

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-32631**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING A GRANT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO PRIDELINES, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SAFE SPACE PROGRAM FOR LGBTQIA+ MIAMI BEACH YOUTH; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CITY'S STANDARD GRANT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREGOING; AND FURTHER, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND THE PUBLIC PURPOSES SERVED BY THIS PROGRAMMING, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PRIORITIZE AN ALLOCATION OF A \$50,000 GRANT TO PRIDELINES, INC. IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND ON A RECURRING BASIS, AS PART OF THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.**

**WHEREAS**, the Miami Beach Youth Commission made a motion at their December 14, 2022 meeting as follows: the Youth Commission requests the Mayor and Commission support the identification of a safe space in the City of Miami Beach for LGBTQ+ youth to be able to speak openly about issues of concern and participate in monthly information sessions where guest speakers provide useful information to positively impact their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, at the February 1, 2023 Commission meeting, Commissioner Alex Fernandez referred to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee support in the identification of a safe space in Miami Beach for LGBTQIA+ Youth; and

**WHEREAS**, at the March 23, 2023 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting, members unanimously supported the development and implementation of a Safe Space program for LGBTQIA+ Miami Beach Youth; and

**WHEREAS**, staff from the Office of Education and Performance Initiatives and the Miami Beach Police Department met to discuss the feasibility of using the Police Department Community Room (1st Floor) as a safe space for Miami Beach teens to gather; and

**WHEREAS**, staff determined that an alternate option was preferred; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Education Officer Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld met with members of Pridelines to review opportunities for partnership to support Miami Beach youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Pridelines is a grassroots 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe space, social support, skills building, leadership development and referrals to mental health, health care and support services for LGBTQ youth and their straight allies throughout South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, Pridelines at The LGBTQ Visitor Center located at 1130 Washington Avenue may be an option for a safe space and to expand youth programming on Miami Beach

**WHEREAS**, a potential partnership with Pridelines would include, but not be limited to, the below programs:

- Rainbow Circle - A peer-led LGBTQ support and discussion group. Topics covered often include coming out, relationships, bullying, peer pressure, drugs and alcohol, depression and self-esteem. Youth are encouraged to express their thoughts and feelings without fear in a safe and supportive environment
- Beyond the Binary - A peer led group for transgender and gender non-conforming youth, and is one of a few programs serving transgender youth in Miami-Dade County
- Social Fridays - Fun social activities with friends that include game nights, movie nights, and art projects

**WHEREAS**, the attached proposal from Pridelines includes additional details as to programming options for consideration to support a Safe Space for Miami Beach LGBTQIA+ youth and families; and

**WHEREAS**, at the May 23, 2023 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting, the Committee unanimously supported providing a grant in the amount of \$50,000 on a recurring basis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, and approve a grant in the total amount of \$50,000 to Pridelines, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation of the State of Florida, for the development and implementation of a safe space program for LGBTQIA+ Miami Beach youth; authorize the City Clerk and City Manager to execute the City's standard grant agreement with respect to the foregoing; and further, in view of the importance of this organization and the public purposes served by this programming, direct the Administration to prioritize an allocation of a \$50,000 grant to Pridelines, Inc. in fiscal year 2024 and on a recurring basis, as part of the City's annual budget process each year thereafter.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 28 day of June, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex Fernandez)



APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney *SH* Date 6-21-23

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager  
DATE: June 28, 2023

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING A GRANT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO PRIDELINES, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SAFE SPACE PROGRAM FOR LGBTQIA+ MIAMI BEACH YOUTH; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CITY'S STANDARD GRANT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREGOING; AND FURTHER, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND THE PUBLIC PURPOSES SERVED BY THIS PROGRAMMING, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PRIORITIZE AN ALLOCATION OF A \$50,000 GRANT TO PRIDELINES, INC. IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND ON A RECURRING BASIS, AS PART OF THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Administration recommends that this be submitted for consideration through the FY 2024 budget process. As this is not budgeted in FY 2023, a budget amendment will have to return to the Commission for approval.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

At the March 23, 2023 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting, members unanimously supported the development and implementation of a Safe Space program for LGBTQIA+ Miami Beach Youth. At the February 1, 2023, Commission meeting, Commissioner Alex Fernandez referred to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee support in the identification of a safe space in Miami Beach for LGBTQIA+ Youth.

The Miami Beach Youth Commission made a motion at their December 14, 2022 meeting as follows:

The Youth Commission requests the Mayor and Commission support the identification of a safe space in the City of Miami Beach for LGBTQ+ youth to be able to speak openly about issues of concern and participate in monthly information sessions where guest speakers provide useful

information to positively impact their lives.

