




OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

LTC# 181-2025

## LETTER TO COMMISSION

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

FROM: Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk 

DATE: April 29, 2025

SUBJECT: Sister Cities Committee Motions

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The purpose of this Letter to Commission ("LTC") is to inform the Mayor and City Commission of motions made, and unanimously approved, by the Sister Cities Committee (SCC) on March 3, 2025 and April 7, 2025

Members present on March 3, 2025 include Moni Cohen, Laura Levey, Fred Bean, Matti Bower, Allison Buttacavoli, John Ospitia, and Janinha Piazzetta.

**Motion #1:** *The Sister Cities Committee recommends sending a Miami Beach delegation to Sister City Cascais, Portugal, the approval of a budget, not to exceed \$6400, to support the delegation, and their participate in the international cultural exchange project with Dance NOW! and Danca em Dialogos in March 8-13, 2025.*

**Motion #2:** *The Sister Cities Committee recommends that all funding for Sister Cities delegation trips, inbound and outbound, be approved prior to travel.*

**Motion #3:** *The Sister Cities Committee recommends the approval of Sister Cities By-Laws.*

**Motion #4:** *The Sister Cities Committee recommends the Mayor and Commissioners support the creation of a Lincoln Road Mardi Gras Festival on Lincoln Road similar to the Lincoln Road Halloween Celebration; and the Sister Cities Committee will work with the Lincoln Road Business Improvement District to align the event with Miami Beach Sister Cities.*

**Motion #5:** *The Sister Cities Committee will suspend event planning for six (6) months.*

Members present on April 7, 2025 include Moni Cohen, Fred Bean, Mattie Bower, Allison Buttacavoli, Marcella Novela, John Ospitia, Janinha Piazzetta, and Blanca Villarelo.

**Motion #1:** *The Sister Cities Committee recommends the approval of amendments to Sister Cities By-Laws.*

*Motion #2: The Sister Cities Committee recommends the approval of a budget, not to exceed \$800 for the payment of Sister Cities International (SCI) annual dues.*

Please contact Heather Shaw, Economic Development Department Interim Director, at [heathershaw@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:heathershaw@miamibeachfl.gov) should you have any questions.

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