



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

DATE: February 26, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE AND THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE CREATION OF A MIAMI BEACH HISTORICAL MUSEUM, AND IDENTIFY POTENTIAL SITES ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION AN UNDERUTILIZED OR VACANT STOREFRONT IN A CITY-OWNED BUILDING, IN ORDER TO COMPLEMENT THE CITY'S ROBUST CULTURAL OFFERINGS WITH A NEW INSTITUTION FOCUSED ON THE HISTORY OF MIAMI BEACH.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Please place the above item on the February 26, 2025 City Commission meeting agenda as a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC") and Land Use and Sustainability Committee ("LUSC").

I would like the FERC and LUSC to discuss the potential creation of a Miami Beach Historical Museum, to complement the City's robust cultural offerings with a new institution dedicated to the history of Miami Beach. The Committees should consider the following:

Scope of issues that the Museum should focus on;

Educational institutions or cultural organizations that could partner with the City on such an endeavor; and

Potential sites on City-owned property, including without limitation an underutilized or vacant City storefront.

In light of the potential fiscal impact and use of City property, I would like this item to be heard first by FERC. After initial consideration by FERC, the item should then be discussed by LUSC.

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?**

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 Tanya K. Bhatt

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: FERC/LUSC – Miami Beach Historical Museum. (Bhatt)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)