

Please add to my crime item at Neighborhoods Committee on Tuesday

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From: Alex Fernandez <

> Subject: Crime in Miami Beach

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> Dear Mayor, Commissioners, and Manager:

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> As you know, I rarely email the full commission in my personal capacity however, the criminal element that has overtaken our City warrants that I contact you as a body. Like countless others, I am at best greatly disheartened when I must think twice before going out for a walk out of consideration to my personal safety. In short, residents don't feel safe, visitors are getting hurt, businesses are severely suffering, and officers are doing the best they possibly can to barely keep minimum order while working an exhausting schedule.

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> Clearly, the solution to the angry chaos before us is not in how large crowds are handled during this one weekend or during Spring Break. A hard look must be given at how laws are enforced and crime is being handled year-round. As a community, we cannot continue to allow for visitors who break the law in our streets to feel at home in Miami Beach.

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> I urge you to please reassess our long-term policing strategy. Greater law enforcement measures must be taken to make Miami Beach the destination of last choice for lawless individuals throughout the year. The overwhelming rash of incidents happening right before our eyes is casting a negative shadow that overwhelms the good news and positive things that are occurring in our city every day.

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> Thank you,

> Alex Fernandez