

C4 R REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS DIVIDING AREA 2 INTO TWO (AREAS/ZONES): EAST OF INDIAN CREEK AND WEST OF INDIAN CREEK, AND FUNDING FOR ANY ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS NECESSARY FOR FY 26 TO PROPERLY STAFF THIS INITIATIVE.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez

DATE: October 30, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS DIVIDING AREA 2 INTO TWO (AREAS/ZONES): EAST OF INDIAN CREEK AND WEST OF INDIAN CREEK, AND FUNDING FOR ANY ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS NECESSARY FOR FY 26 TO PROPERLY STAFF THIS INITIATIVE.

RECOMMENDATION

Please place on the October 30, 2024 City Commission agenda a referral to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee to discuss dividing Area 2 into two areas/zones and funding for additional police officers necessary for FY26 to properly staff this initiative.

The Police Department presently divides the City into four (4) distinct areas: Area 1 (south of Dade Boulevard); Area 2 (from Dade Boulevard to 63rd Street); Area 3 (from 63rd Street to the North end of the City; and Area 4 (the "ADCD"). More specifically, Indian Creek divides Area 2, from the east consisting of densely populated hotels, condominiums, a busy Beachwalk and Beachfront, and the west comprising of predominantly single-family homes, schools, a business corridor, religious institutions and Mount Sinani Medical Center.

On the October 18, 2023, I placed a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (PSNQLC) to discuss the status of, and options to enhance, MBPD patrols in the Mid-Beach area. The Police Department presented its Mid-Beach police patrol efforts including the feasibility of assigning designated officers to patrol Collins Avenue and Indian Creek Drive in Mid-Beach. The PSNQLC unanimously voted to have MBPD prepare a plan to divide Area 2 as part of the FY25 budget process.

As part of this referral, I request that the City Administration be prepared at Committee to present a plan to split the east side of Area 2 from the west side, and discuss the potential funding for FY 26 for additional police officers in order to patrol the Beachwalk and High Speed Details to address noise and quality of life offenses.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

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?

Yes

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

Office of Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: FERC - Divide Area 2 into East/West; Fund Additional Police Officers as Necessary FY 26 (Fernandez)

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez
DATE: October 18, 2023

SUBJECT: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS MBPD EFFORTS TO PATROL THE MID-BEACH AREA.

RECOMMENDATION

Please place on the October 18, 2023 agenda a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss the status of, and options to enhance, MBPD patrols in the Mid-Beach area.

Mid-Beach, which is a diverse neighborhood generally considered to be located between 24th and 60th Streets, is a captivating combination of everything there is to love about the cool of South Beach and the laid-back vibes of North Beach. In addition to being home to many City residents, Mid-Beach also features upscale hotels, stylish restaurants and lounges, its own arts district and, of course, the beach which is a draw for residents and visitors alike.

However, Mid-Beach is not immune from persons committing quality of life and various other criminal offenses. As such, the visible presence of police officers is important to deter and decrease criminal activity in the area. Accordingly, I would request that the Police Department be prepared to discuss its Mid-Beach police patrol efforts including the feasibility of assigning designated officers specifically to patrol Collins Avenue and Indian Creek Drive in Mid-Beach.

SUPPORTING SURVEY DATA

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-14?

Yes

Does this item utilize G.O. Bond Funds?

No

Legislative Tracking
Commissioner Alex Fernandez