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Advocate for Residents of Miami Beach

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Happy Valentine's Day, Miami Beach!



April 11, 2018: Another Busy Day at Commission Chambers! These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions:

NEW ITEMS TODAY - SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS

- Agenda Item R5-J Amendment to North Beach National Register Conservation District Overlay
- Agenda Item C4-AA Amendment Regarding CD-3 Architectural District Parking Garage Height Regulation
- Agenda Item R5-I Amendment to North Beach Conservation District Comprehensive Plan

ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION

- Agenda Item R5-D Support to changes Noise Ordinance
 - Click [here](#) to read resolution
- Agenda Item R5-E Balconies for Life Safety
 - Click [here](#) to read resolution
- Agenda Item R5-B Standards of Conduct amendment
 - Click [here](#) to read resolution
- Agenda Item R5-K Sidewalk Cafe Operators
 - Click [here](#) to read resolution

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Opposition to North Beach National Register Conservation District Overlay Amendment R5-J

Executive summary:

Seeking to lay out how new development can proceed in protected historic neighborhoods in North Beach.

Why It Matters

- This will determine whether the character of the North Beach protected neighborhoods is preserved or destroyed. A last-minute "floor amendment" was introduced to undo much of what has been under discussion and negotiation for the past 18 months. The Miami Design Preservation League and the Historic Preservation Board are against the proposed changes.

Miami Beach United is **OPPOSED** to this amendment.

Read the Resolution in its entirety by clicking [HERE](#) .

Opposition to Amendment Regarding CD-3 Architectural District Parking Garage Height Amendment C4-AA

Executive summary:

Determining if variances are to be granted for parking garages in historically protected neighborhoods

Why It Matters

- This will determine whether the City can grant a variance for parking garage heights in a historic neighborhoods, which already has regulations ensuring that new development will maintain the character and fit into the context of the neighborhood.

Miami Beach United is **OPPOSED** to this amendment.

Read the Resolution in its entirety by clicking [HERE](#) .

Opposition to North Beach National Register Conservation District Overlay Amendment R5-1

Executive summary:

While it is understood that a density increase may be necessary, there is concern that the measure of increase as well as potential impacts has not been sufficiently vetted and publicly discussed prior to adoption.

Why It Matters

- Although the ordinance has been reviewed by the Planning Board, it has not been subjected to the usual review by any Commission Committee, nor has it been vetted by the Historic Preservation Board. In addition, the FDEO comment to the City to the effect that "The potential to increase residential density within and near the CHHA, now and in the future, could adversely impact hurricane evacuation times" has not been taken into account, since there has been no public meeting on the proposed amendment since the FDEO comment was transmitted to the City.

Miami Beach United is **OPPOSED** to this amendment.

Read the Resolution in its entirety by clicking [HERE](#) .

Save the Date

May 8, 2018

**Forum Discussing the CMB G.O. BOND:
What is it, how does it work, and
why should I care?**

Miami Beach Woman's Club

6-8 pm

details to follow

The New MBU Resident Scorecard: Coming Soon!

Miami Beach United will compile a scorecard to educate and inform residents. The new "Resident Scorecard" measures Commission and Committee votes to show how resident-friendly the City of Miami Beach Mayor and Commissioners are.

Here's how it works:

- Miami Beach United identifies and tracks issues that affect Miami Beach residents' quality of life.
- Official votes cast by elected officials are logged and scored on a scale from 0-100%. The highest score represents the most resident-friendly voting record.
- The resident scorecard will be updated monthly, distributed over email and shared on social media.

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ethical leadership of government – for a vibrant city rooted in history, its people, resources and neighborhoods, with focus on the future – by providing educational and analytical focus on the organization, structure, policies and performance of Miami Beach government.