

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS APRIL 9, 2025 MEETING, TO (1) APPROVE THE EXPANSION TO FOUR EARLY VOTING SITES DURING THE 2025 RUN-OFF ELECTION (IF NECESSARY) TO ENHANCE VOTER ACCESSIBILITY, PARTICULARLY IN SOUTH BEACH DURING THE ART BASEL PERIOD; AND (2) SUPPORT THE CONFIRMATION OF PRIORITY PARKING RESERVATIONS FOR VOTERS AT THE G7 SHORT TERM CITY HALL PARKING GARAGE DURING THE 2025 RUN-OFF ELECTION (IF NECESSARY); AND PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSMITTAL OF THIS ITEM TO THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION BY THE CITY CLERK.

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2024, the electors of the City of Miami Beach approved a Charter amendment moving the date of the City's Run-Off Election from two weeks following the General Election to the second Tuesday in December; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Charter amendment, the 2025 Run-Off Election, if necessary, is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, with a three-day Early Voting period occurring from Friday, December 5 through Sunday, December 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this Early Voting period overlaps with Art Basel Miami Beach (December 3-7, 2025), a large-scale international art fair and one of the City's highest-attendance annual events, centered at the Miami Beach Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, Miami Beach City Hall (1700 Convention Center Drive), the City's long-standing Early Voting site in South Beach, is located in direct proximity to the Convention Center, resulting in expected traffic congestion, limited parking, pedestrian crowding, and potential access limitations during Art Basel; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission, at its February 3, 2025 meeting, referred the issue of potential Early Voting site adjustments to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee; and

WHEREAS, following site visits and coordination with the Miami-Dade County Elections Department, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, at its April 9, 2025 meeting, recommended expanding Early Voting to four sites, as follows:

• **South Beach:**

1. Miami Beach City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive
2. South Shore Community Center, 833 6th Street

- **Mid-Beach:**

3. Muss Park, 4300 Chase Avenue

- **North Beach:**

4. North Shore Branch Library, 7501 Collins Avenue

WHEREAS, the Committee also recommended reserving short-term parking for voters in the G7 Short Term City Hall Parking Garage to ensure access during the Run-Off Election Early Voting period; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 38-6 of the Miami Beach City Code and applicable provisions of Florida Statutes, the City coordinates with the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections to designate appropriate Early Voting sites within the City of Miami Beach; and, in accordance with Section 38-6(e) of the City Code, the City Commission is authorized, by resolution adopted in advance of a general, run-off, or special election not held in conjunction with a County or State election, to alter the sites and/or schedule of days and times for Early Voting; and this Resolution is consistent with such authority, as the 2025 Run-Off Election is a municipal election not conducted alongside any county or state election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA:

1. The Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to approve the expansion of Early Voting to four sites for the 2025 Run-Off Election (if necessary), as listed above.
2. The Mayor and City Commission support the confirmation of reserved parking spaces for voters in the G7 Short Term City Hall Parking Garage during the Early Voting period.
3. The City Clerk is directed to coordinate with the Supervisor of Elections and the Parking Department to implement this resolution.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED THIS 23rd day of April 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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