

## Commissioner Michael Gongora's Accomplishments Last 4 Years

### Quality of Life Initiatives

MAY 12, 2021- A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE “**AD HOC NEIGHBORHOOD RESILIENCY PROJECTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**,” FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR (SUBJECT TO EARLIER OR LATER SUNSET BY CITY COMMISSION) TO ADVISE THE ADMINISTRATION AND CITY COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY'S RESILIENCY PROJECTS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE PLANNING AND DELIVERY OF THESE CRITICAL PROJECTS; PRESCRIBING THE PURPOSE, POWERS AND DUTIES, COMPOSITION, TERMS OF OFFICE, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON TO THE COMMITTEE.

APRIL 29, 2021- REFERRAL TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE - DISCUSSION REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF **LIFEGUARD STANDS IN MID BEACH RESIDENTIAL AREA**

TALKING POINTS: ADVOCATING FOR THIS AND 2 NEW LIFEGUARD STANDS WERE APPROVED- ONE ON 55TH STREET AND THE OTHER ONE ON 62ND STREET

APRIL 29, 2021- A RESOLUTION APPROVING, IN CONCEPT, **AN IDENTIFICATION DECAL PROGRAM, TO FACILITATE ACCESS FOR CITY RESIDENTS ACROSS THE VENETIAN, JULIA TUTTLE, AND MACARTHUR CAUSEWAYS DURING EMERGENCY AND HIGH-IMPACT PERIODS**; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP THE PROGRAM DETAILS, INCLUDING THE PARAMETERS, LOGISTICS, AND COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING A RESIDENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM, TO BE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION ON OR BEFORE THE JUNE 2021 CITY COMMISSION MEETING; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESIDENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.'

FEBRUARY 10, 2021- DISCUSSION WITH ACTION IF NECESSARY, ON THE **COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE U.S. COAST GUARD, FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE, AND THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS WATER SAFETY AND RESIDENT QUALITY OF LIFE.**

DECEMBER 4, 2020- DISCUSSION ON AN **ENFORCEMENT PLAN FOR OCEAN DRIVE** IN THE MXE DISTRICT.

MARCH 18, 2020- A RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING OF A **ONE (1) YEAR PILOT PROGRAM WITH CAMILLUS HOUSE, INC. TO CONDUCT SPECIALIZED OUTREACH TO MENTALLY ILL HOMELESS PERSONS** IN FY 2018/2019, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,572; SAID AMENDMENT INCREASING THE TERM OF THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN MONTHS, COMMENCING MARCH 1, 2019 AND EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, WITH APPROVED FUNDING, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$139,000; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CAMILLUS HOUSE INCORPORATING THIS AMENDMENT.

FEBRUARY 12, 2020- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, STRONGLY OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1128, AND ITS RELATED BILL, **HOUSE BILL 1011, BOTH OF WHICH SEEK TO PRE-EMPT THE REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL LAWS TO THE STATE,** AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE

DECEMBER 11, 2019- A RESOLUTION **URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL SECTION 337.401(7), FLORIDA STATUTES, KNOWN AS THE ADVANCED WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT ACT;** DIRECTING THE CITY'S STATE LOBBYISTS TO ADVOCATE FOR THE ACTIONS DESCRIBED IN THIS RESOLUTION; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO AMEND THE CITY'S 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THIS ITEM.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, JOINING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND URGING FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SEAWEED REMOVAL ON BEACHES LOCATED IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, **TO STUDY THE CAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN SARGASSUM SEAWEED, AND DETERMINE ANY POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO MINIMIZE ITS IMPACT ON THE BEACHES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE CITY;** AND INCORPORATING THIS RESOLUTION AND ANY ITEMS RELATED TO SARGASSUM WEED REMOVAL THAT ARE NOT YET PART OF THE CITY'S CURRENT 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES, INTO THE CITY'S 2020 STATE AGENDA.

