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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rick Clements, Police Chief

DATE: December 3, 2019

SUBJECT: **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH AND CARFAX, TO ALLOW THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ACCESS AND SHARE DATA TO VEHICLE CRIMES AND ACCIDENTS.**

The City of Miami Beach Police Department ("MBPD") is responsible for ensuring the public safety of its residents and visitors, and is further required to provide adequate levels of police services to address any and all potential crimes and threats. As such, the MBPD has identified various advanced technologies and investigative best practices to maintain and enhance the level of police services in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents and visitors

CARFAX, a leading source of vehicle history information for buyers and sellers of used cars, has the most comprehensive vehicle history database in North America. As such, CARFAX has engaged in a multitude of partnerships with other law enforcement agencies in the State of Florida, and various law enforcement agencies across the country in order to improve this national database. Under the proposed agreement, CARFAX would provide the MBPD access to a searchable database for vehicle information which can be analyzed and disseminated to officers in the field to provide comprehensive information in real-time

Specifically, the CARFAX Vehicle History Reports, Partial License Plate Search and VIN Alert would facilitate the City's Investigators ability to harness numerous pieces of information to assist in locating vehicles-of-interest and combat vehicle fraud and theft. The ability to access this national database, would benefit the MBPD in conducting investigations by improving and enhancing the capability to generate investigative leads surrounding those matters involving vehicle-related crimes and accidents. In addition, the CARFAX platform would assist with the process of drafting, managing and requesting of crash reports

The MBPD therefore requests the Mayor and the City Commission to authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute this agreement between the City of Miami Beach and CARFAX.