

C7 Y A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, RESCINDING THE CEREMONIAL KEY TO THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH FROM SEAN COMBS.

Applicable Area:

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico  
DATE: October 30, 2024  
TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, RESCINDING THE CEREMONIAL KEY TO THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH FROM SEAN COMBS.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

### **ANALYSIS**

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsors, Commissioners David Suarez, Tanya K. Bhatt, and Joseph Magazine.

### **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?**

**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 Attorney

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner David Suarez  
Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt  
Commissioner Joseph Magazine  
Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Rescind Key to the City, Sean Combs. (Suarez/Bhatt/Magazine/Fernandez) CA

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, RESCINDING THE CEREMONIAL KEY TO THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH FROM SEAN COMBS.**

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the Mayor and City Commission presented music artist and entrepreneur Sean Combs, aka "P. Diddy" with a ceremonial key to the in recognition of Mr. Combs' contributions to the music industry and his role in organizing the Revolt Music Conference in Miami Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, the City takes pride in its reputation as a welcoming destination for artists, musicians, and creative professionals from around the world, and strives to maintain this reputation through thoughtful consideration of the individuals and events it chooses to honor; and

**WHEREAS**, the values and image portrayed by public figures honored by the City should reflect the core principles and aspirations of our diverse and inclusive community; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2024, after a released video of Mr. Combs attacking R&B singer and ex-girlfriend, Casandra Ventura (Cassie), the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2024-33129, formally rescinding the proclamation designating October 13, 2016 as "Sean 'Diddy' Combs Day;" and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Combs' recent arrest by federal agents in connection with alleged sex trafficking and sexual misconduct have raised concerns about whether Mr. Combs' public persona aligns with the values and image that the City of Miami Beach seeks to project; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the Mayor and City Commission to regularly reassess and, when necessary, reconsider previous actions to ensure they continue to serve the best interests of our residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, upon reflection, the Mayor and City Commission have determined that Mr. Combs persona and reputation is no longer in harmony with the City's values of safety, community well-being, and respect, and wish to revoke the ceremonial key to the City.

**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 rescind the ceremonial key to the City of Miami Beach from Sean Combs.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioners David Suarez,  
Tanya K. Bhatt, and Joseph Magazine)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

10/22/2024  
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Date