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Nomination Certification

This nomination has been voted on and approved by a majority of the city council/commission.

Signed Robert Parcher
City Clerk

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Narrative

In the narrative, please be clear and concise, using the Award Criteria to support the selection of your nominee. Please type (or print in black ink), up to 1,200 words, double-spaced on white 8-1/2" x 11" paper.

Please include a word count: Approximately 1200 (1212)
Number of words

Supportive Information

Up to 10 pages of supportive information (newspaper clippings, photographs, letters from constituents, etc.), on 8-1/2" x 11" paper (single-sided) may be provided. Please do not include videotapes, DVDs, CDs or Power-Point presentations.

Submit nominations by **August 10, 2007:**

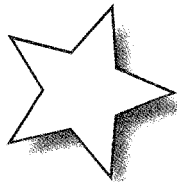
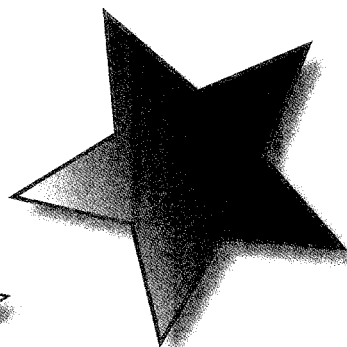
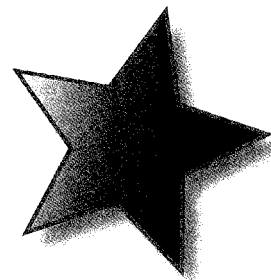
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Category (Please check one) See Award Criteria for more information. Please print or type. One nomination per page.

FLORIDA CITY OF EXCELLENCE AWARD
Name of Municipality Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY SPIRIT AWARD
Name of Municipality Nominated _____
Nominated Project _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

MAYOR OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated Commissioner Richard L. Steinberg
Nominated by City of Miami Beach
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Title _____ Department _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY MANAGER OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY CLERK OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY FINANCE OFFICIAL (DIRECTOR OR OFFICER) OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

CITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
Name of Individual Nominated _____
Nominated by _____
(Name of City/Town/Village)

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Council Member of the Year Award
Commissioner Richard L. Steinberg

Richard L. Steinberg was elected City of Miami Beach Commissioner on November 13, 2001 at the age of 28, becoming the second youngest Commissioner ever elected and the youngest Commissioner in a quarter century. When the Mayor and Commission unanimously appointed Steinberg to serve as Vice-Mayor during 2002, Steinberg became the youngest Vice-Mayor in the history of Miami Beach.

Steinberg, the son of former Florida State Senator Paul B. Steinberg, is continuing his family's tradition of public service. His commitment to the City is exemplified by his dedication to public service. Steinberg's accomplishments and commitment to his community support why he should be recognized as Council Member of the Year.

Commissioner Steinberg, a practicing attorney, spends a great deal of his time serving as a City Commissioner and representing the community on several committees and boards. He is Chair for the Neighborhoods/Community Affairs Committee and Vice-Chair for the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee - the Commission Committees chartered with overseeing quality of life issues and municipal finance and citywide capital projects respectively.

Steinberg is the incoming President and Legislative Chairman of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, actively involved for the past six (6) years. He is committed to supporting the mission of the League and advocating for the best interest of cities as the Legislative Chairman of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities. Steinberg currently serves as First Vice President on the Executive Board and will be named President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities this October. In addition, he serves as an ex-officio/government liaison on the Board of Governors for the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce, advocating for community partnerships for the betterment of Miami Beach.

Transportation and parking issues have been a top priority for Steinberg. Currently, Steinberg serves on Miami-Dade County's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as a Board member. For the last year, Steinberg has been the City's liaison to the 63rd Street Project Citizen Advisory Committee, where he has been instrumental in ensuring that the construction project at a key intersection in the City has minimum impacts to residents and visitors. He has been vocal in introducing solutions to parking issues and currently is the city liaison for a joint venture to build a parking garage in the heart of our cultural campus. In addition, Steinberg has proposed creative parking solutions, including a preferred parking program for hybrid vehicles - the first in the State of Florida when implemented later this year.

