



July 31st, 2026

Mayor Eileen Higgins and Members of the Miami City Commission
City of Miami
3500 Pan American Drive
Miami, FL 33133

Re: Support for the Restoration of the Miami Marine Stadium

Dear Mayor Higgins and Members of the Miami City Commission:

On behalf of the Greater Miami & the Beaches Hotel Association (GMBHA), representing more than 300 hotel and allied members throughout Miami-Dade County, we are pleased to express our strong support for the restoration of the historic Miami Marine Stadium and the vision to return this iconic waterfront landmark to active public use.

For more than six decades, the Miami Marine Stadium has been one of the most recognizable symbols of Miami's architectural innovation, waterfront identity, and civic pride. Its restoration presents a rare opportunity to preserve an internationally significant landmark while creating a world-class public destination that will serve residents and visitors for generations to come.

As the voice of Greater Miami's lodging industry, GMBHA understands firsthand the importance of investing in cultural, entertainment, and recreational assets that strengthen the region's visitor economy. Tourism remains one of Miami-Dade County's largest economic engines, supporting approximately 200,000 jobs and generating billions of dollars in annual economic activity across hotels, restaurants, transportation, attractions, retail, and related industries. The continued growth of our destination depends on creating compelling experiences that encourage visitors to stay longer, return more frequently, and engage more deeply with the community.

The restored Miami Marine Stadium has the potential to become exactly that kind of catalyst. By hosting concerts, festivals, sporting events, cultural celebrations, community gatherings, and waterfront programming throughout the year, the venue can drive meaningful economic activity that extends well beyond Virginia Key and benefits businesses across the entire city and county. Major events generate hotel room demand, increase restaurant and retail spending, support local vendors and service providers, and enhance Miami's ability to compete globally for leisure travelers, meetings, conventions, and special events.

Equally important, the Marine Stadium represents an investment in public access to Biscayne Bay. In a growing global city, preserving and activating large-scale waterfront spaces that are open and welcoming to everyone is essential to maintaining Miami's unique character and quality of life. The restored stadium would create a destination where culture, recreation, and community intersect—where residents and visitors can gather, celebrate, and experience the bay as a shared civic asset rather than a fragmented collection of private spaces.

GMBHA believes the restoration of the Miami Marine Stadium aligns with Miami's long-term goals of historic preservation, economic development, tourism growth, and enhanced public waterfront access. It honors the city's past while creating new opportunities for future generations to connect with one another and with the waterfront that defines our community.

We respectfully encourage the City of Miami to continue advancing efforts that will restore and reactivate the Miami Marine Stadium as a vibrant public destination and a cornerstone of Miami's cultural and economic future.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,



Curtis J. Crider
President & CEO
Greater Miami and the Beaches Hotel Association