

R9 AF DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION: WHAT IS THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH GOING TO DO ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE BIKINI HOSTEL HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A HOMELESS SHELTER?

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez
DATE: February 26, 2025
TITLE: DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION: WHAT IS THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH GOING TO DO ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE BIKINI HOSTEL HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A HOMELESS SHELTER?

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

In November 2024 the Miami Dade County Homeless Trust entered into an agreement with the Bikini Hostel to house 50 homeless individuals who were formerly at the Camillus House. At the Camillus House, this group of individuals had rules. They had a curfew. Alcohol was prohibited. They received “wrap around” services for mental health. These 50 homeless have now been living on Miami Beach for three months, and the neighbors surrounding are complaining. How can a hostel be converted into a homeless shelter and the City of Miami Beach has done nothing to protect the surrounding families with children with this abrupt, unauthorized, and unsolicited zoning change?

There must be some action we can take on behalf of our residents on West Avenue.

The Bikini Hostel should NOT be a “de facto” homeless shelter.

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

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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?

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

Office of Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Discuss/Take Action: Bikini Hostel. (Rosen Gonzalez)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)