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Ms. Sarah Stage
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Florida Department of State
Division of Cultural Affairs
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Dear Members, Florida Division of Cultural Affairs Museum Grant Review Panel:

It is with great civic and personal pride that I formally confirm the City of Miami Beach’s endorsement of The Wolfsonian—Florida International University proposal for full grant funding support from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs in 2016-17.

Since I took office as Mayor, I have become well aware of how much the presence of a museum of this caliber means for our community. The Wolfsonian is drawing from its collection of rare materials to present a series of special exhibitions illustrating chapters in our city’s history as part of our yearlong observation of the Miami Beach Centennial. Importantly, two of the museum’s in-house experts—chief librarian Francis Luca and digital assets manager Derek Merleaux—are key facilitators of processing, cataloging, and digitizing of the City of Miami Beach historical archive.

The museum’s level of civic engagement is equally notable. With its headquarters on Miami Beach, The Wolfsonian is a significant cultural asset for our city. Deeply deserving of your support, it is a landmark institution that not only offers an array of rich cultural experiences to residents and visitors alike, but also demonstrates a commitment to improve the quality of everyday life in our city.

The Wolfsonian represents the very distinct character that we are working to establish in Miami Beach. I extend my unqualified support for this grant application.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Philip Levine
Mayor