Staff met with the Youth Commission at their February 28, 2023 meeting to determine venue preference, meeting dates and times, and topics of discussion. A grant to cover programming for this Safe Space LGBTQIA+ youth program in Miami Beach is an option.

**ANALYSIS**

Staff from the Office of Education and Performance Initiatives and the Miami Beach Police Department met to discuss the feasibility of using the Police Department Community Room (1st Floor) as a safe space for Miami Beach teens to gather. Following multiple conversations, it was determined that an alternate option was preferred.

Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld met with members of Pridelines to review opportunities for partnership to support Miami Beach youth. Pridelines is a grassroots 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to provide safe space, social support, skills building, leadership development and referrals to mental health, health care and support services for LGBTQ youth and their straight allies throughout South Florida.

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The attached proposal from Pridelines includes additional details as to programming options for consideration to support a Safe Space for Miami Beach LGBTQIA+ youth and families.

This new program would have an annual recurring budget impact of \$50,000.

**SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA**

49% of residents are satisfied or very satisfied with public schools in Miami Beach  
42% of LGBTQIA+ young people seriously contemplate suicide each year  
Trevor Project noted increase in calls from Florida youths in 2022-23

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

FY 2023: \$50,000  
FY 2024: \$50,000 per year annually

**Applicable Area**

Not Applicable

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to**

**Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?**

**City Code Section 2-14?**

No

No

**Strategic Connection**

Prosperity - Be known for (K-12) educational excellence.

**Legislative Tracking**

Education and Performance Initiatives

**Sponsor**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

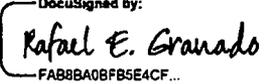
- ▣ YC Motion December 14, 2022
- ▣ Pridelines Proposal
- ▣ C4J February 2023 Memo
- ▣ Resolution

MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
NO. LTC # **525-2022**

**LETTER TO COMMISSION**

TO: Honorable Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

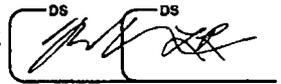
FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk 

DATE: December 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Youth Commission Motion

The Youth Commission would like you to be aware of the following motion regarding a safe space and programming for LGBTQ+ Miami Beach youth, made at their December 14, 2022 meeting.

C: Executive Staff  
Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld, Chief Education Officer

Attachment   
KB/LDR

City of Miami Beach  
Youth Commission

Meeting of December 14, 2022

Members Present: Penelope Heller, Natanya Rogoff, Owen Basner, Brett Burstein, Aubrey Rosenhaus, and Ava Annunziato

Members Absent: N/A

**Motion**

Made by Ava Annunziato

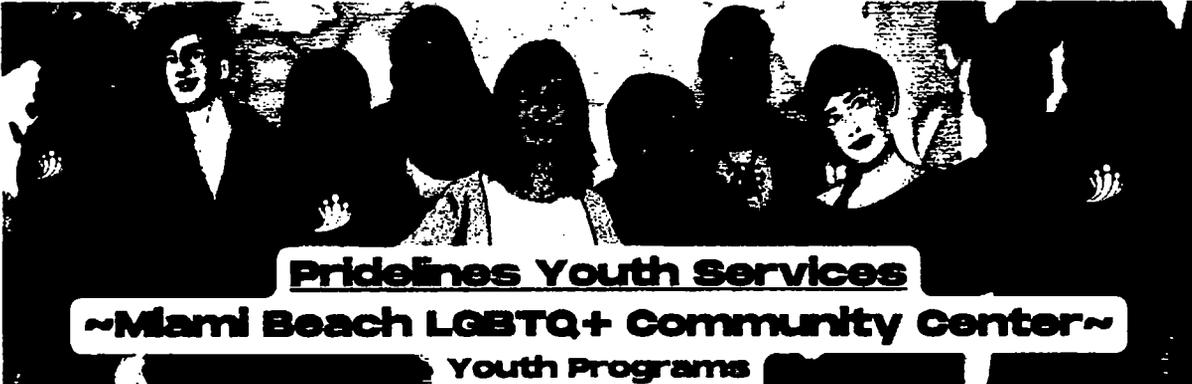
Second by Penelope Heller

The Youth Commission requests the Mayor and Commission support the identification of a safe space in the City of Miami Beach for LGBTQ+ youth to be able to speak openly about issues of concern and participate in monthly informational sessions where guest speakers provide useful information to positively impact their lives.

The Youth Commission urges the Mayor and Commission to support the above request.

