

C7 AK A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO INSTALL LUSH, MATURE PLANTS AT THE SOUTHERN LANDING OF THE 5TH STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE BEHIND THE ICON CONDOMINIUM.

Applicable Area:

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico  
DATE: February 3, 2025  
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### **RECOMMENDATION**

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

### **ANALYSIS**

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Laura Dominguez.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The sponsor of this item requests that the Administration be prepared to address the fiscal impact of this proposed measure, if any, at the City Commission meeting.

### **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?**

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?** Yes

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s): John Stimmel, President – Icon Condominium Association, Inc.

**Department**

City Attorney

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Laura Dominguez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Install Lush Landscaping to Replace Loss of Trees due to Pedestrian Bridge. (Dominguez) CA

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS**, the 5th Street Pedestrian Bridge is a critical infrastructure element that connects the Baywalk south of 5th Street with the Baywalk north of 5th Street, providing safe and efficient pedestrian access across the city's waterfront; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the construction of the 5th Street Pedestrian Bridge, mature landscaping located behind the Icon Condominium will need to be removed to accommodate the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed replacement landscaping for the area includes the planting of seedlings, which will require several years to mature, potentially leading to a temporary loss of the lush, vibrant appearance of the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission desires to maintain the beauty and aesthetic value of this important location by ensuring that the landscaping that replaces the trees and vegetation removed during construction will be dense, lush, and mature, providing an immediate enhancement to the area's visual appeal and creating a welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, ideally, the replacement landscaping will include plants that are tolerant of sea spray such as Brazilian Beauty standard trees, clusia hedges and green island ficus hedges; and

**WHEREAS**, the planting of ficus repens vines around the bases of the concrete columns so the vines grow up along the columns would help beautify the landing area for the pedestrian bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission seeks to ensure that the landscaping at the southern landing of the 5th Street Pedestrian Bridge behind the Icon Condominium will reflect the high aesthetic standards of the City and contribute to the overall beauty of the public spaces along the Baywalk.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby direct the Administration to install lush, mature plants at the southern landing of the 5th Street Pedestrian Bridge behind the Icon Condominium, ensuring that the replacement landscaping is dense, lush, and aesthetically pleasing in order to maintain the beauty of the area during and after the completion of the bridge project.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Laura Dominguez)

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FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney

1/24/2025  
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Date