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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 has been placed on the February 26, 2025 City Commission meeting agenda at the request of Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez.

### **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-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?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

**Department**

City Attorney

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Live Better Survey Reso (Fernandez)(CA)

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

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS**, the “Live Better” initiative has been proposed as an overarching housing policy, designed to offer targeted incentives that are tailored to the unique needs and character of Miami Beach and with the goal of alleviating the strain on middle-income renters who are struggling to keep up with rising costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Live Better initiative seeks to foster the creation of incentives for the construction of attainable, non-luxury housing for middle-income individuals and families and promote a variety of housing types that cater to different income levels, ensuring diverse and inclusive communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Live Better initiative encourages development that is and remains accessible to middle-income residents without compromising the economic viability of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2025 the Land Use and Sustainability Committee (LUSC) recommended that the Administration collaborate with a University with expertise in housing and urban policy to assist in drafting and conducting a comprehensive survey of residents and the workforce employed by major employers in Miami Beach to gather essential data on where these individuals live, their housing status (rent or own), household size, income levels, affordability limits, and their housing preferences and challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the information from the survey is expected to provide valuable insights to guide the development of policies that address the housing needs of lower and middle-income residents who are at risk of being priced out of Miami Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission recommends that funding for this initiative be considered as part of the FY 2026 budget process, if needed, to ensure the successful execution of the survey and the development of the necessary policies.

**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 accept the recommendation of the Land Use and Sustainability Committee, at its January 16, 2025 meeting, and direct the Administration to collaborate with a University with expertise in housing and urban policy to assist in drafting and conducting a comprehensive survey of residents and the workforce employed by major employers in Miami Beach, and present the findings of the survey to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee for further discussion and consideration.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 26th day of February 2025.

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

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FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney

2/19/2025  
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