

### We Advocate for Residents of Miami Beach!

We are a community-based 501(c)4 not-for-profit organization providing Miami Beach residents a cohesive voice for city-wide issues that impact our quality of life. Click here to [join us!](#)



**Inviting, isn't it? Come on in, the water's fine!**

Join us to cool your heels and meet your neighbors at our Summer Soiree at the iconic and much-beloved

## **The Standard Miami Beach**

40 Island Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139

**Thursday June 13**

**6-8 pm**

drinks and light bites

Members: Free - RSVP [here](#)

Non-members: \$15 \* - [RSVP here](#)

**Not a member? Not a problem** - Join today and get free access to this and all other members' socials, plus membership in MBU at this **special discounted rate of just \$15 through the end of 2018** . Your membership helps support all MBU activities, including the upcoming Candidate Debates, regular forums, (which are always free and open to the public), on important topical issues, and the recording and archiving of events at our site at [miamibeachunited.org](http://miamibeachunited.org) . Join us to ensure your voice is heard!



Although there is valet parking available at The Standard, it is limited. Guests are invited to take shared rides, public transport, bikes (or other fun wheels), or walk to this event.

### Our Mission

Dedicated to improving the quality of life for Miami Beach residents, managed and measured growth of our city, and ethical leadership of government – for a vibrant city rooted in history, its people, resources and neighborhoods, with focus on the future – by providing educational and analytical focus on the organization, structure, policies and performance of Miami Beach government.



### #ICYMI - the NEW Miami Beach United website is live !

Thanks to outstanding marketer and indefatigable MBU founding member Herb Sosa, MBU was launched in 2012 with a strong visual brand and web presence. But, as anyone who works with websites knows, the one drawback to websites is that the moment they go live, they have been surpassed by newer technology! So, after eight extremely good years, we say goodbye to our old site and welcome our new site. Still located at [www.miamibeachunited.org](http://www.miamibeachunited.org), the new site is packed with new features, including a digital "suggestion box" in the footer, a new [YouTube channel](#) (more videos on the way), and an [archive of past newsletters](#) with live links to past resolutions and supporting documents.



### Miami Beach United's 2018 Inaugural Annual "Commission Scorecard"

Tracks Commission Votes To Show How Resident-Friendly the City Of Miami Beach Elected Officials Are

Here's how it works:

Each month, Miami Beach United identifies and tracks issues coming before the Commission. Many of these issues become resolutions, voted on by the Board of Directors, and shared in advance of the monthly Commission meetings with the Mayor and Commissioners (and staff) of the city of Miami Beach. They are also shared with all of you via this mailing list for MBU.

In each case, whenever MBU passed a resolution on a matter before the Commission, the scorecard indicates whether or not an individual elected official supported or opposed the action recommended by MBU.

For ordinances, which require two hearings, only the final vote on Second Reading was recorded and counted. In some cases, when MBU's recommendations were only partially implemented, that was treated as a neutral action, and that vote was excluded from the total score.

All items were weighted equally when calculating an overall percentage grade for each elected official during the measurement period.

This Commission Scorecard process will commence for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year with the November 2018 Commission meeting, with the final scorecard to be published at the end of October 2019.

Click [here for more information](#) and [here to view the scorecard](#) in its entirety, including which resolutions were tracked for the legislative year 2018.

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### **2019 Miami Beach United Board of Directors**

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