

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner David Suarez
DATE: February 21, 2024

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS
ENHANCING AND EXPANDING SANITATION EFFORTS FOR FY 2025.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Was Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying?
No

If so, specify name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s): N/A

ANALYSIS

I would like to refer a discussion item to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (the "Committee") to consider the expansion and enhancement of sanitation efforts in residential areas.

The City of Miami Beach is committed to ensuring the health and well-being of its residents and visitors, and the maintenance of clean and sanitary residential areas and commercial zones is crucial for the overall health and safety of our community. Proactively addressing and preventing potential health hazards is of paramount concern. For many, cleanliness is also a matter of civic pride.

In addition to health and safety concerns, the presence of litter on private and public property (including rights of way) is inconsistent with the high standard of living Miami Beach residents should enjoy and the level of cleanliness our visitors should expect. Expanding and enhancing sanitation efforts throughout the City would improve the overall quality of life for our residents and the overall experience for our visitors.

Section 98-166 of the City Code requires property owners and/or occupants to maintain their properties in a clean and litter-free manner. This includes adjoining sidewalks, grass strips, alleys up to and including the median point of the alley, curbs, swale areas or rights-of-way up to the edge of the pavement of any public street. Property owners need to play a prominent role in our clean-up effort and enhanced enforcement efforts, following an appropriate awareness campaign by our Communications Department, will be necessary.

I urge the Committee to consider, as part of its FY 2025 budget planning process, the allocation of necessary resources towards the enhancement of sanitation and code enforcement efforts in residential and commercial areas to help ensure all areas in Miami Beach are clean and sanitary.

The appropriate representatives from the Public Works, Code Enforcement and Communications Departments should be prepared to address these matters, including budgetary implications, before the Committee.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

N/A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

N/A

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

No

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

Legislative Tracking

Commissioner David Suarez

Sponsor

Co-sponsored by Commissioner Joseph Magazine