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We hope all of you, our neighbors, friends, colleagues and greater community, are staying safe and are #stayinghome. We know that there is untold hardship for far too many with this silent stealthy disease, which is wreaking havoc on lives in every possible way - health, emotional well-being, financial survival. We commend all for taking the necessary precautions, and for toeing the line when it goes against the very nature of this city, to stay apart and keep our heads down. However, the faster we get through this, the more we learn, and the quicker we can adapt, adjust, rebuild and soar to greater heights, together. The City of Miami Beach has been doing a remarkable job of communicating. If you haven't already signed up for the City's CORONAVIRUS direct emails, or text alerts to your phone, you can do so [via this link](#) on the City's website. On behalf of the entire Board...stay safe. Stay home. See you on the flip side!

Special Commission Meeting July 17, 2020

This is Miami Beach United's Resolutions

Resolution directing the City Manager to remove the barricades on Ocean Drive
from 5th Street to 15th Street

R7-B & R9-A

Executive summary:

Ocean Drive, which was pedestrianized in May of 2020 in order to provide residents and business more access to open space, has seen an increase in disorderly behavior, most specifically with the installation of barriers allowing vehicles back on the street. In addition to flouting the laws already on the books, this behavior poses a significant public health risks during the COVID-19 crisis. It is imperative to get the situation under control immediately for the sake of our residents and our visitors.

Why It Matters:

- The addition of barriers has contributed to an already chaotic situation on Ocean Drive and has encouraged groups to gather closely contributing to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, placing visitors and residents alike in harm's way.
- At a cost of \$33,000 per week this is a costly and unnecessary expense which has not demonstrated any value.
- All steps possible must be undertaken to regain control of Ocean Drive specifically, and the Entertainment District (MXE = 5th to 16th Streets along Ocean Drive and Collins Avenue) generally.
- Zoning in progress must be implemented ASAP in order to prohibit the future proliferation of businesses which contribute to the current chaos.
- The noted urban planner Bernard Zyscovich, who was already well along the process of being engaged by the City, but was then tabled, should be hired immediately to work with residents and businesses to hash out a vision for the future of Ocean Drive and the MXE district.

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

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

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