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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!](#)



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!



For information about the **Census**, which has been extended to 10/31/20, and **voter information**, please click [here](#).



Commission Virtual Meeting



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Wednesday, October 14, 2020
8:30 a.m.



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The October 14, 2020 Commission Meeting will be held VIRTUALLY.

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IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM DURING THE MEETING:

Please click the "raise hand" button on the screen to raise your hand as soon as the item is called. This will pull you to the top of the list and make it easier for the team to find you in the list of attendees.

Commission meetings start at 9 a.m. at the Commission Chambers.
There is a Sutnick Hour, at which residents may address the Commission on any subject, from 8:30-9:00 a.m.

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 Meeting October 14, 2020

These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions

REFERRAL TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLIC MEETINGS ON A SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS

C4R

Executive Summary:

This proposal would result in bi-annual, city-sponsored, town-hall style meetings between City staff and officials and the residents of our City. These meetings would allow for residents from South, Mid, and North Beach to interact with City staff and officials to address issues, ask questions, and express concerns that are specific to their neighborhoods.

Why It Matters:

- It bridges the communication gap regarding projects and issues specific to each neighborhood within our City.
- It would greatly increase citizen understanding of the work being performed by City government in their respective neighborhoods.
- Allows all residents to participate, not just neighborhood or condo association representatives.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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

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

SIMPLIFICATION OF SINGLE-FAMILY REGULATIONS AND DRB ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCEDURES

R5A

Executive Summary:

This resolution seeks to simplify single-family home development regulations and streamline the Design Review Board (DRB) process. Additionally, it removes the fee for home-based businesses.

Why It Matters:

- The current process is confusing and time consuming.
- The development review process as it stands can be difficult, lengthy and costly.
- With more people working from home due to COVID-19 this would be one less obstacle for residents.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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4000 ALTON ROAD EXPANSION

R5J, R5K, R5L

Executive Summary:

This resolution seeks to modify the zoning of this small parcel to accommodate a specific project at 4000 Alton which would negatively impact this area and its residents in terms of traffic, access, and quality of life.

Why It Matters:

- This area is one of the key entrance points to our city and it should be carefully considered and handled.
- This is a piecemeal approach to zoning to benefit a particular project.
- Much of the affected community believes that there is no amount of public benefit that will match the negative impact on the community.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.

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

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

FAENA DISTRICT OVERLAY

R5M

Executive Summary:

This resolution seeks to grant a height increase in the Faena Historic District to build a new tower which could overshadow contributing historic structures. There is already an existing approval for a 200 foot tower plus a 3 foot waiver. The new tower is proposed at 250 feet and would dwarf the historic Versailles, which is approximately half that height.

Why It Matters:

- Height increases in historic districts must always be considered with great caution.
- The developer has taken on the responsibility to restore this historic gem, and must be held accountable for doing so with all due haste regardless of any other incentives they may or may not receive.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.

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MINIMUM FLOOD ELEVATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL

BUILDINGS

R5Q

Executive Summary:

This resolution seeks to modify the definition of "height of building" in an effort to increase resiliency to sea level rise in order to avoid the need for major alterations in the future. It would apply only to commercial structures and to their construction, repair or rehabilitation.

Why It Matters:

- The South Florida Climate impact study release in 2019 indicates that sea levels are rising at a faster rate than predicted.
- It's important to apply flood resiliency to all existing and new construction, repair and rehabilitation to avoid costly redos in the future.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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INSTALLATION OF AN EMERGENCY POWER OFF (EPO) DEVICE ON RENTALS OR LEASES OF MOPEDS, MOTORCYCLES, AND MOTORIZED BICYCLES

R5R

Executive Summary:

This resolution seeks to impose further restrictions on moped, motorcycle and motorized bicycle rentals by requiring the installation of an emergency power off (EPO) device onto each vehicle.

Why It Matters:

- The proliferation of rental mopeds exacerbates the out-of-control situation on Ocean Drive and beyond.
- Safeguards already enacted have failed to curtail this behavior and so more restrictions and enforcement are needed.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERATORS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS FOR STORMWATER PUMP STATIONS

R7H

Executive Summary:

This resolution seeks to eliminate the requirement that all new stormwater pump stations be served by a dedicated back-up electrical generator by relying on FPL to provide alternate power sources. And while there may be situations where redundant power would not be feasible without installation of a permanent generator, this would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Why It Matters:

- Generators create major significant eyesores on City streets and near parks.
- Permanent generator installation can be very costly.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.
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