

C7 U A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO FLORIDA SENATORS SHEVRIN JONES, ALEXIS CALATAYUD, AND ILEANA GARCIA, AND REPRESENTATIVES VICKI LOPEZ AND FABIAN BASABE FOR THEIR ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH WITH REGARD TO SENATE BILL 1730 (THE "LIVE LOCAL ACT") DURING THE 2025 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION, WHICH INCLUDES IMPORTANT PROTECTIONS FOR THE CHARACTER OF HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE RESPECTIVE ELECTED OFFICIALS LISTED HEREIN.

Applicable Area:

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: May 21, 2025

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO FLORIDA SENATORS SHEVRIN JONES, ALEXIS CALATAYUD, AND ILEANA GARCIA, AND REPRESENTATIVES VICKI LOPEZ AND FABIAN BASABE FOR THEIR ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH WITH REGARD TO SENATE BILL 1730 (THE "LIVE LOCAL ACT") DURING THE 2025 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION, WHICH INCLUDES IMPORTANT PROTECTIONS FOR THE CHARACTER OF HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE RESPECTIVE ELECTED OFFICIALS LISTED HEREIN.

### **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-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 Alex Fernandez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Express Gratitude to Fla Senators/Reps for Amendments to SB 1730 (Live Local Act).  
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**Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)**

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

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**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach (the “City”) wish to express sincere gratitude to Florida Senators Shevrin Jones, Alexis Calatayud, and Ileana Garcia, and Representatives Vicki Lopez and Fabian Basabe for their advocacy on behalf of the City with regard to Senate Bill 1730 (the “Live Local Act”) during the 2025 Florida Legislative session, which included important protections for historic neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 1730, as originally introduced, would have permitted developments within districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places to be built up to the maximum allowable height for commercial or residential buildings within a one-mile radius; and

**WHEREAS**, this generated widespread concern, particularly within the Miami Beach community, due to the potential for wholesale demolition of historic neighborhoods, the acceleration of gentrification through the replacement of naturally affordable housing with high-rise towers, and the fear of transforming South Beach into a high-density urban landscape; and

**WHEREAS**, State Senator Shevrin Jones offered an important amendment to SB 1730 that promotes the character of historic neighborhoods by allowing for local regulations relating to architectural design, such as façade replication, in order to better maintain an area’s architectural identity; and

**WHEREAS**, for a city like Miami Beach—whose global identity and economic vitality are inextricably linked to its architectural heritage and historic character—these amendments represent a significant and meaningful departure from the original bill and directly address core community concerns regarding the preservation of our built environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby express gratitude to Florida Senators Shevrin Jones, Alexis Calatayud, and Ileana Garcia, and Representatives Vicki Lopez and Fabian Basabe for their advocacy on behalf of the City with regard to Senate Bill 1730 (the "Live Local Act") during the 2025 Florida Legislative session, which includes important protections for the character of historic neighborhoods; and further, direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this resolution to the respective elected officials listed herein.

**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 Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

5/13/2025

Date