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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: April 23, 2025

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING FLORIDA SENATORS ASHLEY MOODY AND RICK SCOTT, AS WELL AS HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE FREDERICA WILSON, TO ADVOCATE FOR IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE OVERCROWDING AT THE KROME IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTER AND SIMILAR FACILITIES BY EXPANDING DETENTION CAPACITY, IMPROVING OVERSIGHT, AND ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR REPORTED ABUSES.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Alex 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)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Condensed Title

Urge FL Senators/Reps. to Alleviate Overcrowding at Krome Immigration Detention Center.
(Fernandez/Bhatt) CA

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, illegal immigration is a pressing issue in the United States, requiring ongoing efforts to ensure the enforcement of immigration laws and national security; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of President Donald J. Trump, the United States has made significant strides in curbing illegal immigration, achieving historic reductions in border crossings, with Border Patrol encountering only 7,181 illegal immigrants at the southern border in March 2025; and

WHEREAS, according to the recent data released by Customs and Border Patrol, these numbers represent a 95% decrease from the 137,473 illegal border crossings recorded in March 2024, a 96% decrease from the 163,672 in March 2023, and a 97% decrease from the 211,181 in March 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Administration's strict enforcement measures, including the increased arrest and deportation of undocumented individuals within the interior of the country, have contributed to severe overcrowding in immigration detention centers, including the Krome Detention Center in western Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, reports, including a USA Today investigation, have revealed alarming inhumane conditions at Krome, including allegations of mistreatment of detainees, abuse of female prisoners in a facility designated for men, and individuals being held in degrading conditions such as being chained for hours on a prison bus without access to food, water, or restrooms; and

WHEREAS, viral videos have surfaced showing detainees sleeping on the floor under chairs, pleading for assistance from human rights organizations, while others have reported being held incommunicado for over 30 days, with at least two deaths reported at the facility in 2025 since late January; and

WHEREAS, while the issue of overcrowding in immigration detention facilities is not new, it has intensified in 2025, necessitating urgent intervention to prevent further human rights violations; and

WHEREAS, regardless of an individual's immigration or criminal status, all detainees have a fundamental right to humane and dignified treatment while in custody; and

WHEREAS, as follows, the Mayor and City Commission wish to urge Florida Senators Ashley Moody and Rick Scott, as well as House Representative Frederica Wilson, to advocate for immediate and effective measures to alleviate overcrowding at the Krome Detention Center and similar facilities by expanding detention capacity, improving oversight, and ensuring accountability for reported abuses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA that the Mayor and the City hereby urge Florida Senators Ashley Moody and Rick Scott, as well as House Representative Frederica Wilson, to advocate for immediate and effective measures to alleviate overcrowding at the Krome Immigration Detention Center and similar facilities by expanding detention capacity, improving oversight, and ensuring accountability for reported abuses.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

4/15/2025

Date