

Committee Assignments - C4 J

## MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
 FROM: Commissioner Steven Meiner  
 DATE: June 22, 2022

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE EXCESSIVELY HIGH LEVELS OF BACTERIA IN THE PARK VIEW ISLAND CANAL SINCE 2020, THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY THE SOURCE OF THE UNDERLYING CONTAMINATION, AND THE ASSOCIATED PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION EFFORTS REQUIRED TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY.

**ANALYSIS**

Please place on the June 22, 2022 City Commission agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (the "Committee") to discuss the serious concerns with excessively high levels of bacteria in the Park View Island canal ever since a sewer force main break occurred in the area in March of 2020. Since bacteria counts from a sanitary sewer break typically recede after a few days, the unusual and chronic nature of the elevated bacteria levels in the canal might indicate that there are other sources of contamination.

I understand that the Administration has worked with consultants and regulatory agencies to conduct tests and review data, and is making a recommendation at the June 22, 2022 City Commission meeting to engage University of Miami researchers to assist in finding a resolution.

I believe a discussion at the Committee would be helpful to review and educate the public about the efforts the City has undertaken to date, as well as any findings or recommendations made by the University of Miami and/or the City Administration. I would ask the Administration to please be prepared to discuss these issues, as well as the steps taken to conduct outreach and educate the public.

If you have any questions about this item, please contact my legislative aide Robert Novo III at [RobertNovo@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:RobertNovo@miamibeachfl.gov).

**SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA**

N/A

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

N/A

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?**

Yes

**Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?**

No

**Legislative Tracking**

Commissioner Steven Meiner