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Organization Providing Miami Beach Residents
A Cohesive Voice For City-Wide Issues
Which Impact Their Quality of Life.

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City Commission Meeting

The November 16th, 2022 Commission Meeting starts at 8:30 a.m. with the Sutnick Hour where residents may speak on any topic.

To join the virtual commission meeting via Zoom:

Please click this link to join the webinar: <https://miamibeachfl.gov.zoom.us/j/81392857671>

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It will also be streamed live on MBTV Channel 660 on Atlantic Broadband or 99 on AT&T U-Verse, on the City's website, and on Facebook Live at [facebook.com/cityofmiamibeach](https://www.facebook.com/cityofmiamibeach).

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

Via Zoom, 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. Or via phone, press *9 to raise a hand to be placed in queue to speak.

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 November 16, 2022
These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions:**

Referral to Public Safety Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee to discuss our publicly noticed meetings; how we can improve the process; and our outreach to the public.

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Executive Summary:

A referral to Public Safety, Neighborhoods, Quality of Life Committee regarding how well the Residents Right To Know Ordinance is working, how residents get noticed about meetings, and how to improve the process.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** the Referral to Public Safety Neighborhood and Quality of Life Committee to discuss our publicly noticed meetings to improve the process and the City's outreach to the public.

We believe it is of the utmost importance for neighbors and businesses to be fully informed and aware of all meeting notices in a timely and transparent manner.

Currently, the Residents Right to Know process is not working as intended and we support all efforts to improve the process including but not limited to proper noticing of the neighborhood associations.

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

Referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss the potential adoption of an ordinance regulating excessive vessel noise within a certain distance of residential areas.

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Executive Summary:

This is a referral to discuss whether either the City or Miami-Dade County may adopt an Ordinance similar to a recent Florida Statute relating to excessive noise emanating from vehicles (cars, etc.), but for vessels (boats, etc).

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** the adoption of an ordinance to regulate excessive noise emanating from vessels on the water near residential areas. A new state law prohibits excessive noise from motorized vehicles on the road.

Miami Beach should adopt a similar ordinance to regulate noise from vessels on the water. Miami Beach United suggests this ordinance cover anchored boats and boats that play loud music while passing by homes of all types throughout the day and night.

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

Referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to consider the Marine and Waterfront Protection Authority Board's recommendation that the city establish a non-motorized boat zone in the waters immediately surrounding Monument Island.

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Executive Summary:

This is a referral to discuss the potential establishment of a “Non-Motorized Boating Zone” in the area surrounding Monument Island, as recommended by the Marine and Waterfront Protection Authority last year.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** the creation of a non-motorized boat zone in the waters immediately surrounding Monument Island.

Four Neighborhood/Homeowners Associations previously requested similar action be taken to protect the island and neighbors.

Miami Beach United recommends the use of signage, buoys and/or rocks, or a combination of these to effectively close the island to motorized boats. We also recommend the island be cleaned up and that invasive plants be removed. These actions would diminish the partying, pollution and noise coming from the island while leaving the island open to the public by non-motorized means (swimming, kayak, SUP, etc.) and permitting continued use and enjoyment of the island, particularly by neighboring residents.

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

Referral to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee to discuss improved notice requirements for property owners.

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Executive Summary:

This item seeks to have the Land Use and Sustainability Committee consider mandating proper notice to a property owner when a land use board places an item on the agenda relating to an owner's property or business.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this referral to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee to improve notification requirements to a specific property owner when a discussion of their property is included on any Land Use board agenda.

Sometimes the land use boards take up a discussion of a property without properly notifying property owners. We believe it is only fair that a property owner is aware, from inception, of any discussion or dialogue taking place by the City about their property which could have a considerable impact on their property.

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

Resiliency Code and LDR Update Establishing a Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Hereafter Known As The Resiliency Code.

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Executive Summary:

The current Land Development Regulations (LDRs) were adopted on September 21, 1989 and took effect on October 1, 1989. Over the years the LDR's have been updated many times in order to authorize specific developments, address changing conditions, and

address environmental concerns. As a result of over 32 years of updates, the Code has become cumbersome to read and comprehend. This ordinance seeks to update the LDRs and the resiliency code to streamline functionality, make a more transparent and navigable tool, and incorporate most up-to-date resiliency/climate change knowledge.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United agrees that the City should update and reorganize the Land Development Regulations in order to make it easier to understand. Beyond the reorganization, however, actual changes to the zoning have been proposed; Miami Beach United **opposes two zoning changes**, and urges the commission to reconsider these specific changes:

- MBU disagrees with removing average unit size requirements for residential buildings because doing so would allow all units to be the minimum size of 550 sf, which essentially creates an unregulated short-term-rental building, opposing the direction of our city policy. The City has already approved zoning for over 1,000 microunits in North Beach and the Washington Avenue corridor, although to date not one has been built. Therefore, we have no idea to what extent there may be unintended consequences. Since removing average unit size was proposed at first-reading, the administration has made revisions which we believe do not fix the holes in this proposal. In general, this proposal creates more problems than it fixes.
- MBU also disagrees with the plan to omit outdoor areas from the calculation to determine 35% maximum allowable accessory use. Outdoor open-air floor area absolutely should be included because this is where most noise violations are committed. We disagree with staff that outdoor areas cannot be measured because outdoor bars, restaurants, and movie theaters are specific areas and can be measured accurately.

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

Interactive Mapping for Planned Developments

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Executive Summary:

This discussion pertains to the creation of an interactive map of private/commercial planned developments in the City, as a tool to provide residents with information concerning proposed projects and a meaningful opportunity to review and comment on proposed plans.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this proposal that the City of Miami Beach develop an interactive Mapping System to be incorporated into the CMB website.

This interactive map of private/commercial planned developments would provide residents and other interested parties a meaningful opportunity to review and comment on proposed and ongoing projects. The Residents' Right to Know ordinance requires development of systems which provide meaningful information to residents. MBU has gathered significant information on this subject and would like to work with CMB staff to successfully develop this system.

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

Discussion regarding Office of Inspector General's improper use of staff and resources to interfere with legitimate policy making activities of the City

Commission

Executive Summary:

This item seeks to investigate the Office of the Inspector General for engaging in outreach on a matter that could significantly impact the Office's ability to conduct its regular business.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this item.

Miami Beach United sees no issue with the practice of having City staff, including the Inspector General, having communications with individual Resident City Committee or Land Use Board members on matters related to the work of their Board or Committees which are on the agenda of an upcoming public meeting.

- This is the way City government should work; it occurs regularly and certainly does not constitute "interference."
- Resident Board and Committee members, who may not read all the published agendas, are legitimate participants in the legislative process by statute, and should be alerted when discussions directly related to the work of their Board or Committee are going to be on the agenda of a future Commission or Commission Committee meeting.

In addition, MBU continues to oppose the removal of Internal Audit from the independent supervision of the Inspector General.

- The Internal Audit function is responsible for auditing city programs, contracts, or expenditures for the purpose of identifying control issues, noncompliance with municipal laws, inefficiency, mismanagement, or fraud.
- The transfer in 2018 of this critical function from the City Manager to the newly created Office of the Inspector General was intended to give the Internal Audit staff the independence needed to freely report on deficiencies in the City's operating departments and insulate them from political pressure in the case of audits of "favored" vendors or external organizations.

We are frankly shocked at this proposed organization change which is a significant setback to the sacrosanct goal of continuing to increase trust in City government.

Read the Commission document and attached emails by clicking [HERE](#).





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