

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez

DATE: May 15, 2024

SUBJECT: DUAL REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY NEIGHBORHOODS AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE AND THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE CREATION OF CODE COMPLIANCE AREA CAPTAIN POSITIONS FOR SOUTH BEACH, MID BEACH AND NORTH BEACH

Please place on the May 15, 2024 agenda a dual referral to the Public Safety Neighborhoods and Quality of Life Committee (“PSNQLC”) and the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (“FERC”) to discuss the creation of Code Compliance Area Captain positions for South Beach, Mid Beach and North Beach.

The effective enforcement of the City’s Code of Ordinances (the “Code”) is crucial to the maintenance of the highest standards of safety, cleanliness and quality of life for the City’s residents and visitors. The City has approximately fifteen (15) square miles within its territorial jurisdiction. While many of the concerns relating to violations are homogenous throughout the City, because of the distinct character of South Beach, Mid Beach and North Beach, each of these areas presents its own unique set of challenges. Although our Code Compliance Department does a great job addressing compliance issues throughout the City, because of the unique characteristics of the South Beach, Mid Beach and North Beach areas, it would be useful to have an Area Captain designated for each of these regions. By consistently working in the same area of the City, the Area Captains will forge a stronger bond with residents and businesses in the area and will be in a better position to address area-specific concerns.

I would like for my colleagues on the PSNQLC to discuss, and I would like to discuss with my colleagues on the FERC, the creation of Code Compliance Area Captain positions for South Beach, Mid Beach and North Beach as we prepare to embark upon the FY 2025 budget process.

The appropriate representative(s) from the Code Compliance Department, Human Resources and Finance should be prepared to address this matter before the Committees.