

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner David Suarez

DATE: February 3, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE VIABILITY, FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES REGARDING THE POTENTIAL DEPLOYMENT OF PRIVATE SECURITY OFFICERS ON LINCOLN ROAD AND WASHINGTON AVENUE.

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

N/A

ANALYSIS

Please place on the February 3, 2025 City Commission agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee ("FERC") to discuss the viability, financial implications, and expected outcomes regarding the potential deployment of private security officers on Lincoln Road and Washington Avenue.

As set forth in Exhibit "A" (attached hereto), the proposed initiative seeks to contract private security officers for heavily-touristed business districts, particularly Lincoln Road and Washington Avenue. The private security officers would serve as a visible crime deterrent and provide additional support for the Police Department, while simultaneously serving as a force multiplier to optimize police resources and improve public safety. The City of Hollywood, which implemented a similar program, has been highly successful with no major incidents reported since the program's inception.

Accordingly, I would request that the Administration be prepared to discuss the proposal as set forth in Exhibit "A," address any foreseeable issues or concerns, and provide the Committee with its recommendation, so that my colleagues and I may discuss, analyze, and take any action we deem appropriate.

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

N/A

CONCLUSION

N/A

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): N/A

Department

Office of Commissioner David Suarez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner David Suarez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: FERC - Private Security Officers for Lincoln Road and Washington Avenue. (Suarez)

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