



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner David Suarez
DATE: June 25, 2025
TITLE: DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION – ADDRESSING THE CITY'S PERSISTENT CRIMINAL HOMELESS POPULATION WITH A BALANCED APPROACH.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

Persistent challenges posed by a significant segment of the homeless population engaged in ongoing criminal behavior requires urgent attention and strategic action. While the City remains deeply committed to supporting individuals experiencing homelessness through a variety of services—including shelter placement, mental health support, addiction recovery programs, and outreach partnerships—it is also imperative to maintain public safety and uphold the rule of law. This dual approach is essential to preserving the quality of life for residents, visitors, and business owners, while continuing to offer meaningful pathways out of homelessness for those willing to accept help.

Accordingly, I would like to discuss and take action with my colleagues that empowers the Police Department to enforce laws swiftly and decisively when criminal conduct occurs yet simultaneously reaffirms the City's investment in compassionate outreach and supportive services. This approach should include ensuring that repeat offenders who refuse assistance and continue to violate laws are held fully accountable, while also bolstering coordinated efforts to offer opportunities for voluntary compliance and rehabilitation. By striking this balance, the City can lead with both accountability and compassion, protecting the safety, lawfulness, and integrity of its neighborhoods while maintaining its humane approach to homelessness.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?
(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a “Residents Right to Know” item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

No

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

No

Was this 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 the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s): N/A

Department

Office of Commissioner David Suarez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner David Suarez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Discuss/Action, Address City's Persistent Criminal Homeless Population. (Suarez)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)