



**COMMISSION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Laura Dominguez

DATE: February 26, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE INSTALLATION OF SMALL AEROPONIC GARDENS AT A LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED IN THE CONVENTION CENTER CAMPUS.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

**ANALYSIS**

Please place on the February 26, 2025 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss the possible installation of small aeroponic gardens at a location to be determined in the Convention Center Campus, as recommended by the Convention Center Advisory Board (CCAB) at its January 14, 2025 meeting.

The proposed aeroponic gardens would feature a variety of plants such as lettuces, vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers. These gardens would be maintained and operated by the City's food and beverage concessionaire at the Convention Center, Sodexo Live!, which would also serve as an educational tool for both Convention Center visitors and the broader community on the practices of responsible food sourcing.

Sodexo Live! staff would utilize the fresh produce harvested directly from the gardens in menu items served at the Rum Room and Venu, as well as incorporate the ingredients into offerings for catered events.

The Administration should provide its recommendation as to the location for the proposed gardens, an estimated budget for the initial installation and annual operation of the gardens and an outline of necessary next steps in the event the Commission desires to proceed with this proposal.

**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**

South Beach

**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 Commissioner Laura Dominguez

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

**Condensed Title**

Ref: PSNQLC - Installation of Small Aeroponic Gardens at Convention Center Campus.  
(Dominguez/Bhatt)

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