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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: June 25, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

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

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The fiscal impact of this measure shall not exceed \$71,400.

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

Funding for Live Better Housing Survey. (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 February 26, 2025, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2025-33542, accepting the recommendation of the Land Use and Sustainability Committee, at its January 16, 2025 meeting, and directing 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 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 residents who are at risk of being priced out of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, to assist with the research, the City requested a proposal from the FIU Jorge M. Pérez Metropolitan Center (JPMC) under the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Florida International University, outlining the project tasks, deliverables, timeline and budget; and

WHEREAS, according to the Scope of Services prepared by JPMC, details of which are outlined in the Exhibit A accompanying this Resolution, the total estimated cost for the completion

of all tasks for the Live Better Survey is \$71,400, including a 26% indirect cost rate, assessed by FIU on externally funded projects.

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 direct the City Administration to allocate \$71,400 to be considered as part of the FY 2026 budget process to fund the "Live Better" housing survey, and further, if such funding is appropriated, authorize the City Administration to execute a Professional-Services Agreement, in a total amount not to exceed \$71,400, with the Florida International University Jorge M. Pérez Metropolitan Center, for the purpose of designing and administering the "Live Better" housing survey to collect comprehensive data on the residency, housing status, household size, income levels, affordability limits, and housing preferences and challenges of Miami Beach residents.

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

6/17/2025

Date