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Subject: MDPL Management Agreement Renewal Length: Discussion Item

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Dear Michael:

Thanks for your time on the phone earlier.

Miami Design Preservation League has been a steward of the Art Deco Welcome Center since 1993. In December 2019, our contract with the city to manage the center expired before the planned 5-year renewal was executed. The administration asked for a month-to-month extension in order to have more time to make the renewal agreement. This was expected to be ready by June 30th, but now the administration is asking for one more month to complete the renewal agreement.

The expected renewal period is for 5 years, per the existing management agreement with the city. However, the city administration is currently recommending only a 1-year renewal. MDPL is a leading voice in historic preservation and the Art Deco Welcome Center is a community hub that services our visitors and residents. In addition, the Miami Beach voters allocated \$2MM in GO Bond funding for the Art Deco Museum expansion, which is funded in Tranche 2 of the GO Bond.

For all these reasons, I would like to request a short discussion to ensure we are on track for a 5-year renewal length of the management agreement. This will allow ample time for MDPL to continue its operations planning, fundraising, preparations for the GO Bond project, and to provide ongoing quality arts & culture programming on Ocean Drive.

In this period of uncertainty and challenge, it is important to have the City's ongoing commitment to one of Miami Beach's leading non-profit community organizations, via a 5-year renewal.

Thank you,