

# 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 LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO  
DISCUSS TIGHT URBANISM.

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### **ANALYSIS**

KoDA, a Miami Beach-based architecture firm, submitted a proposal to our office that contemplates the exploration of Miami Beach's alleyways. The firm aims to examine ways we can adapt our alleys to be in line with the Urban Land Institute's recommendations for stormwater management while maximizing the value of alleys to better serve pedestrians and cyclists. KoDa's exploration would be guided by the tenets of "tight urbanism."

The now infamous Betsy Alleyway capitalized on an underutilized public right-of-way and transformed into an experiential destination. If Miami Beach were to develop a cohesive for all its alleyways, it could be recognized worldwide for its creative use for all public spaces. There is also a potential to partner with the University of Miami (UM) on this project since the principal of KoDA is a professor at the UM School of Architecture. Attached is KoDA's proposal with a preview of the research they've already conducted.

### **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

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Description