MARCH 7, 2018- AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED "ENVIRONMENT," BY AMENDING ARTICLE IV, ENTITLED "NOISE," BY AMENDING SECTION 46-152, **ENTITLED "NOISES; UNNECESSARY AND EXCESSIVE PROHIBITED," BY AMENDING THE HOURS PROHIBITING POWER TOOLS AND LANDSCAPING EQUIPMENT FROM BETWEEN 8:00 P.M. AND 7:00 A.M., TO BETWEEN 8:00 P.M. AND 8:00 A.M.;**

#### **Public Safety Initiatives**

APRIL 29, 2021- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH SPEARHEADING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LOCAL COMMUNITY COURT PROGRAM TO LEVERAGE RESOURCES IN A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO FURTHER THE CITY'S GOALS OF REDUCING NON-VIOLENT, LOW-LEVEL CRIME, SUPPORTING PUBLIC SAFETY, REDUCING HOMELESSNESS, AND ADDRESSING QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES WITH A SWIFT, HUMANE AND CONSTRUCTIVE SENTENCING APPROACH FOR PUBLIC ORDER OFFENDERS.

QUARTERLY CRIME UPDATE AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

#### **Sustainability Initiatives**

APRIL 29, 2021- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE CAUSED BY HUMAN ACTIVITY, AND

APPROVING THE CITY'S JOINT EFFORT WITH THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, TO ESTABLISH A CLIMATE ACTION GOAL TO ACHIEVE NET ZERO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY 2050

TALKING POINTS: The Miami Beach City Commission unanimously adopted a resolution on Wednesday declaring climate change to be caused by “human activity” and pledging to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. “Climate change is a global problem that requires global solutions,” observed Miami Beach City Vice Mayor Michael Góngora, who sponsored the measure. “Our pledge to attain net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 goes a long way to backing up our words with meaningful action.”

The vote coincides with the 2021 Earth Day celebration on April 22. Miami Beach is also developing a Climate Action Plan that will guide actions that need to be taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Cities and urban areas like Miami Beach are uniquely positioned to combat climate change because they account for 70% of climate-changing greenhouse gas emissions around the world.

**DECEMBER 9, 2020-** AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE MIAMI BEACH CITY CODE, ENTITLED "ENVIRONMENT," TO CREATE ARTICLE IX THEREOF, TO BE ENTITLED "USE OF FERTILIZER," RELATING TO FLORIDA FRIENDLY FERTILIZER USE WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, APPLICABILITY, TIMING OF FERTILIZER APPLICATIONS, FERTILIZER FREE ZONES, FERTILIZER CONTENT AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS, AND MANAGEMENT OF VEGETATIVE MATTER, OUTLINING CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS, REQUIRING TRAINING AND LICENSING, PROVIDING ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

TALKING POINTS: Responding to the recent fish kills and algal blooms in Biscayne Bay, Miami Beach Commissioners voted unanimously today to adopt a strong fertilizer restriction ordinance that limits the use of fertilizers for five months of the year and prohibits them entirely along city waterways and stormwater drains.

“The nutrients commonly found in fertilizers have been identified as one of the causes of the devastating fish kills that occurred in the northern Biscayne Bay basin over the summer and fall of 2020,” Commissioner Michael Góngora who sponsored the ordinance said. “As city officials, we want to do everything we can to reduce the likelihood of similar environmental incidents in the future.”

In addition to imposing restrictions on the use of fertilizers, the ordinance also creates the Miami Beach Biscayne Bay Protection Trust Fund, which will be funded entirely by the fines collected from violators.

High levels of nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus found in fertilizers contributed to the unprecedented fish kill and algal blooms along with excessively high-water temperatures, low-dissolved oxygen and increased freshwater flows from the Biscayne Canal and Little River. Recognizing that Miami Beach has an important role in the protection of the bay, the ordinance is an important step to help reduce nutrients from entering the waterway.

