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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 David Suarez.

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?

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

No

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 David Suarez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Encourage Miami Beach Pride to Allow Participation by all Elected Officials (Suarez) CA

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING MIAMI
BEACH GAY PRIDE, INC. TO ALLOW FULL PARTICIPATION OF
ALL PUBLIC AND ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE GAY PRIDE
FESTIVAL AND PARADE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach is a longstanding champion of diversity, inclusion, and LGBTQ+ rights, earning a perfect 100-point score in the 2024 Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach proudly supports Miami Beach Gay Pride, Inc. through a \$250,000 grant, in addition to waiving all permitting fees, and Miami Beach Gay Pride, Inc. also receives support from Miami-Dade County and other public entities; and

WHEREAS, Miami Beach Pride festival and parade is a premier multi-day celebration of arts, culture, and LGBTQ+ visibility, attracting over 185,000 attendees and serving as a vital platform for community engagement, unity, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach is committed to fostering an environment where diversity of thought and opinion is respected, and public events funded by taxpayer dollars should remain open and accessible to all members of the community, including public and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, by accepting City funding and support, Miami Beach Gay Pride, Inc. is legally bound to comply with the City of Miami Beach Human Rights Ordinance, as codified in Chapter 62 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City's Human Rights Ordinance was amended in 2016 to add political affiliation as a protected category, affirming the City's intent that "political activity, association, and speech are cornerstones of life in this nation, state, and City," and ensuring that no individual shall be excluded from participation in public services based on a protected status, including publicly funded events; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach, pursuant to Chapter 62 of the City Code, requires that all organizations receiving municipal funding uphold these principles of fairness, non-discrimination, and inclusivity in all publicly supported programs and events;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission respectfully

encourage Miami Beach Gay Pride, Inc. to allow full participation of all public and elected officials in the Gay Pride festival and parade, in accordance with the City's values and legal protections that ensure an open and inclusive community.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner David Suarez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

 2/24/2025
City Attorney *RR* Date