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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee

FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager

DATE: September 21, 2022

SUBJECT: **A DISCUSSION REGARDING INSTALLING A MEMORIAL PLAQUE RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF RABBI PHINEAS WEBERMAN TO THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CHAPLAIN PROGRAM**

BACKGROUND

At the June 22, 2022 City Commission meeting, Vice-Mayor Kristen Rosen Gonzalez submitted a referral (Item C4 T) to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss installing a memorial plaque recognizing the contributions of Rabbi Phineas Weberman to the Miami Beach Police Department's Chaplain Program.

ANALYSIS

Rabbi Phineas Weberman founded the Ohev Shalom Congregation of Miami Beach in 1960 and was the synagogue's head rabbi for over 54 years. For decades, Rabbi Weberman was a source of wisdom and solace for both officers and civilian personnel whilst serving as Police Chaplain with the Miami Beach Police Department.

Upon review of Vice-Mayor Kristen Rosen Gonzalez's request, the Administration recommends honoring the life and accomplishments of Rabbi Phineas Weberman with a memorial plaque to be installed in the lobby of the Miami Beach Police Department Headquarters at 1100 Washington Avenue (the Project).

The Project will consist of installation of the commemorative plaque, including design, fabrication, and necessary improvements to the area. The total cost for this Project is approximately \$500.00.

CONCLUSION

The above is presented for the Committee's review and consideration. Should the Committee move forward with a favorable recommendation of installing a commemorative plaque, this Project would be transmitted for the City Commission's approval pursuant to Section 82-504 of the City Code.