The measure prohibits fertilizers from being used during the rainy season and king tides that typically occur from June 1 through Nov. 1 – two months longer than similar ordinances to account for the greater likelihood of flooding during that period. The ordinance also creates 20-foot fertilizer-free zones by waterways and stormwater drains. It sets fertilizer application rates and methods outside of the prohibited application period, requires grass clippings and vegetative matter to be kept free from storm

drains and waterways, establishes design and reporting requirements for golf courses, athletic fields and green spaces. It also requires training and sets licensing requirements for commercial and institutional fertilizer applicators as well as enforcement penalties.

**OCTOBER 14, 2020**- DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON THE HEALTH OF BISCAYNE BAY.

**DECEMBER 11, 2019**- DISCUSSION REGARDING THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE USE PLASTICS IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**- REFERRAL TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - DISCUSSION REQUIRING ALL COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPERS OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY TO GO THROUGH FLORIDA FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING TRAINING AND ADHERE TO THE STRATEGIES.

PRIOR COMMISSION EXPERIENCE: Gongora pushed for the first citywide recycling program, founded the city sustainability committee and helped create a sustainability plan designed to encourage developers to erect greener buildings. Gongora was active in passing a stormwater master plan to resolve flooding in the City of Miami Beach.

### **LGBTQ Initiatives**

**MAY 12, 2021**- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021 AS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

**MARCH 17, 2021**- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE U.S. SENATE TO APPROVE THE "EQUALITY ACT," WHICH WILL SERVE TO EXTEND FEDERAL ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROTECTIONS TO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER ("LGBT") AMERICANS, BY PROVIDING THEM WITH EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

**FEBRUARY 10, 2021**- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LGBT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT ITS JANUARY 12, 2021 MEETING, AS FOLLOWS: (1) DECLARING JUNE 26, 2021 AS THE "MARRIAGE EQUALITY DAY" IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH; (2) DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO UPDATE THE CITY'S WEBSITE TO PROVIDE EASILY ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET MARRIED IN THE CITY AND TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING A MARRIAGE LICENSE; AND (3) REFERRING TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE A DISCUSSION ON CREATING AN OUTDOORS BACKDROP FOR MARRIAGE CEREMONIES AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

**JUNE 24, 2020**- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE MOTION MADE BY THE LGBTQ ADVISORY COMMITTEE (THE "COMMITTEE"), AT ITS JUNE 9 2020 MEETING, AND, PURSUANT TO THE COMMITTEE'S REQUEST, CONSENTING TO THE COMMITTEE SIGNING ON THE OPEN ONLINE LETTER FROM LGBTQ ORGANIZATIONS CONDEMNING

**RACIAL VIOLENCE** (AS SUCH LETTER IS ATTACHED TO THIS RESOLUTION, INCLUDING THE LIST OF PARTICIPATING LGBTQ ORGANIZATIONS).

FEBRUARY 12, 2020- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, STRONGLY OPPOSING HOUSE BILLS 1363, 305, 5, AND 537, AND THEIR COMPANION BILLS, SENATE BILLS 1864, 1336, AND 778, RESPECTIVELY, **WHICH SEEK TO INVALIDATE LOCAL ORDINANCES THAT PROTECT LGBTQ EMPLOYEES AND LEGALIZE THE CONTROVERSIAL AND HARMFUL PRACTICE OF "GAY CONVERSION THERAPY", AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE.**

JANUARY 15, 2020- A RESOLUTION **WAIVING SPECIAL EVENT FEES, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$18,846.12, FOR THE FOLLOWING WINTER PARTY EVENTS:** THE UNDER ONE SUN: EVOLUTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 7, 2020 AT NIKKI BEACH CLUB, AND THE BEACH PARTY TO BE HELD ON MARCH 8, 2020 ON LUMMUS PARK BEACHFRONT AT 12TH STREET.

