



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Mayor Steven Meiner

DATE: October 30, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE CREATION OF A FOUNDATION FOCUSED ON SOLICITING DONATIONS OF WORKS OF ART FOR THE CITY'S PERMANENT ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COLLECTION AND/OR TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Please place on the October 30, 2024, a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (the "FERC") to discuss the creation of a foundation focused on soliciting donations of works of art for the City's permanent Art in Public Places collection and/or temporary exhibitions.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

The City of Miami Beach has long been committed to the enhancement of its public spaces through its Art in Public Places program (the "Program"), which aims to integrate high-quality, publicly accessible art throughout the City. The Program enriches the community, supports cultural engagement, and promotes Miami Beach as an international destination for the arts. To further this commitment, I would like for the FERC to discuss the potential benefits, structure, and feasibility of creating of a foundation whose specific focus would be to solicit and accept donations (or temporary installations) of works of art from individuals, corporations, and other benefactors. Such a foundation could serve as a platform for residents, art collectors, and art institutions to contribute to the cultural fabric of Miami Beach, ensuring a continuous enhancement of public art offerings. Further, the establishment of a dedicated foundation to solicit art donations represents an opportunity for Miami Beach to expand its Art in Public Places collection while fostering community engagement and philanthropy.

Key issues for consideration by the Committee include:

1. Foundation Structure: Evaluate the optimal organizational structure for the foundation, including governance, legal framework, and potential partnership models.
2. Funding and Management: Discuss operational funding and staffing needs, as well as costs associated with installation, maintenance, and insurance.
3. Integration with the City's AiPP Program: Review how the foundation's activities would align with and support the existing Art in Public Places Committee and the broader cultural initiatives of the City.
4. Community and Economic Benefits: Consider the cultural, social, and economic impact of enhancing the City's public art collection through such a foundation, including the potential to further elevate Miami Beach's standing as a global arts destination.

## **ANALYSIS**

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**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-notices/>

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

## **CONCLUSION**

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

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

No

**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 Mayor Steven Meiner

### **Sponsor(s)**

Mayor Steven Meiner

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

Commissioner Joseph Magazine

**Condensed Title**

Ref: FERC - Create Foundation for Soliciting Art Donations. (Meiner/Magazine)