

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager
DATE: September 3, 2020

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SUBJECT: **A Resolution Adopting the 2020 Miami-Dade County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS)**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the resolution.

ANALYSIS:

Miami-Dade County is the designated local coordinator of the Local Mitigation Strategy Program (LMS) for the Miami-Dade County area, and prepares all the municipal components of the program into a single unified Countywide Local Mitigation Strategy. The primary stated mitigation goal of the LMS is to reduce vulnerability to natural, technological, and societal hazards from all sources, but specifically in South Florida, from hurricanes, tornadoes, major rainfall, and other severe weather events. The LMS complies with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, which requires government units to plan for hazards and emergencies.

The City of Miami Beach was selected as a Resilient City in 2016 by the 100 Resilient Cities initiative pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation and the City Commission accepted the Miami Beach Strategic Plan through the Lens of Resilience and the Resilient305 Strategy on July 17, 2019 via Resolution 2019-30905. Both plans prioritize resilience to shocks and stresses that the LMS addresses.

The County LMS plan satisfies the minimum Federal Emergency Management Agency local mitigation plan standards of acceptability to remain eligible for Federal and State disaster and non-disaster mitigation funding opportunities, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The LMS must be updated every five years to remain compliant.

Participation in and adoption of the Miami-Dade County LMS can improve Miami Beach's classification in the Community Rating System (CRS), resulting in more affordable rates for flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program. The CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirement. The program has the following three goals:

- 1) Reduce flood damage to insurable property;
- 2) Strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP; and
- 3) Encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

A community receives a CRS classification based upon the total score for its activities. There are 10 CRS classes: Class 1 requires the most credit points and gives the greatest premium reduction. Class 10 receives no premium reduction. The City improved its CRS score from a 6 to a 5 in 2019, increasing flood insurance premiums savings from 20% to 25% citywide. In order to maintain the Class 5 rating, NFIP has requested that the City of Miami Beach adopt a resolution to adopt the Miami-Dade County LMS.

Miami Beach's LMS projects include flooding and drainage improvement projects, windstorm protection projects and projects to protect against Other Hazards. A copy of the LMS, including a current list of the City's projects is at <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/emergency/projects-that-protect.page>.

CONCLUSION:

The Administration recommends that the City Commission adopt the 2020 Miami-Dade County Local Mitigation Strategy.

C: Executive Staff
Management Team

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