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Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

On behalf of the Miami Rowing Club (MRC), we would like to express our support for the resolution that would appoint the City's chosen partner, Oak View Group, to operate the Miami Marine Stadium once the Stadium is renovated.

MRC's boathouse is located on City-owned land adjacent to the Miami Marine Stadium and MRC has enjoyed a more than 50-year collaboration with the City of Miami. MRC's nationally recognized youth rowing program is the heart of MRC. MRC is also home to a masters (post-collegiate) rowing program and competitive Dragonboat and outrigger canoe teams. Hundreds of MRC athletes train daily on the Miami Marine Stadium basin (the Basin). MRC also holds, in the Basin, the annual Miami International Regatta, Miami's premier competitive rowing competition, usually attended by approximately 800 athletes from Florida as well as other states and countries.

Two reasons lead us to express our support for the resolution.

Firstly, the concept of renovating the Miami Marine Stadium and making it a space where the community can access the waterfront is aligned with our values: a benefit for the community that is open to anyone who wants to enjoy a natural gem in the heart of our city.

Secondly, we believe that, in the long term, a renovated and fully functional Miami Marine Stadium is the best *neighbor* that MRC can have. We believe that, through open dialogue with City officials

and the Oak View Group, the planning for development of the Miami Marine Stadium can be done in a way that addresses MRC's long-term needs, which include:

- the need for daily operation of the MRC boathouse without interruptions or shutdowns,
- the need for daily access to the Basin without any major restrictions that would impede training,
- the need for daily access to part of the current *flex-park* parking (surrounding the Stadium) for parking overflow, and
- the need for space surrounding the Stadium to hold the long-standing annual Miami International Regatta and other rowing and paddling events.

We reiterate our support for the resolution, and look forward to establishing an open channel of communication with the relevant City officials and the Oak View Group in relation to planning for the Stadium renovation and its implications for the Basin and the surrounding area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Facundo Barrera', written in a cursive style.

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