

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt
DATE: December 13, 2023

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE - DISCUSS EFFORTS THE CITY CAN TAKE TO RECRUIT QUALIFIED ARCHITECTS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY'S LAND USE BOARDS (BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, DESIGN REVIEW BOARD, HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD, AND PLANNING BOARD).

ANALYSIS

I would like the City Commission to refer a discussion to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee ("LUSC") to study how the City can better recruit qualified architects and landscape architects to serve on the City's land use boards (Board of Adjustment, Design Review Board, Historic Preservation Board, and Planning Board).

Under the City Code, members of City boards and committees (including members of the land use boards) are prohibited from appearing before the City as lobbyists on behalf of individual clients. Based on my discussions with staff, this has discouraged otherwise qualified architects and landscape architects from seeking appointment to the City's land use boards, as any such appointment would require the applicant to forego accepting work from clients located in Miami Beach.

Notwithstanding the above, I would like the LUSC to discuss creative approaches the City can take to recruit qualified architects and landscape architects to serve on our boards.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

City Code Section 2-14?

Yes

No

Strategic Connection

Non-Applicable

Legislative Tracking

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