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We are a community-based 501(c)4 not-for-profit organization providing Miami Beach residents a cohesive voice for city-wide issues that impact our quality of life. Click here to [join us!](#)



## March 13, 2019: Another Busy Day at Commission Chambers! This is Miami Beach United's Resolution:

- Agenda Item **R5-H** - Ordinance Amending Historic Preservation Board Review Process for Government Use Buildings

Want to read the proposed Commission agenda items and get info about the Commission meeting on Wednesday? Click [here](#) .

Want to contact your elected officials directly? Click [here](#) .

Commission meetings start at 9 a.m. at the Commission Chambers on the 3rd floor of City Hall. There is a Sutnick Hour, at which residents may address the Commission on any subject, from 8:30-9, and 1:-1:30.

## Partial Support for Ordinance Amending Historic Preservation Board Review Process for Government Use Buildings Agenda Item R5-H

### Executive summary:

This amendment is a first step to holding Government Use properties which are also located in historic districts to the same standards to which private properties are held.

### Why It Matters

- Currently Government Use properties which are also located in historic districts do not go through the Historic Preservation Board process the same way that privately-

owned properties do.

- This amendment requires the GU project to go to HPB for review and recommendations earlier in the process.
- However, as written, this does not provide any substantive enforcement of upholding/enacting the review recommendations of the HP Board.

Pending significant changes to address that issue, **Miami Beach United PARTIALLY SUPPORTS** this resolution as currently written.

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

Read the Commission documents by clicking [HERE](#).



## SAVE THE DATE 3/25/19 6-8 PM!

Members' Social  
More info coming soon.

#ICYMI - the NEW Miami Beach United [website](#) is live !

Thanks to outstanding marketer and indefatigable MBU founding member Herb Sosa, MBU was launched in 2012 with a strong visual brand and web presence. But, as anyone who works with websites knows, the one drawback to websites is that the moment they go live, they have been surpassed by newer technology! So, after eight extremely good years, we say goodbye to our old site and welcome our new site. Still located at [www.miamibeachunited.org](http://www.miamibeachunited.org), the new site is packed with new features, including a digital "suggestion box" in the footer, a new [YouTube channel](#) (more videos on the way), and an [archive of past newsletters](#) with live links to past resolutions and supporting documents.



## Miami Beach United's 2018 Inaugural Annual "Commission Scorecard"

Tracks Commission Votes To Show How Resident-Friendly  
the City Of Miami Beach Elected Officials Are

Here's how it works:

Each month, Miami Beach United identifies and tracks issues coming before the Commission. Many of these issues become resolutions, voted on by the Board of Directors, and shared in advance of the monthly Commission meetings with the Mayor and Commissioners (and

staff) of the city of Miami Beach. They are also shared with all of you via this mailing list for MBU.

In each case, whenever MBU passed a resolution on a matter before the Commission, the scorecard indicates whether or not an individual elected official supported or opposed the action recommended by MBU.

For ordinances, which require two hearings, only the final vote on Second Reading was recorded and counted. In some cases, when MBU's recommendations were only partially implemented, that was treated as a neutral action, and that vote was excluded from the total score.

All items were weighted equally when calculating an overall percentage grade for each elected official during the measurement period.

This Commission Scorecard process will commence for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year with the November 2018 Commission meeting, with the final scorecard to be published at the end of October 2019.

**Click [here for more information](#) and [here to view the scorecard](#) in its entirety, including which resolutions were tracked for the legislative year 2018.**

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Dedicated to improving the quality of life for Miami Beach residents, managed and measured growth of our city, and 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.