Motion Passage: Votes 6-0

**PRIDELINES YOUTH SERVICES**  
**Miami Beach LGBTQ+ Community Center**



**LGBTQ+ Youth, Ages 13-19, Programming Proposal (1-Year of Support):**

- **Rainbow Circle (12 - 1x a month)**
- **Beyond the Binary (12 - 1x a month)**
- **Fun Fridays (12 - 1x a month)**
- **Miami Beach Pride Weekend Activity**

**(Designated Teen Safe Space / Time for High School-Enrolled Youth, Ages 13-19, ONLY)**

**The Rainbow Circle, Ages 13 - 19**

A peer-led LGBTQ+ support & discussion youth group covering a range of age-appropriate topics like coming-out, healthy relationships, bullying, peer-pressure, drugs & alcohol, positive identity / image development, self-esteem, anxiety and depression, college and careers, as well as civics, social and environmental justice activism.

**Beyond the Binary, Ages 13 - 19**

A peer-led support & discussion group for transgender and gender non-binary / non-conforming youth focusing on age-appropriate topics like holistic wellness / well-being, as well as the cultivation of long-lasting friendships, and a sense of belonging and affirming community.

**Focus Cohort -**

- **10-15 Sustained, High School-Enrolled, Youth Participants Per Activity**
- **25-50 Semi-Regular Youth Engaged at the Center at least 2x per month**

## **Budget Justification:**

### **Meals, Snacks, Beverages:**

\$125 per Rainbow Circle, Beyond the Binary, and Fun Friday  
\$375 per month | \$4,500 / year

### **Fun Friday Activity:**

\$500 per event  
\$500 per month | \$6,000 / year

### **Special Guest / Workshop Facilitator:**

(4 of 12 Rainbow Circle events feature Special Guest)

(4 of 12 Beyond the Binary events feature Special Guest)

(Examples of Special Guest programming include: Arts Therapy Facilitator, Social Media Content Creator / Influencer, LGBTQ+ Adolescent Psychologist [to conduct a wellness workshop], Etc. — Pridelines Groups are peer-led and Special Guest interest, identification and selection are gauged by popular opinion and up to majority vote)

\$350 per consultant (Planning and Implementation)  
\$2,800 / year

### **Personal / Young Professional Development:**

(Academic Enrichment, Resources, Trainings, Certifications, PT / Summertime / Holiday Break Employment Support, Etc.)

\$3,750 / year

### **Apparel:**

\$1,250 / year

### **Miami Beach Pride Weekend Activity:**

(Approximately 45 people, drink / food, games, prizes, large group art project - e.x., Splatter Painting)

\$2,500 / year

### **Drop-In Hours - Virtual Schooling, Study Hall, Youth Lounge:**

**Tues., Wed., Thurs. - 10am-6pm**

Free Printing, Subscriptions to online academic resources, major newspapers, educational media, tv streaming services, etc.)

\$1,200 / year

### **Programming Supplies:**

Miscellaneous Programmatic Materials (e.x., Arts & Crafts Therapy, Tech Equipment Maintenance - iMacs)

\$3,000 / year

**[\$25,000 Direct-Service Programming Expenses]**

**Administration - Program Staff Salary Support:**

- Youth Programs Manager, FT
  - Peer Navigator, FT
- \$20,000 / year

**Operations:**

(Rent, Utility, General Facility Maintenance)

\$5,000 / year

**Total Request for Support = \$50,000 (1-Year Programming)**



# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
 FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez  
 DATE: February 1, 2023

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE -  
 SUPPORT THE IDENTIFICATION OF A SAFE SPACE IN MIAMI BEACH FOR LGBTQIA+ YOUTH.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Please place the above item on the February 1, 2023 City Commission Meeting Agenda as a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee.

Under the current political climate, legislative attacks on the LGBTQIA+ community have become all too common across the United States. Here in Florida, our LGBTQIA+ youth have been specifically targeted with the passage of damaging laws such as HB 1557/SB 1834, otherwise called the Don't Say Gay Bill, and SB 1024 that bars transgender youth from participating in public school-sanctioned sports.

It is because of this troubling trend that we must act quickly and compassionately to protect our children regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation. Through a unanimously passed motion from the Miami Beach Youth Commission, it is in their view that the City of Miami Beach support the identification of a safe space within the City for LGBTQIA+ youth to be able to speak openly about issues of concern and participate in monthly sessions where guest speakers provide useful information and resources to positively impact their lives.

I would like the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to consider this motion and assist in making this very crucial community resource come to fruition.

Miami Beach has been a haven for the queer community for generations. It is fitting that Miami Beach extends its inclusivity, acceptance, and protection to our LGBTQIA+ youth.

### **SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA**

N/A

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

N/A

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

**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

### **Strategic Connection**

Non-Applicable

### **Legislative Tracking**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez