

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Steven Weiner
DATE: October 26, 2022

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS CONCERNS RELATING TO AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF BOATS ANCHORING OVERNIGHT ON BISCAYNE BAY, INCLUDING NEAR PALM AND HIBISCUS ISLANDS, CREATING NOISE AND OTHER QUALITY OF LIFE DISRUPTIONS FOR RESIDENTS ON PALM AND HIBISCUS ISLANDS.

ANALYSIS

Please place on the October 26, 2022 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss quality of life issues concerning an excessive number of boats anchoring overnight on Biscayne Bay in close proximity to residential areas, including concerns raised by residents of Palm and Hibiscus Islands.

I understand that the Administration and City Attorney's Office have recently researched the City's ability to regulate anchoring, and that under Florida law, either the Florida Legislature or Miami-Dade County has the ability to establish an "anchoring limitation area" to prohibit anchoring in covered areas.

As part of this referral, I request that the Administration and City Attorney's Office present any options which may be available to the City to limit or prohibit the anchoring of boats near residential areas. I also ask that the City Administration please be prepared to address its on-going efforts to increase its Marine Patrol presence and enforcement efforts on Biscayne Bay.

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 Weiner