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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee

FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager

DATE: April 29, 2022

SUBJECT: **A DISCUSSION OF UNIDAD'S ACOUSTIC SYSTEM**

BACKGROUND

The North Beach Senior Center (the Center) is a City-owned building located at 7251 Collins Avenue. The Center provides programs and recreational activities to the City's elder community. On February 14, 2018, the City awarded UNIDAD of Miami Beach, Inc. (UNIDAD) funding for the creation of meal programs to serve the North Beach community via Resolution No. 2018-30197. UNIDAD complements its meals program by offering a variety of enrichment programming funded through various sources. The City's Parks and Recreation Department collaborates with UNIDAD to offer additional programming.

On October 13, 2021, at the request of Commissioner Mark Samuelian, the Mayor and City Commission approved the referral of item C4-P to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (FERC) to discuss the Center's acoustic system.

ANALYSIS

The North Beach Senior Center is a hub providing elder residents a plethora of social and engaging activities. The multi-purpose Center's sound system is outdated and challenged by the facility's architecture. The Facilities and Fleet Department assessed the area and sought viable options to improving the acoustic system. The proposed sound system (the Project), contemplated enhancements including recessed speakers throughout the program area, wireless and plug-in ready microphone system, customized acoustic paneling to provide sound absorption, and storage for sound equipment. Additionally, an audio induction loop will also be installed, to provide assistive listening technology for individuals with reduced ranges of hearing.

The rough order of magnitude for this Project, including contingency and permitting is approximately \$80,000. The Project is currently unfunded.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Administration proposes funding this Project from general fund contingency or be submitted as part of Capital Budget requests.