

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Vice-Mayor Kristen Rosen Gonzalez and Commissioner
David Suarez
DATE: March 13, 2024

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE DISCUSS TAKING ACTION/ALLOCATING FUNDING FOR NEW OR ADDITIONAL LOBBYIST(S) TO ADVOCATE FOR THE CITY FOR THE 2025 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying? No

If so, specify name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s): N/A

ANALYSIS

Please place on the March 13, 2024 agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee to discuss taking action/allocating funding for new or additional lobbyist(s) to advocate for the City for the 2025 legislative session.

At the moment, the City contracts with a lobbyist that has not always effectively advocated the City's key priorities in Tallahassee. That contract is terminable at anytime by the City without significant cost. I would like to discuss exploring the City's options for contracting with new and/or additional lobbyists who may more successfully and zealously communicate to legislators the well thought out priorities of this Mayor and City Commission.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

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

No

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

Legislative Tracking

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