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# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: June 26, 2024

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### **ANALYSIS**

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **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 Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

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

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THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING MIAMI-DADE  
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RESIDENTS AND WORKERS FOR PRIORITY ACCESS TO  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS ACQUIRED FROM THE MIAMI  
BEACH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Miami Beach Community Development Corporation ("MBCDC") was founded in 1981 by the Miami Design Preservation League, initially focusing on preservation before shifting to developing affordable housing for low-income residents in the 1990s; and

**WHEREAS**, MBCDC acquired several affordable housing properties through funding from private lenders and local municipalities, receiving substantial support from the City of Miami Beach (the "City"), totaling over \$28 million, for the acquisition and rehabilitation of various multi-family housing properties; and

**WHEREAS**, however, MBCDC's financial struggles and compliance concerns prompted a thorough review by the City resulting in the City assuming five properties from MBCDC in 2014, addressing some financial insolvency issues; and

**WHEREAS**, additionally, the County conducted an audit in 2021 leading to the proposal for Miami-Dade County to take over ownership and control of the entire MBCDC property portfolio; and

**WHEREAS**, this initiative aims to preserve the long-term affordability of the properties, particularly given Miami-Dade County's current housing affordability crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 4, 2023, the County issued County Resolution No. 230469 approving terms of and authorizing the County Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Miami Beach Community Development Corporation (MBCDC) to take over ownership and control of the property portfolio of MBCDC; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the importance of providing housing opportunities for residents, particularly those who have worked in the hospitality industry and are approaching retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City urges Miami-Dade County to establish a preference for Miami Beach residents and workers to have priority access to the acquired affordable housing units in Miami Beach, as specific funding requirements and equal housing opportunities may allow.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA,** that the Mayor and City Commission hereby urge Miami-Dade County to establish a preference for Miami Beach residents and workers for priority access to affordable housing units acquired from the Miami Beach Community Development Corporation.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.



**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney 

6/17/2024  
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Date