DECEMBER 11, 2019- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SENATE BILL 206, OR ITS RELATED BILL, HOUSE BILL 161, BOTH ENTITLED THE "FLORIDA COMPETITIVE WORKFORCE ACT," OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD **PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN FLORIDA ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY IN HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS;** AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND THIS RESOLUTION TO THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE MIAMI-DADE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE GOVERNOR, THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE HOUSE SPEAKER, SENATOR ROUSON, AND REPRESENTATIVE TOLEDO.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND CITYWIDE PROJECTS COMMITTEE, AT ITS JULY 31, 2019 MEETING, TO **APPROVE SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2020 MIAMI BEACH GAY PRIDE FESTIVAL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$218,893.25,** WHICH INCLUDES CASH SPONSORSHIP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$188,000, AND WAIVER OF SPECIAL EVENT FEES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,893.25, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE EVENT ORGANIZER, MIAMI BEACH GAY PRIDE, INC.

MAY 22, 2019- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, **URGING THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO APPROVE SENATE BILL S. 788, ALSO KNOWN AS "THE EQUALITY ACT," WHICH WILL SERVE TO EXTEND FEDERAL ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROTECTIONS TO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER ("LGBT") AMERICANS, BY PROVIDING THEM WITH EQUAL PROTECTION**

FEBRUARY 13, 2019- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, **URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY IN HOUSING,**

**EMPLOYMENT, AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS;** AND, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE ENTITIES AND OFFICIALS SET FORTH HEREIN.

DECEMBER 13, 2017- RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LGBTQ ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND **CREATING AN AD HOC ANTI-BULLYING TASK FORCE TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANTI-BULLYING POLICIES AND LAWS TO PROTECT YOUTH FROM BULLYING IN ALL CITY SERVICES, CITY-SUPPORTED SERVICES, AND CITY FACILITIES;** AND, PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES, COMPOSITION, MANNER OF APPOINTMENT, AND TERM OF OFFICE OF TASK FORCE MEMBERS.

DECEMBER 13, 2017- RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE LGBTQ ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT ITS NOVEMBER 15, 2017 MEETING AND SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 66 (SB 66) CREATING THE “FLORIDA COMPETITIVE WORKFORCE ACT,” WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ADDS SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY AS IMPERMISSIBLE GROUNDS FOR DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC LODGING AND PUBLIC FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS, IN CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, AND IN HOUSING, RESIDENTIAL TRANSACTIONS, AND LAND USE DECISIONS AND PERMITTING; AND, ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO AMEND SB 66 TO ALSO INCLUDE PROTECTIONS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION FOR THOSE RIDING ANY FORM OF TRANSPORTATION.

JUNE 5, 2013- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH BY AMENDING CHAPTER 62, ENTITLED “HUMAN RELATIONS,” BY AMENDING ARTICLE III, ENTITLED “DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS,” BY AMENDING SECTION 62-128 TO ADD SECTION 62-128(D) TO PROVIDE TAX EQUITY TO CITY EMPLOYEES WITH DOMESTIC PARTNERS ENROLLED IN THE CITY’S HEALTH AND DENTAL PLANS WHO CURRENTLY BEAR A DISPROPORTIONATE TAX BURDEN OVER THAT OF THEIR MARRIED COUNTERPARTS.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2013- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH BY AMENDING CHAPTER 62, ENTITLED “HUMAN RELATIONS,” BY AMENDING ARTICLE II, ENTITLED “DISCRIMINATION,” BY AMENDING DIVISION 3, ENTITLED “REGULATIONS,” BY ADDING SEC. 62-92 TO REQUIRE THE POSTING OF NOTICES IN EVERY PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION, HOUSING ACCOMMODATION, AND CITY FACILITY THAT FALLS SUBJECT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE INDICATING THE APPLICABLE SUBSTANTIVE PROVISIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE, THE PLACE WHERE COMPLAINTS MAY BE FILED, AND SUCH OTHER INFORMATION AS THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH DEEMS PERTINENT

