 820
Miami, FL 33130

Miami-Dade Elections Department
2700 NW 87th Ave. ***or*** P.O. Box 521550
Doral, FL 33172 Miami, FL 33152-1550

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VOLUNTARY STATEMENT OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

As a candidate for public office in Miami-Dade County, I believe that political issues can be freely debated without appealing to racial, ethnic, religious, sexual, or other prejudices. I recognize that such negative appeals serve only to divide this community and create long-term moral, social, and economic problems. Therefore,

1. I shall not make my race, religion, national origin, gender, physical disability, or sexual orientation an issue in my campaign.
2. I shall not make my opponent's race, religion, national origin, gender, physical disability, or sexual orientation an issue in my campaign.
3. I will condemn any appeal to prejudice based on race, creed, national origin, religion, gender, physical disability, or sexual orientation.
4. I shall not, without just cause, attack or question my opponent's patriotism.
5. I shall not publish, display, or circulate any anonymous campaign literature or political advertisement.
6. I shall not tolerate my supporters engaging in these activities that I condemn, nor shall I accept their continued support if they engage in such activities. I will not permit any member of my campaign organization to engage in these activities and will immediately and publicly repudiate the support of any other individual or group that resorts to the methods and tactics I condemn.
7. I shall run a positive campaign emphasizing my qualifications for office and positions on issues of public concern.
8. I will limit my attacks on an opponent to legitimate challenges to that person's record, qualifications, and positions.
9. I will neither use nor permit the use of malicious untruths or innuendoes about an opponent's personal life, nor will I make or condone unfounded accusations discrediting that person's credibility.
10. I will take personal responsibility for approving or disavowing the substance of attacks on my opponent that may come from third parties supporting my candidacy.
11. I will not use or permit the use of campaign material that falsifies, distorts, or misrepresents facts.

BY SIGNING THIS DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER, I AGREE TO

- **ABIDE BY THE *VOLUNTARY* STATEMENT OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES,**
- **SUBMIT TO THE COMPULSORY JURISDICTION OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION, AND**
- **WAIVE MY FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS.**

I, _____ , a candidate for the office of
please print your name

_____ in _____,
elective office sought — county, municipality, or other jurisdiction

agree to abide by the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices as provided in Section 2-11.1.1(D)(1) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and to recognize as compulsory the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission. I further agree that the Ethics Commission will have the authority to decide whether I have violated the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices and, if a violation is found, the Ethics Commission has the authority to impose the appropriate penalty, if any, which may include an admonition or public reprimand. I recognize that I have the right before signing this DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER to consult my own legal counsel and to request and receive from the Ethics Commission an advisory opinion as to whether my planned campaign activities are likely to violate the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices. I also recognize that after signing this agreement, I will continue to have the right to request and receive from the Ethics Commission an advisory opinion regarding any future campaign activities that I may be considering. I hereby proclaim (1) that my agreement to abide by the Statement of Fair Campaign Practices is ***voluntary***, knowing, and intelligent; (2) that I have not been forced, pressured, or otherwise coerced into making this agreement; and (3) that I am aware of the ***voluntary*** nature of this agreement. I recognize that there is no penalty for refusing to agree to abide by the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices. I also recognize that in signing this agreement, I will be forfeiting rights to which I would otherwise be entitled under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 4, of the Constitution of the State of Florida. Once the DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER is signed, it is deemed irrevocable for the duration of the campaign.

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Signature **Date**