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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Steven Meiner
DATE: July 26, 2023

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE USE OF SECURED DUMPSTERS AND TRASH BINS TO PREVENT RUMMAGING AND ITS ASSOCIATED HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS, SANITATION CONCERNS AND OTHER QUALITY OF LIFE IMPACTS.

ANALYSIS

Please place on the July 26, 2023 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss the potential use of secured dumpsters and trash bins in order to prevent persons from rummaging through such waste. The practice of entering dumpsters and trash bins in search of salvageable items implicates significant health and safety risks due to unsanitary conditions or exposure to harmful or contaminated substances, creates litter and other quality of life impacts in public alleys and other areas used by residents and visitors, and has the potential to lead to damage to property.

As part of this referral, I request for the Public Works Department to advise as to any available product options for the use of lockable or secured dumpsters and trash bins which would prevent the harmful rummaging of garbage in the City, including estimated costs for the City to use such products at City-owned facilities. I would also ask the Administration to advise as to the feasibility and any associated costs of requiring the City's waste haulers to use lockable dumpsters as part of the City's approval of private waste hauler franchises, along with the feasibility and associated costs of requiring secured trash bins.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?	**Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?**
Yes	No

Legislative Tracking

Commissioner Steven Meiner