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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt
DATE: February 21, 2024

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS LEVELS OF SERVICE AND FUNDING FOR CITY SERVICES IN NORTH BEACH AS COMPARED WITH OTHER AREAS OF THE CITY, WITH THE INTENT OF USING THE RELEVANT DATA TO MAKE INFORMED FUNDING DECISIONS FOR NORTH BEACH AS PART OF THE FY 2025 BUDGET PROCESS.

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

Objectively speaking, and with countless anecdotal observations and staff reports to corroborate, the North Beach section of our city does not seem to receive the amount of resources and upkeep as it needs, or that is comparable to any other part of the City. Trash cans which are deemed too unsightly for use in South Beach get redeployed in North Beach until failure. Cleaning schedules don't seem to match up to what the demographics and retail operations would seem to require.

Instead of uncovering these deficiencies as they are stumbled upon (sometimes literally), I would like to request a comprehensive review of the current levels of service in North Beach in terms of sanitation, sidewalk maintenance and repairs, capital projects, beach renourishment, quality of life expenditures, dedicated police staffing, parking and code enforcement, and funding for such City services. If there are other elements that I am not thinking of, they should be included as well.

I would like staff to put together this report to discuss allocations relative to other parts of the city and what needs improvement. As the neighborhood continues to improve with regular and well-attended events at the Bandshell, weekly activations at Normandy Fountain, a new dog park in Allison Park, and new retail, galleries, and restaurants along 71st and Normandy; and loads of new high rise development in Town Center, and smaller scale multifamily development in neighborhoods to the north and west, levels of attention and resources that might have been sufficient a decade ago are clearly not sufficient now, and will certainly be wholly insufficient as North Beach continues to transform.

The intent is to use this report to ensure that as part of the FY 2025 budget process, the Commission can fairly and equitably allocate funding for North Beach for services at a level that is comparable to other areas of the City, but also commensurate with what the blossoming neighborhoods in North Beach require.

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?
No	No

Legislative Tracking

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Sponsor

Co-sponsored by Commissioner Alex Fernandez