

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: February 3, 2025

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEYS EMPLOYED AT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THE ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS EMPLOYED AT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, INCLUDING A SALARY INCREASE, A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT, AND A LOCALITY PAY DIFFERENTIAL IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE HIRING AND RETENTION OF QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED ATTORNEYS, TO COMPENSATE FOR THE HIGH COST OF LIVING IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RELATIVE TO THE REST OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; AND ADDING THIS ITEM TO THE CITY'S 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND MEMBERS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner David Suarez.

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

City Attorney

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner David Suarez
Mayor Steven Meiner

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Condensed Title

Urge State of FL to Increase Prosecutor & Public Defender Salaries.
(Suarez/Meiner/Dominguez) CA

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)