

11. DISCUSS EXPANDING THE CAPABILITIES OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION TO SUPPORT CALLS REGARDING SUSPECTED HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

Applicable Area:

MIAMI BEACH

COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO:	Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM:	Commissioner Alex Fernandez
DATE:	June 26, 2024
TITLE:	REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS EXPANDING THE CAPABILITIES OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION TO SUPPORT CALLS REGARDING SUSPECTED HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

RECOMMENDATION

Please place on the June 26, 2024, City Commission agenda a referral to the July meeting of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee (“PSNQLC”) to discuss the possibility to expand the capabilities of the Public Safety Communications Division (“PSCD”) to support calls regarding suspected human trafficking in the City of Miami Beach.

The PSCD could potentially alleviate the high call volume received by the National Human Trafficking Hotline resulting in more immediate action by Miami Beach law enforcement to suspected cases. The PSNQLC should also consider how the PSCD can collaborate and share information with Polaris, the entity that operates the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Further, I would like the PSNQLC to explore public awareness campaigns to disseminate information to the public regarding human trafficking resources, including creation of a public facing webpage on miamibeachfl.gov.

Florida ranks third in the country in human trafficking cases according to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, with Miami-Dade County having the most reported cases in the State.

It is of utmost importance that we enhance our resources to stop human trafficking especially recognizing the number of high-profile events held in the city, which can increase the potential for this criminal activity to occur.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NA

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?
(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

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)

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