



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez  
DATE: February 3, 2025  
TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS A LONG-TERM PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN FOR THE BAYWALK.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Please place on the February 3, 2025, City Commission agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss the development of a comprehensive long-term public safety plan and potential funding needs for the Baywalk. Once complete, the Baywalk will attract additional residents and visitors, making it essential that it remains a safe, welcoming environment for all.

As part of this referral, the Administration should be prepared to discuss strategies for crime prevention, emergency response protocols, lighting, surveillance, and other safety measures. This should include the installation of gates to regulate access between the new 5th street pedestrian bridge and the baywalk, as well as establishing defined hours of operation for the bridge to ensure its safety during non-operational hours. In addition, the plan should include the development and implementation of an on-going police detail for the Baywalk. This plan should create an environment that promotes safety and peace of mind for both residents and visitors.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

**ANALYSIS**

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**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**

South Beach

**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 Alex Fernandez

### **Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

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

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

### **Condensed Title**

Ref: PSNQLC - Baywalk Public Safety Plan. (Fernandez/Dominguez)

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