

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC# **031-2019**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: January 16, 2019

SUBJECT: **Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of the Comprehensive Plan**

The purpose of this LTC is to provide information on state-mandated Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plans is a state mandated document that guides the decisions of the City as it pertains to addressing the needs of existing and future residents and businesses. The Plan provides general regulations for growth, development, infrastructure, housing, parks and recreation, and more. The Goals, Objectives, and Polices of the Comprehensive Plan are then implemented through more detailed documents such as the Land Development Regulations, City Code, Stormwater Master Plan, or Resiliency Strategy/Strategic Plan. The Plan and plan amendments are adopted by ordinance per Florida Statute 163, Part II. All ordinances adopted by the City must be consistent with the standards set within the Comprehensive Plan.

Presently the City is undergoing an EAR process to update the Comprehensive Plan for consistency with state law and to address changing conditions and needs in the City. Such updates are required every seven years. As part of the EAR process, the City is presently working with consultants to gather data and perform analyses on existing conditions and trends in the City. Other plans and strategies that the City has formulated will be taken into account, including the Stormwater Master Plan, Resiliency Strategy/Strategic Plan (under development), the Transportation Master Plan, and the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Report.

A public meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, January 28, 2019 at 6 pm** in the Commission Chambers to solicit input from residents and stakeholders. The meeting has been duly noticed as a public meeting and elected officials are welcome to attend (see the attached public notice). Residents and stakeholders will be encouraged to provide additional feedback through email or by calling the Planning Department.

This information will be utilized to determine best practices for policies to incorporate into the Plan while addressing the needs of residents and other stakeholders. The months of February and March will be utilized to draft specific goals, objectives, and policies for consideration by elected officials that address updates to state statutes and the changing conditions and needs of the City.

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It is anticipated that a draft set of amendments will be presented to the Planning Board in April of 2019 for their review and recommendation. If transmitted by the Planning Board, the amendments will be submitted to the City Commission for their review and approval to transmit to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (formerly Department of Community Affairs) and other review agencies in May of 2019. The City will then work with the review agencies to address any comments or concerns that they may have. It is anticipated that the amendments will be ready for adoption by the City Commission in July of 2019.

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C: Rafael Granado, City Clerk

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