

R7 L A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS APRIL 9, 2025 MEETING, TO (1) APPROVE THE EXPANSION TO FOUR EARLY VOTING SITES DURING THE 2025 RUN-OFF ELECTION (IF NECESSARY) TO ENHANCE VOTER ACCESSIBILITY, PARTICULARLY IN SOUTH BEACH DURING THE ART BASEL PERIOD; AND (2) SUPPORT THE CONFIRMATION OF PRIORITY PARKING RESERVATIONS FOR VOTERS AT THE G7 SHORT TERM CITY HALL PARKING GARAGE DURING THE 2025 RUN-OFF ELECTION (IF NECESSARY); AND PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSMITTAL OF THIS ITEM TO THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION BY THE CITY CLERK.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Clerk Rafael E. Granado

DATE: April 23, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION

The Office of the City Clerk recommends that the adoption of the attached Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (PSNQLC) to expand to four Early Voting sites during the 2025 Run-Off Election, if necessary, and to implement, in coordination with the Parking Department, voter parking accommodations at the G7 Short Term City Hall Parking Garage.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

On November 5, 2024, Miami Beach voters approved a Charter amendment rescheduling the City's Run-Off Election to the second Tuesday in December, resulting in a Run-Off Election scheduled for December 9, 2025. The Early Voting period, as set by Section 38-6 of the City Code, will occur from Friday, December 5, through Sunday, December 7, 2025.

This Early Voting period coincides with Art Basel (December 3–7, 2025), which significantly increases traffic and parking congestion in the vicinity of City Hall – one of the City's designated Early Voting sites. Concerns over voter accessibility prompted the City Commission, at its February 3, 2025 meeting, to refer the issue to the PSNQLC.

Following an extensive evaluation of alternate facilities and coordination with the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections, the PSNQLC discussed the item on March 12 and April 9, 2025. At the conclusion of its April 9 meeting, the Committee unanimously recommended the adoption of a Resolution formalizing its recommendations.

ANALYSIS

The proposed Early Voting expansion for the Run-Off Election, if necessary, includes two new locations in addition to the existing two, thereby improving geographic access for residents in North Beach, Mid-Beach, and South Beach. The four sites, with addresses and regional breakdowns, are as follows:

South Beach:

1. Miami Beach City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive
2. South Shore Community Center, 833 6th Street

Mid-Beach:

3. Muss Park, 4300 Chase Avenue

North Beach:

4. North Shore Branch Library, 7501 Collins Avenue

The addition of the South Shore Community Center as a second South Beach location, and Muss Park as a Mid-Beach site, addresses concerns about Art Basel congestion by offering residents additional options and reducing dependence on the City Hall voting site.

To further support voter accessibility, the City Clerk has worked with the Parking Department, which has confirmed that short-term parking spaces in the G7 Short Term City Hall Parking Garage will be reserved for voters during the three-day Early Voting period. The Art Basel valet service will be adjusted accordingly to ensure that voter access is prioritized.

The Supervisor of Elections has approved the City's request to expand Early Voting to four sites during the Run-Off Election, if necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The estimated additional cost to add two Early Voting sites for the 2025 Run-Off Election (if necessary) is \$70,700.00.

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

Elections Account: 011-9502-000312-90-400-579-00-00-00.

CONCLUSION

Approval of the attached Resolution will:

- Endorse the addition of two new Early Voting sites for the 2025 Run-Off Election, if necessary.
- Improve voter accessibility throughout the City.
- Prioritize parking for voters at the G7 Short term City Hall Parking Garage.

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 Clerk

Sponsor(s)

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Expand To 4 Early Voting Sites, Prioritize Voter Parking At City Hall Garage – ‘25 Run-Off Election. CC

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

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ESTIMATE

City of Miami Beach Run Off Election - 3 EV Days, 4 Sites

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Dr., #200
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Estimate N°: MB-RO-11092025-4S
Estimate Date: April 10, 2025

Registered Voters:	50,948	Early Voting Days:	3
Precincts:	21	Early Voting Sites:	4
Polling Places:	21		
Permanent Absentee Ballots:	15,000		

Personnel	\$ 145,327.27
<i>Salaries & Fringe Benefits, Overtime, Poll Workers</i>	

