

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

**From:** Commissioner David Suarez

**Date:** November 14, 2024

**Subject:** DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION: PROVIDE FUNDING TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR HOMELESS SERVICES AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTERS

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Miami Beach remains committed to addressing the critical issues of homelessness and domestic violence in our city, as well as within our region. As part of this commitment, the City proposes to provide funding to Miami-Dade County to support the construction, operation, and provision of services for housing for homeless persons, domestic violence centers, and other necessary services including shelter, food, clothing, medical care, mental health treatment, and training and education (the "Public Purpose").

To ensure these efforts are sustained, the City is proposing a distribution of funds through the Miami Beach Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency") to Miami-Dade County, in alignment with the City's long-term strategy to combat homelessness and provide necessary services for those in need.

### **DISCUSSION:**

I would like to discuss the proposal below with my colleagues at the November 14, 2024 Special Meeting of the City Commission.

The below proposal, if approved for recommendation by the Mayor and City Commission, shall be subject to the approval of the Agency Board and the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners and, if necessary, a Seventh Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement.

#### **1. Funding Commitment:**

- The Miami Beach Redevelopment Agency shall distribute a total of \$3,100,000 annually (escalated by the lesser of CPI or 3%) to Miami-Dade County to support the Public Purpose. This distribution shall commence in FY 2025 and continue until the earlier of the following

events:

- (a) Expiration of the Miami Beach Redevelopment Agency; or
- (b) The conclusion of a referendum pursuant to Section 212.0306(2)(d), Florida Statutes, for residents to consider whether to approve a 1% tax on the sale of food, beverages, or alcoholic beverages in establishments licensed to sell alcohol for consumption on the premises, excluding hotels and motels, and excluding establishments with gross annual revenues of \$400,000 or less in the previous calendar year (the "1% Tax Question"); or
- (c) The imposition by the City of Miami Beach, Miami-Dade County, or the State of Florida of a tax whose proceeds are used for the purposes described in Section 212.0306(3)(b), Florida Statutes, or for substantially similar purposes.

2. Reimbursement by the Homeless Trust and Mutual Approval of Services to be Funded:

- As a condition for placing the 1% Tax Question on the ballot, the Homeless Trust would enter into an agreement with the City under which the Homeless Trust would reimburse the City for the City's annual expenses related to homeless programs. This reimbursement would occur within 30 days from the close of each fiscal year. The baseline reimbursement amount in FY 2025 is \$5,213,100; this baseline amount will be escalated annually on October 1 commencing on October 1, 2026, with an annual escalator equal to the lesser of CPI or 3%. In addition, the parties would mutually agree on the categories of support services for which funding received by the Homeless Trust will be specifically earmarked