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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager

DATE: September 14, 2022

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF CITY COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Approve the City of Miami Beach Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

BACKGROUND

While Miami-Dade County has a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan under which all municipalities operate, the City of Miami Beach experiences certain topographical, cultural, and operational conditions that are unique and recent response to certain disasters and hazardous situations has shown that the City can prepare for, respond to and recover from impacts through operational planning separate from the County.

The City maintains a positive relationship with the County's Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and we share a strong understanding of the important roles each entity plays when faced with disaster. The philosophy in Emergency Management is that all disasters are local, and resource management should be such that assistance is sought from the County once municipal resources are exhausted.

The City of Miami Beach is well-prepared and provisioned to conduct necessary preparations and has certain specialized plans that go above and beyond what is outlined in the County's plan. Since Hurricane Irma, planning for elements such as transportation to evacuation centers, wellness checks of our elderly residents and damage assessment activity are carried out by City of Miami Beach personnel, and are reported to the county, since most requests for response and assistance are made locally. The efforts in the City of Miami Beach compliment the efforts of the County and are more suited to the needs and expectations of our residents.

The City of Miami Beach CEMP was completed utilizing grant funds under the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), managed through the County OEM. The County encourages municipalities to develop planning that addresses the unique conditions and requirements in individual cities, which in turn compliments and informs the County's overall planning.

CONCLUSION

The CEMP provides for a City-specific approach to all-hazard preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery for natural and human-made disasters. Approval of the plan in recommended.

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