

January 29, 2026

Mayor Eileen Higgins
Commissioner Rolando Escalona
Commissioner Damian Pardo
Commissioner Miguel Gabela
Commissioner Ralph Rosado
Commissioner Christine King

Miami City Hall
3500 Pan American Drive
Miami, Florida 33133

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

World Monuments Fund (WMF) urges support for the restoration of Miami Marine Stadium. We believe that the Stadium, which was placed on the World Monuments Fund 2010 Watch, is an extremely important cultural asset that deserves to be protected and restored.

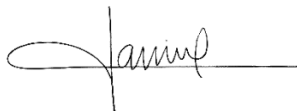
By way of background, WMF was founded in 1965, and is the leading independent organization devoted to safeguarding the world's most treasured places to enrich people's lives and build mutual understanding across cultures and communities. We are headquartered in New York City with offices and affiliates in Cambodia, China, France, India, Peru, Portugal, Spain, and the United Kingdom. Some of our work includes projects at Angkor Archaeological Park in Cambodia, Venice in Italy or the Taj Mahal in India.

We have had significant involvement with the Miami Marine Stadium. In 2009, we were the catalyst and lead funder of an engineering study that showed that the Marine Stadium can be restored. Ironically, the firm we selected to do the study, Simpson, Gumpertz and Heger, had done a study of the Stadium in 1992 right after the Hurricane. The lead engineer on the study in 2009 was the Junior engineer on the study in 1992. As a result, we had a significant amount of longitudinal data-very unusual for a study of this nature. The study itself was extremely important, generating new momentum and credibility into the effort.

In 2021, we participated in a lecture entitled: "From Havana to Miami: The Architectural and Cultural Significance of the Miami Marine Stadium." The Stadium, designed by Cuban born architect, embodies a significant amount of the Cuban architectural and engineering heritage that was developed in Cuba during the 1930s-1950s.

The Miami Marine Stadium is a very unique, remarkable building with a cultural history that deeply reflects the evolution of Miami. This effort aligns perfectly with the focus and purpose of WMF.

Yours truly,



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