



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!](#)



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!

The July 29, 2020 Commission Meeting will be held VIRTUALLY.

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Virtual Commission Meeting



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Wednesday, July 29, 2020
8:30 a.m.



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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,

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

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Commission Meeting July 29, 2020
These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions

MOPED SHARING SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM

C7W

Executive Summary:

This resolution seeks to explore a pilot program of electric mopeds as a means of transportation for residents and tourists. And while electric mobility devices, such as e-bicycles, e-scooters, and e-mopeds, are becoming increasingly popular and eco-friendly means of transportation across the U.S. and Europe, particularly in urbanized cities, their use poses some very specific challenges to our City that must be resolved before this initiative moves forward.

Why It Matters:

- Moped use is a part of the MXE problem because of the way people use them, disregarding city laws and pedestrian and bike traffic.
- The addition of electric mopeds without the necessary corresponding safety precautions can lead to more issues and risk of injury to users, pedestrians and car traffic.
- In general we support new technology solutions that attract a young dynamic population and would be open to revisiting this type of program at a later date.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.

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

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PROMPT NOTIFICATION TO HOMEOWNER AND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS ON UPCOMING PROJECTS

C4D

Executive Summary:

This referral encourages the City to implement a policy which promptly provides notification of upcoming projects and meaningful project changes to all affected parties. The goal is to inform residents and seek feedback before a plan is implemented.

Why It Matters:

- Residents should be adequately notified of new projects and significant changes to projects in their respective neighborhoods.
- Residents should be given ample time to analyze and provide feedback before the plan is sent to the Commission for approval.
- The City should always seek and explore more effective ways to communicate with neighborhood residents; Miami Beach United drafted and got passed in 2017 the [Residents Right To Know ordinance](#), and the City should look there for guidance.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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**DISCUSSION PERTAINING TO LAND USE REGULATIONS SPECIFIC TO OCEAN
DRIVE AND THE MIXED-USE ENTERTAINMENT (MXE) AREA**

C4I

PROHIBITING STAND ALONE BARS ON OCEAN DRIVE

C4J

Executive Summary:

This is an initiative aimed at regaining control of our city's most important tourist revenue driver, the Ocean Drive MXE. The damage to our image and brand, and the loss of quality of life for full-time residents, needs to be repaired and restored with all due haste and consideration.

Why It Matters:

- **The MXE district is our City's most important and popular tourist destination and revenue driver.**
- Events over the past few years have contributed to a decline in the quality of life for residents and pose a danger to all, including tourists.
- These activities and the lack of enforcement of current laws have damaged our image and brand worldwide.
- Initiatives aimed at restoring harmony and safety should be encouraged and pursued by our City's leaders.
- It is important to engage the community in this process to seek recommendations to help mitigate the lawless behavior.

Miami Beach United **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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**300 ALTON ROAD PUBLIC-PRIVATE MARINA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT
INCLUDING NEW RESIDENTIAL TOWER**

R5F, R5G, R7A, R7B, R7C, R7D, R7E

Executive Summary:

These proposed ordinances/resolutions use the “vacation” of Alton Road to restore the FAR to the building site. The use of “vacations” by the Miami Beach Commission has grown from vacating small alleyways to more recently include major thoroughfares even though the City Charter requires that increases in FAR be approved by voters. While the City Attorney has provided an opinion that “vacations” are legal, they appear to violate the spirit of the charter amendment on FAR increases.

Why It Matters:

- City Charter requires that increases in FAR be approved by voters.
- The use of “vacations” by the MB Commission has grown from vacating small alleyways to more recently include major thoroughfares.
- MBU is not taking a position on the merits of this project or the deal negotiated, but cannot support the proposed ordinance changes unless the FAR increase goes before the voters.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.

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ALTON ROAD OUTDOOR MOVIE THEATER

R5J

Executive Summary:

This proposed ordinance amendment would allow rooftop movie screens with accessory bars along Alton Road which could become a noise and light disturbance to residents.

Why It Matters:

- Residents will be disturbed by the noise from rooftop accessory bars and the light from movie screens.
- The burden will be placed on residents to file noise complaints, which has not been an effective deterrent in the past.
- Residents have expressed concerns about this proposed use that have not been adequately considered by the administration.
- This sets a dangerous precedent for other locations along Alton Road.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution.

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MODIFICATIONS TO FAR EXEMPTIONS

R5M and R7F-3

Executive Summary:

This resolution seeks to increase the buildable square footage currently permitted by allowing the exemption of structures such as stairwells, elevators and electrical rooms to be excluded in the FAR calculations.

Why It Matters:

- FAR calculations determine the allowable size of a structure.
- Excluding structures such as stairwells, elevators and electrical rooms from the FAR calculations without specific limits on the size of the area for each proposed exception creates an open-ended framework for new construction.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution and the accompanying Ballot referendum.

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AMENDMENTS TO LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR WOLFSONIAN

ARTS DISTRICT TO EXPAND FAR FROM 1.5 TO 3.25

R5N, R5O and R7F-2

Executive Summary:

While Miami Beach United is an enthusiastic supporter of the Wolfsonian expansion proposal, this ordinance seeks to increase the allowable FAR from 1.5 to 3.25 and if passed, could have significant implications for the look, feel, and character of our City. MBU urges the Wolfsonian to revisit the plans as had been discussed previously in order to design to a maximum allowable FAR of 3.0, which is already permitted within the City codes.

Why It Matters:

- Maximum allowable FAR is 3.0
- Allowing the increase to 3.25 sets a precedent that could change the feel and character of our City dramatically.

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this resolution only on the basis that the FAR should not exceed the allowable 3.0.

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

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REPLACEMENT OF FLOOR PLATES IN NONCONFORMING CONTRIBUTING BUILDINGS

R5P and R7F-1

Executive Summary:

This ordinance restores our iconic historic buildings to their original design and allows for character-of-place adaptive reuse without an increase in height and density. We urge that the notification processes be closely adhered to in order to ensure that residents and neighborhood groups are a part of the process from the start.

Why It Matters:

- Allows for character-of-place adaptive reuse without an increase in height and density.
- Allows for the enhancement of our historical structures.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution and the accompanying Ballot referendum.

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DESIGN REVIEW BOARD TO CONDUCT A NON-BINDING, ADVISORY REVIEW OF THE DESIGN OF CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY AND/OR NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

R5Q

Executive Summary:

This ordinance requires Design Review Board (DRB) approval of city neighborhood projects for above-ground exterior aesthetics, including but not limited to: pump stations, generators, pedestrian bridges, and landscaping of street-ends and major road projects.

Why It Matters:

- It will shorten the time to complete the project as it lays out a clear plan.
- It's a cost-savings solution that solves expensive project re-dos.
- It adds transparency by noticing the public, recording the plan in the public record, and allowing residents to voice their opinion on a project that affects their property values prior to getting too deep into the project.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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RESTRICTIONS ON RENTALS OF MOPEDS, MOTORCYCLES, MOTORIZED BICYCLES

R5U

Executive Summary:

This resolution seeks to diminish the proliferation of rental mopeds which exacerbate the out-of-control situation on Ocean Drive and beyond. Safe guards already enacted, including being able to reach business operators 24/7 in the case of problematic behavior, have failed and more restrictions are essential to ensure safety on our streets.

Why It Matters:

- The unregulated use of mopeds has spread throughout South Beach putting all at risk.
- This further exacerbates the out-of-control situation on Ocean Drive and beyond into our residential neighborhoods and onto our streets.

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution.

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