

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager
FROM: Commissioner Mark Samuelian
DATE: April 6, 2022



SUBJECT: Referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee Discussion regarding installing a memorial plaque in the memory of the late Joe Tom Easley

I would like to refer the above-referenced item to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (PSNQLC) for a discussion and recommendation. Palm View Association's Board of Directors and residents reached out to me with a request to commemorate the late Joe Tom Easley with a memorial plaque on a small, open greenspace owned and maintained by the City on the corner of Jefferson and 19th street bordering the Collins canal.

Mr. Easley was a resident of the City of Miami Beach, and a staunch human rights lawyer and advocate. His work on behalf of LGBTQ members in the military was instrumental in abolishing the discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law, and leading the way for marriage equality. In addition, he and his surviving husband, Peter Freiberg, assisted an Iraq war victim to get treatment in the U.S.

Pursuant to Section 82-504 of the City Code, please place on the April 6, 2022 City Commission agenda a referral to the PSNQLC relating to the proposal to install a memorial plaque in honor of Mr. Easley to the Committee for its consideration and recommendation.

Should you have any questions or concerns about any of the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me or my aide Julio Rodriguez.