Polling Places	14,460.00
<i>Security, Polling Place Rentals</i>	

Supplies and Services	3,500.00
<i>Election Supplies, Communication Charges, Vote by Mail Ballots Set Up</i>	

Trucks and Vehicles	20,500.00
<i>Delivery/Pickup of Voting Equipment, ISD Fleet Vehicles Rental</i>	

Printing and Advertising	27,000.00
<i>Vote by Mail, Early Voting & Precinct Ballots, Consumables, Temporary Polling Place Change Notices</i>	

Postage	18,700.00
<i>Vote by Mail Sent and Business Reply, Temporary Polling Place Change Notices, Letters</i>	

Ballot Creation	660.00
<i>In-House & Outside Contractual Services, Translations - Based on one question</i>	

Administrative Overhead	23,014.73
<i>Indirect Costs, Logic & Accuracy, Post-Election Audits</i>	

*TOTAL	<u>\$ 253,162.00</u>
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* Please note these costs are estimates and are subject to change. This estimate does include the cost of ballot printing; however, if your question(s)/race(s) creates an additional ballot page, the cost will be adjusted accordingly.

For more information, you may contact:

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AT ITS APRIL 9, 2025 MEETING, TO (1) APPROVE THE EXPANSION TO FOUR EARLY VOTING SITES DURING THE 2025 RUN-OFF ELECTION (IF NECESSARY) TO ENHANCE VOTER ACCESSIBILITY, PARTICULARLY IN SOUTH BEACH DURING THE ART BASEL PERIOD; AND (2) SUPPORT THE CONFIRMATION OF PRIORITY PARKING RESERVATIONS FOR VOTERS AT THE G7 SHORT TERM CITY HALL PARKING GARAGE DURING THE 2025 RUN-OFF ELECTION (IF NECESSARY); AND PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSMITTAL OF THIS ITEM TO THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION BY THE CITY CLERK.

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2024, the electors of the City of Miami Beach approved a Charter amendment moving the date of the City's Run-Off Election from two weeks following the General Election to the second Tuesday in December; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Charter amendment, the 2025 Run-Off Election, if necessary, is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, with a three-day Early Voting period occurring from Friday, December 5 through Sunday, December 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this Early Voting period overlaps with Art Basel Miami Beach (December 3-7, 2025), a large-scale international art fair and one of the City's highest-attendance annual events, centered at the Miami Beach Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, Miami Beach City Hall (1700 Convention Center Drive), the City's long-standing Early Voting site in South Beach, is located in direct proximity to the Convention Center, resulting in expected traffic congestion, limited parking, pedestrian crowding, and potential access limitations during Art Basel; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission, at its February 3, 2025 meeting, referred the issue of potential Early Voting site adjustments to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee; and

WHEREAS, following site visits and coordination with the Miami-Dade County Elections Department, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee, at its April 9, 2025 meeting, recommended expanding Early Voting to four sites, as follows:

- **South Beach:**

1. Miami Beach City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive
2. South Shore Community Center, 833 6th Street

- **Mid-Beach:**

3. Muss Park, 4300 Chase Avenue

- **North Beach:**

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WHEREAS, the Committee also recommended reserving short-term parking for voters in the G7 Short Term City Hall Parking Garage to ensure access during the Run-Off Election Early Voting period; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 38-6 of the Miami Beach City Code and applicable provisions of Florida Statutes, the City coordinates with the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections to designate appropriate Early Voting sites within the City of Miami Beach; and, in accordance with Section 38-6(e) of the City Code, the City Commission is authorized, by resolution adopted in advance of a general, run-off, or special election not held in conjunction with a County or State election, to alter the sites and/or schedule of days and times for Early Voting; and this Resolution is consistent with such authority, as the 2025 Run-Off Election is a municipal election not conducted alongside any county or state election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA:

1. The Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to approve the expansion of Early Voting to four sites for the 2025 Run-Off Election (if necessary), as listed above.
2. The Mayor and City Commission support the confirmation of reserved parking spaces for voters in the G7 Short Term City Hall Parking Garage during the Early Voting period.
3. The City Clerk is directed to coordinate with the Supervisor of Elections and the Parking Department to implement this resolution.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED THIS 23rd day of April 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney



Date