



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

DATE: February 26, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER INITIATING A CULINARY EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PARIS ÎLE-DE-FRANCE CHAMBER OF TRADES AND CRAFT.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

Please place on the February 26, 2025 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to consider initiating a Culinary Exchange Program in collaboration with the Paris Île-de-France Chamber of Trades and Craft. The proposed exchange program would welcome young apprentices from France for an 8-day experience in a culinary institution in Miami Beach, where they would learn American cooking techniques. In return, these apprentices would have the opportunity to exchange culinary knowledge with local teachers and students, fostering a meaningful cultural and educational exchange between France and Miami Beach.

Details of the proposed exchange program are outlined in Exhibit A, attached to this referral. Notably, the expenses associated with this initiative will be covered by the Paris Île-de-France Chamber of Trades and Craft, ensuring that there is no cost to the City of Miami Beach.

I would like for the City Administration to be prepared to discuss how the City could facilitate and organize this exchange program, including potential partnerships with local culinary institutions, logistics for hosting the apprentices, and any necessary support to ensure the success of the program.

**ANALYSIS**

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

NA

**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-notice/>

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

## **CONCLUSION**

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

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

Yes

**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):

### **Department**

Office of Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

### **Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

### **Co-sponsor(s)**

### **Condensed Title**

Ref: PSNQLC - Initiate Culinary Exchange Program w/ Paris Île-de-France Chamber of Trades  
& Craft. (KRG)

### **Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)**