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Expert will address billboards and corruption in Florida

MIAMI, April 9, 2013 – Florida has long been home to a powerful billboard industry lobby responsible for blighting the state's roadsides with thousands of commercial signs, but in recent years the industry, aided by government corruption, has amplified this blight with ever bigger and brighter signs.

Recent proposals in Miami and other Florida cities would allow for giant digital billboards on public property, historic buildings and even in wetlands. Public officials are failing to uphold local, state and federal laws meant to protect citizens from intrusive outdoor advertising. In the process our elected leaders risk altering the natural, scenic and historic character of Florida for generations to come.

Civic groups in Miami are rallying to oppose these forms of growing blight and will hold a public conference titled: "Billboards: How Did We Get Here and How Do We Get Out," on **Wednesday, April 10** in Miami. The conference is open to the public.

The panel discussion will be led by William D. Brinton, Esq., a Jacksonville-based attorney and leading national authority on scenic issues and billboard regulation. Mr. Brinton will discuss the latest attempts to increase billboard blight in Florida and offers ways for the public to get involved.

A concrete plan of action will result from this summit which is sponsored by Miami Neighborhoods United, MiMo Biscayne Association, Scenic Miami-Dade, Inc., Scenic Miami, Inc, the Upper Eastside Preservation Coalition and the Urban Environment League of Greater Miami.

What: Seminar on billboard control and sign regulation

When: 6-9pm on Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Where: American Legion Post
6445 NE 7th Avenue
Miami, FL 33138

Those who wish to attend the summit are asked to RSVP to scenicmiamidade@gmail.com

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