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MEMORANDUM

To:	Honorable Mayor and Members of the Miami Beach City Commission	**Date:**	September 14, 2022
From:	Alex J. Fernandez, Commissioner	**Subject:**	**ITEM C2K – PULLING TO MAKE MOTION CREATING: AD HOC IGUANA REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Background:
Iguanas are disrupting the quality of life of Miami Beach residents and terrorizing our endemic species. These reptiles are known to indiscriminately eat local vegetation, including landscaping and endangered plants. Iguanas also cause significant damage to buildings and disturb various native wildlife populations. Like all nonnative reptile species, iguanas are not protected in Florida except by anti-cruelty law and can be humanely removed.

Item C2K on tomorrow's agenda:
As part of the upcoming fiscal year budget, there is a proposed increase in funding to the City's iguana remediation program. Item C2K on the September 14, 2022, meeting of the Miami Beach City Commission proposes the approval of the issuance of a RFQ for iguana remediation services. The intent is to select a firm(s) for a proactive approach to suppressing iguana populations in which humane and environmentally safe techniques are utilized and implemented.

Proposal:
Recognizing that much more must be done to address this growing nuisance affecting the quality of life our residential neighborhoods, I intend to pull item C2K from the consent agenda to propose – with the approval of the item – the creation of an Ad Hoc Iguana Remediation Advisory Committee to be composed by affected residents. The purpose of the Committee would be to study what actions other jurisdictions have taken and receive feedback from residents on acceptable solutions for the City to consider.

Acknowledgments:
I advance this motion having received extensive feedback from community members throughout our City who have requested the creation of this committee. In particular, I want to thank Robin Jacobs who has advocated for the additional action, residents' input, and suggestions through the creation of this Committee.

Creation: Motion to create the Ad Hoc Iguana Remediation Advisory Committee

Purpose: The purpose of the Ad Hoc Iguana Remediation Advisory Committee would be to study what actions other jurisdictions have taken to address similar iguana invasions, in addition to contracting with an iguana mitigation and removal program.

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The Ad Hoc Iguana Remediation Advisory Committee shall issue their recommendations via LTC to the City Administration and City Commission within 120 days of its creation.

Term: The Committee shall sunset at the end of 120 days.

Composition: Two (2) members appointed by the Mayor and each City Commissioner.

The committee shall start meeting once seven (7) members have been appointed.

Thank you.

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