In response to the impacts of several storms and hurricanes that affected Miami Beach in 2005, Commissioner Steinberg recommended the creation of the Ad Hoc Hurricane Taskforce. The Taskforce was convened to examine the City's readiness and response to hurricanes. Steinberg serves as liaison to the Taskforce, which has provided recommendations to the Commission on preparedness planning and response activities.

Since elected, education and the safety of children have been a part of Steinberg's political agenda. Steinberg helped strengthen the City's landmark Sexual Predator Ordinance and created a ban on sexual predators in the City's parks. He supported stronger laws against drivers using cell phones while in a school zone, and has been a strong supporter of the Florida Kid Care program, introducing resolutions to protect the program. He also introduced a resolution urging the Florida Legislature to strengthen vessel safety regulations with regard to personal flotation device requirements for children. Steinberg has played an integral role on education issues by serving on the Miami Beach Committee for Quality Education. Most recently, he was appointed by the Mayor to participate in the development of an education compact

between the City and the Miami-Dade County School Board. In December 2006, he showed support for teachers by introducing a resolution endorsing increased pay for teachers in Miami-Dade County.

Steinberg is committed to strengthening the City's ethics legislation. He advocated for campaign finance reform legislation to prohibit campaign contributions from lobbyists and developers and strengthening the penalty provisions, as well as proposing a ban on corporate donations. Steinberg also introduced an amendment to strengthen the City's Human Rights Ordinance by increasing the penalties, including an increase to the maximum penalty to an amount 30 times greater than previously existed.

In 2003, Commissioner Steinberg championed an initiative to create the *Vote Miami Beach* program, an outreach program to increase Miami Beach voter registration and participation in the election process. The program has registered thousands of Miami Beach residents to vote, while engaging the participation of local businesses, citizens, cultural and non-profit groups, and schools. The program continues its effort to increase voter registration and voting awareness through outreach efforts at city events and by offering a 10% discount to Miami Beach registered voters at participating Miami Beach businesses. The Vote Miami Beach initiative, an effort that increased voter registration by 20% from 2003 to 2005, was honored on August 25, 2005 with the national Savvy Award by the City-County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA), a national organization comprised of municipal communications and marketing officials. In support of voter's rights, Steinberg has sponsored efforts to urge the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County to provide a verified paper record for every ballot cast. This year, the State of Florida passed legislation requiring and funding a verified paper record for every ballot to renew voter confidence and ensure that every vote in the State of Florida is counted.

Thanks to efforts by Commissioner Steinberg, Miami Beach will have city-wide wireless broadband technology (WiFi) that will strengthen public safety, increase government efficiency in delivery of services and provide free wireless connectivity to the Internet for City residents and visitors. The innovative idea of free WiFi came when Steinberg initially proposed a WiFi project on Lincoln Road, a pedestrian mall lined with shopping and sidewalk cafes. Now, connectivity will be provided on a much larger scale. As a result, the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) announced that the City of Miami Beach's WiFi Initiative received the award for Innovation in Public Procurement.

Steinberg has demonstrated a will and a commitment to making Miami Beach, and Miami-Dade County as a whole, a better place to live, work, visit and play. Through community surveys, environmental scans of demographics, performance measures, financial trends, and comparatives with other cities, Steinberg helped develop a strategic plan that provides the public with a tool for measuring accomplishments and holding their government accountable. For FY 2006-2007, Steinberg was instrumental in the development of a unique program that provided relief to taxpayers-a \$300 dividend (tax) return to all homesteaded property owners in the city. This was the second year in a row that this relief was provided to city residents.

As a Vice President of the Greater Miami Big Brothers Big Sisters organization, a chapter of the oldest and largest youth mentoring organization in the United States, Steinberg has helped increase the number of children in our community that have been afforded mentors to a record amount exceeding two thousand. Most importantly, he showed his personal commitment to this cause by serving as a Big Brother to Little Brother, Nick, for the past ten (10) years. Both in his public and private life, Steinberg has demonstrated his personal commitment to integrity, innovation and sound leadership, while he continues to strive toward his vision of a better Miami Beach.