

SOUTH OF FIFTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

July 20, 2021

TO: Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Miami Beach; Alina Hudak, City Manager; and Rafael Paz, Esq., City Attorney

RE: 2021 RESOLUTION NO.3 – Opposition to Parklet Program Extension South of Fifth

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach is considering modifying Chapter 82, Article IV, Division 5 of the City Code to allow continuation and extension past the September 2021 sunset date of the parklet program for Sidewalk Cafés on City rights-of-way along Washington Avenue between 6th Street and Lincoln Road and in the Sunset Harbour neighborhood;

WHEREAS, SOFNA has received outreach to consider a similar extension for parklets in the areas contained in the South of Fifth neighborhood bounded by 5th Street to South Pointe Drive north and south and Alton to Ocean Drive from east to west;

WHEREAS, SOFNA understands the need last year to create parklets in order to support our restaurants during the period where the City of Miami Beach had indoor COVID-19 restrictions on the number of tables and spacing of tables;

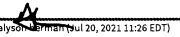
WHEREAS, since all restaurant seating restrictions have been lifted, the parklet program is seen by SOFNA as an improper use of city land;

WHEREAS, SOFNA is of the firm position that no public benefit is afforded with the parklet program and to the contrary it reduces public pedestrian walkways, obstructs bike paths, removes crucial public street parking and negatively impacts resident safety and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT


SOFNA requests that the Mayor and Commissioner reject any current or future requests to change Chapter 82, Article IV, Division 5 of the City Code for Sidewalk Cafes to allow Parklets in the South of Fifth Area.

Adopted this 20th day of July, 2021 by the South of Fifth Neighborhood Association, Inc. Board of Directors.

By: 

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Title: President

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On behalf of the South of Fifth Neighborhood Association Board of Directors