

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Vice-Mayor Ricky Arriola  
DATE: September 11, 2019  
SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS REQUIRING ALL COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPERS WORKING ON MIAMI BEACH TO ABIDE BY FLORIDA FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING STANDARDS.

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### **ANALYSIS**

The Miami-Dade State Attorney's recent Grand Jury Report on "The Health of Biscayne Bay" highlighted the sensitive state of our marine ecosystem. In an effort to reduce herbicide and fertilizer runoff that was mentioned in the report, I am asking the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee to consider requiring all commercial landscapers conducting business on Miami Beach to abide by Florida Friendly Landscaping (FFL) standards. FFL emphasizes the use of salt-tolerant and drought-tolerant plants that do not require harmful chemicals to thrive and also promotes other environmentally sustainable landscaping practices.

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a Resident Right to Know item?**

Yes

**Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?**

No

### **Legislative Tracking**

Vice-Mayor Ricky Arriola