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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner David Suarez
DATE: December 13, 2023

SUBJECT: DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION REGARDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S STAFFING PLAN AND APPROACH TOWARDS ENFORCEMENT OF SPEEDING VIOLATIONS AND DRIVERS WHO OPERATE THEIR VEHICLES IN A RECKLESS OR CARELESS MANNER, AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE ENFORCEMENT FOR THESE OFFENSES.

ANALYSIS

As a densely populated urban area that hosts throngs of visitors each day, extreme demand is consistently placed upon the City's infrastructure, including its beaches, parks, roadways, and sidewalks. In particular, the City streets are often heavily congested due to the enormous number of cars, buses, trolleys, scooters (sit-down and stand-up), autocycles, mopeds, pedestrians, bicyclists, and Segways all sharing the City streets. Public safety is of the utmost importance in the City, and drivers who speed, or engage in reckless or careless driving, unnecessarily endanger many lives (including their own). Moreover, many residents continue to complain about motor vehicle drivers who speed, weave in and out of traffic, run red lights, do doughnuts, and sometimes even go the wrong way on streets.

Accordingly, I would request that the City Manager and the Police Department be prepared to discuss the current staffing plan to address and enforce these driving violations, and I would further request that the City Manager and the Police Department provide the Mayor and City Commission with recommendations as to how the staffing plan and enforcement can be further enhanced to increase public safety on streets and roadways within the City.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA
N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION
None at this time.

Applicable Area
Not Applicable

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

Legislative Tracking
Commissioner David Suarez

Sponsor
Co-sponsored by Commissioner Joseph Magazine and Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt