

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**

### **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?**

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)**