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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Alina T. Hudak 

DATE: October 4, 2021

SUBJECT: Sustainability Committee Motions

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide you the motions made at the Sustainability Committee meeting held on September 30, 2021.

Attachment: Sustainability Committee Motions


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City of Miami Beach Sustainability Committee

Members

Margarita Kruyff • Mike Gibaldi • Sarah Kott • Jason Koslowe • Santiago Tarditi • Jeremy Waks • Daniel Robles

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Margarita Kruyff, Sustainability Committee Chair
DATE: October 4, 2021
SUBJECT: Sustainability Committee Motion

Dear Mayor and Honorable City Commission,

The Sustainability Committee met on September 30, 2021 and passed the motions below:

- In accordance with the City of Miami Beach's commitment to being a plastic free city, the Sustainability Committee recommends that the Miami Beach Commission require the awarded vendor(s) of the new beverage sponsor contract to be completely plastic free.

An overwhelming majority of items found in our beaches, waterways and coasts are plastics. During the most recent International Coastal Cleanup Day, 83% of all litter items collected in Miami-Dade County were single-use plastics. In addition to its low rate of recyclability and effects on wildlife, plastic is made of fossil fuels and negatively impacts the environment through the creation of greenhouse gases emissions in the form of carbon dioxide (CO²).

For these reasons, among others, Miami Beach is asking businesses to take action toward reducing plastics from their establishments and should lead by example.

- The Sustainability Committee recommends that the Miami Beach Commission, consistent with actions taken by hundreds of cities and counties nationwide and consistent with City's goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, pass an ordinance banning the use of gas-powered leaf blowers throughout the City of Miami Beach.

Gas powered leaf blowers have been shown to be highly detrimental to the environment. In addition, there are adverse health effects associated with the exhaust gas and noise. Electric leaf blowers would still be allowed as long as the device produces no more than 65 db.

A grace period of one year before imposing penalties on businesses or residents is suggested.

Sincerely,



Margarita Kruyff
Chair, Sustainability Committee