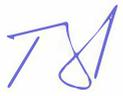


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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
LTC No. 037-2025

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Honorable Mayor Steven Meiner and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk 

DATE: January 22, 2025

SUBJECT: **Convention Center Advisory Board Motion**

The purpose of this Letter to the Commission ("LTC") is to inform the Mayor and City Commission of a motion made, and unanimously approved, by the Convention Center Advisory Board (CCAB) at its January 14, 2025 meeting.

Members present: Robin Jacobs (Chair), Antonio Hernandez (Vice-Chair), Mark Gidney, Carl Linder, Chris Gloede (Ex-Officio), Prakash Kumar, and Lee Zimmerman.

Motion: The CCAB recommends that the Mayor and Commissioners support the funding, procurement, and operation of small aeroponic gardens containing plants such as lettuces, vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers in and for the Convention Center. The gardens can be maintained and operated by Sodexo Live! to educate visitors to the convention center and the community on the practices of responsible food sourcing. Sodexo Live! staff can use the fresh produce harvested directly from these gardens in items served in the Rum Room and Venu and ingredients can be served in items for catered events.

Please contact Heather Shaw, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department at HeatherShaw@miamibeachfl.gov or Rickelle Williams, Assistant City Manager, at RickelleWilliams@miamibeachfl.gov should you have any questions.

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