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The Ethics Commission was created in 1996 as an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers. It is composed of five members, serving staggered terms of four years each. Through a program of training, outreach and enforcement, the Commission seeks to bolster public trust.

Wifredo “Willy” Gort Appointed as Commissioner of the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust

Former City of Miami Commissioner Wifredo “Willy” Gort has been appointed by the Miami-Dade League of Cities as Commissioner for the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, replacing the late Jeffrey Cutler who passed away in September of this year.

Commissioner Gort is a longtime Miami-Dade County resident with almost two decades of municipal service having been elected to the City of Miami Commission two times and acting as its mayor in 1996 after the passing of then City of Miami Mayor Stephen Clark.

Before moving into the public sector, Mr. Gort worked as an investment banker for over 25 years and began his career as a manager for the United States Census Bureau in 1979. After working as Executive Director of the Little Havana Development Authority and the Downtown Miami Business Association in the early 1980s, he emerged as Vice President of Marketing for AIBC Investments in 1985, eventually becoming Chairman of their Board of Directors in 1996. Mr. Gort departed AIBC to join Ramirez & Company, serving as Senior Vice President in 1999 with oversight of public financing in the Southeastern U.S. He later served as Senior Vice President of M.F.R. Securities from 2009-2013.

Mr. Gort has been an active member of his community for decades and has served on numerous boards and committees within the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County. He is a founding member and board member of the Latin Chamber of Commerce (CAMACOL), a former President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities and has served on the boards of the Christian Community Service Agency, the East Little Havana Development Corp., the United Way, and the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Gort is a graduate of both Miami-Dade Community College and Florida International University, holding a B.A. in Business Administration. Born in Havana, Cuba, Mr. Gort has since lived in the City of Miami with his loving wife and family.

“My many years of experience in government has allowed me to get a thorough understanding of how government works,” commented Commissioner Gort. “I feel this experience is very valuable as I take on this role at the Ethics Commission.”