

We Advocate for Residents of Miami Beach!

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!](#)



September 11, 2019: Another Busy Day at Commission Chambers! There are Miami Beach United's Resolutions:

- Agenda Item **R5-E** - Amendment Supporting Prohibition of Single Use Plastic Straws/Stirrers
- Agenda Item **R5-M** - Amendment to Change Parking Requirements in Historic and Conservation Districts

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.

Amendment Supporting Prohibition of Single Use Plastic Straws/Stirrers Agenda Item R5-E

Executive summary:

This ban on plastic single use straws and stirrers was passed in 2018, only to be blocked at the State level by the then-Governor and legislature. Since the new Governor was elected, Miami Beach and other cities can now enact this type of ordinance.

Why It Matters

- Given the continued proliferation of plastic straws and stirrers on the city's streets and beaches, and in parks and waterways, it is clear that the current ordinance on littering is inadequate.

Miami Beach United SUPPORTS this resolution again!

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

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

Amendment to Change Parking Requirements in Historic and Conservation Districts Agenda Item R5-M

Executive summary:

The City is proposing to loosen the parking requirements in select neighborhoods located within historic and conservation districts to incentivize new development.

Why It Matters

- While it is true that we as a society will eventually move to relying less on individual car ownership, there is still high demand for parking in this city for current residents and visitors, particularly in the affected districts which are composed primarily of multi-family and commercial buildings.
- Particularly egregious is the exemption from off-street parking requirements for "Properties located within 1,500 feet of a public transit stop, or within 1,500 feet of any public or private parking garage." These are the commercial avenues where on-street parking is most difficult to find.
- Incentivizing this new development will result in increased car traffic along those commercial avenues, which will spill into nearby residential areas in search of parking, further deteriorating the quality of life for residents in our historic districts.
- Moreover, these reductions incentivize small in-fill development in historic/conservation districts which would significantly change the very character of those neighborhoods.

Miami Beach United OPPOSES this resolution.

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Candidate Forum
SAVE THE DATE: 9/18/19 6-8 PM
at [Miami Beach Woman's Club](#) !
Details [HERE](#) .

#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, 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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Our Mission

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.