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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

LTC # 258-2020

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: July 16, 2020

SUBJECT: Motion by the LGBTQ Advisory Committee

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to inform the Mayor and the Commission of motion made by the LGBTQ Advisory Committee at their meeting on July 14, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

We ask the Commission to provide funding specifically to support the LGBTQ population because they are disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 crisis. "The coronavirus outbreak is pummeling LGBTQ Americans, especially those of color, leaving a population already vulnerable to health care and employment discrimination suffering from high job losses and a growing rate of positive cases, according to preliminary data collected from multiple LGBTQ advocacy groups. As a result, many more LGBTQ people are struggling with unemployment, homelessness and food insecurity compared with other Americans, while simultaneously facing increased rates of health issues stemming from bias, mental illness and lack of insurance." [Petruce Jean-Charles USA Today, May 2020]

MOTION 1:

The Committee recommends the City to allocate the \$150,000 previously motioned and passed by the Committee to be used to supplement the low barrier efforts currently operating to bring economic relief to LGBTQ people in the City of Miami Beach with a particular focus on the transgender community and people of color. The Committee also recommends that if the initial request is turned down, the Committee requests an antidiscrimination campaign for the intersection of LGBTQ individuals and people of color.

Motion Made By: Elizabeth Schwartz

Motion Seconded By: Riki Wilchins

Motion Passed: 11-1

Members in favor: Cindy Brown, Craig Garmendia, Daniel Diaz, Elizabeth Schwartz, Gayle Durham, Herb Sosa, Mark Wylie, Michael Bath, Paul Thomas, Riki Wilchins, Robin Schwartz

Members not in favor: Sunny Weber

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