

C4 D REFERRAL TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOODS QUALITY OF LIFE
COMMITTEE: REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM OUTSIDE LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO SUPPORT MIAMI BEACH POLICE
DEPARTMENT DURING ART WEEK 2025.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Laura Dominguez

DATE: February 3, 2025

TITLE: REFERRAL TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOODS QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE: REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM OUTSIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO SUPPORT MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT DURING ART WEEK 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

Please place on the December 11, 2024 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss the possible need for additional law enforcement support during Art Week 2025.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Art Week, particularly the internationally renowned Art Basel, attracts a massive influx of visitors to Miami Beach each year, resulting in significantly heightened demand for public safety and law enforcement services. As the event grows in scope and scale, the City of Miami Beach must ensure the safety and well-being of both residents and visitors, while minimizing disruptions to daily life in our neighborhoods.

ANALYSIS

During other high-impact periods, such as Spring Break, the City has successfully coordinated with outside law enforcement agencies to provide additional resources and support for the Miami Beach Police Department ("MBPD"). This collaboration helps ensure that the community is adequately protected and that our law enforcement officers are supported in maintaining order during these busy times.

Given the expected challenges and crowds during Art Week 2025, it is important that we explore the option of requesting outside law enforcement assistance to augment the efforts of MBPD and enhance public safety across the City.

I would like the Committee to address the potential need for additional law enforcement support during Art Week 2025, ensuring that the MBPD has the resources necessary to maintain public safety, manage large crowds, and protect residents and visitors. By coordinating with outside law enforcement agencies, we can effectively handle the challenges posed by this high-impact event and ensure a safe, secure, and enjoyable Art Week experience.

The Administration should be prepared to discuss the challenges and strain on MBPD during Art Week 2024, including managing large crowds, traffic enforcement, and addressing public safety concerns and the potential need for additional officers to support crowd control, traffic management, and responding to public disturbances.

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-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

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):

Department

City Attorney

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: PSNQLC - Req. Assistance from Outside, Support MBPD During Art Week 2025.
(Dominguez)