

C4 H REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE –  
DISCUSS PLANTING 100 JAMAICAN TALL COCONUT PALMS AT LUMMUS  
PARK.

Applicable Area:

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

DATE: March 19, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE –  
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### **RECOMMENDATION**

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

Please place on the March 19, 2025 agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (the “Committee”) to discuss planting 100 Jamaican tall coconut palms at Lummus Park (the “Park”). These palms, which are already a key feature of the park's landscape, are a distinctive part of Miami Beach's aesthetic and contribute to the unique tropical atmosphere enjoyed by both residents and visitors.

The Jamaican tall coconut palms are well-adapted to our local environment, and planting additional palms would enhance the park's beauty, further solidifying the Park as a landmark destination within the City.

The Administration should be prepared to present the following information to the Committee for discussion:

- appropriate planting locations within the Park;
- costs involved; and
- funding sources for the project.

To the extent funding for this project is not available in the FY 2025 budget, I would request that the Committee recommend making this a budget priority during the FY 2026 budget process. I believe this initiative will not only enhance the visual appeal of Lummus Park but also preserve the iconic look that has become synonymous with Miami Beach.

I look forward to discussing the logistics, costs, and benefits of this proposal with the Committee and gathering feedback on how we can move forward.

### **ANALYSIS**

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

NA

**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?**

Yes

**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 Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Ref: FERC - Plant 100 Jamaican Tall Coconut Palms at Lummus Park. (Rosen Gonzalez)

**Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)**