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Applicable Area:

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: February 26, 2025

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

### **ANALYSIS**

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Joseph Magazine.

### **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 Joseph Magazine

**Co-sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**Condensed Title**

Urge Federal Gov't to Find a Solution for Law-Abiding Venezuelans Refuged in MB.  
(Magazine/Fernandez) CA

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

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

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach is home to a significant Venezuelan community that has contributed to the economic and cultural vibrancy of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Venezuelan people have been central to the economic growth and diversity of Miami Beach, with many Venezuelan immigrants establishing businesses, enriching the cultural fabric of the community, and playing a key role in the City's development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Venezuelan people have fled their native country to escape the brutal and oppressive regime led by Nicolás Maduro, seeking refuge in the United States to protect themselves and their families from persecution, political imprisonment, torture, and death; and

**WHEREAS**, law-abiding Venezuelans have embraced the values of family, freedom, and democracy, and seek to continue contributing to the American way of life by providing for their families and supporting the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the end of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Venezuelan immigrants may result in the mass deportation of Venezuelans, placing them at grave risk of being sent back to a regime that has committed atrocities against its own citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach Mayor and Commission strongly support the protection of Venezuelan immigrants who have made Miami Beach their home and have become valued members of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach calls upon the federal government to find a permanent legal solution that will allow Venezuelans who have sought refuge in the United States to continue living and working without fear of deportation, while contributing to the betterment of American society.

**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 urge the federal government to find a permanent solution for law-abiding Venezuelans who have sought refuge in Miami Beach and across the United States, ensuring their safety, security, and ability to continue contributing to their communities, and further, direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Caleb Vitello, Acting Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Senator Ashley Moody, Senator Rick Scott and Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar.

**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 Joseph Magazine)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney

2/19/2025  
Date