*PAST AND CURRENT EXPERIENCE:* Góngora's involvement with the LGBT community in Miami Beach includes advocating for the creation of the city's Human Rights Commission, and works with local organizations such as the Miami-Dade Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce as well as local, state and national groups such as Aqua Foundation, Gay Pride Committee, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Trevor Project, SAVE Dade, Equality Florida, and Unity Coalition. He introduced resolutions to the City Commission in support of the Uniting American Families Act (UAFSA, S. 424/H.R. 1024), and the Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up For All Students Act against cyberbullying, in the U.S. House of Representatives. He hosts or sponsors events by SOBAP (South Beach AIDS Project), GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian & Straight Alliance) and the Trevor Project, the only national 24/7 suicide prevention helpline for LGBT youth.

## Pandemic Relief Initiatives

APRIL 29, 2021- A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO **APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$200,000 FROM THE REMAINING BALANCE (\$370,000) OF THE ORIGINAL \$700,000 SET ASIDE FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO ADDRESS COVID-19 RELATED MATTERS, SUBJECT TO BUDGETARY APPROVAL AS A FY 2020-2021 EXPENSE; SAID ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO BE EARMARKED FOR RENT, MORTGAGE AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE FOR QUALIFYING MIAMI BEACH HOUSEHOLDS WHO HAVE BEEN ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY COVID-19.**

MARCH 17, 2021- A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DURATION OF THE "RESTAURANT RECOVERY OUTDOOR SEATING PILOT PROGRAM," AS ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2020-31276, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, WHICH PROGRAM TEMPORARILY ALLOWS RESTAURANTS TO EXPAND SIDEWALK CAFE SEATING AREAS ONTO PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, OR OTHER OUTDOOR SEATING AREAS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, VIA SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-5 OF THE CITY CODE, WITH ANY SUCH PERMITS SUBJECT TO EACH RESTAURANT OPERATOR'S COMPLIANCE WITH (1) APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY'S SIDEWALK CAFE ORDINANCE, AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 82, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 5 OF THE CITY CODE; AND (2) SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SANITATION REQUIREMENTS OR GUIDELINES IMPOSED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND CITY OF MIAMI BEACH UNDER ANY APPLICABLE EMERGENCY ORDER, WHICH SHALL CONTINUE UNLESS TERMINATED BY THE CITY COMMISSION.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2020- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, **EXTENDING THE WAIVER OF PENALTIES FOR LATE PAYMENTS OR NON-PAYMENTS ON UTILITY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH TO MIAMI BEACH RESIDENTS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON JUNE 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON NOVEMBER 30, 2020**

MAY 13, 2020- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, **APPROVING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S 2018-2022 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FY 2019 ACTION PLAN TO INCLUDE THE AVAILABILITY AND PLANNED USE OF \$564,276.00 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – CORONAVIRUS (CDBG-CV) FUNDING TO PREVENT, PREPARE FOR, AND RESPOND TO CORONAVIRUS; AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO:** (1) RECAPTURE \$3,596.02 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCKGRANT (CDBG) FUNDS, PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO PUBLIC SERVICES FOR THE FY 2018 ACTION PLAN, AND REALLOCATE SAID FUNDS TO THE GROCERY PROGRAM; (2) RECAPTURE \$151,481.89 IN CDBG FUNDS, PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO THE CORAL APARTMENTS (795 81ST ST) REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR THE FY 2019 ACTION PLAN, AND REALLOCATE SAID FUNDS TO THE MADELEINE VILLAGE SEAWALL REHABILITATION PROJECT; (3) RECAPTURE \$10,000.00 IN CDBG FUNDS, PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FY 2019 ACTION PLAN, AND REALLOCATE SAID FUNDS TO THE GROCERY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; (4) RECAPTURE \$181,237.00 IN HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME) PROGRAM FUNDS, PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO THE CORAL APARTMENTS PROJECT FOR THE FY 2019 ACTION PLAN, AND REALLOCATE SAID FUNDS TO THE MADELEINE VILLAGE SEAWALL REHABILITATION;

AND (5) RECAPTURE \$90,369.00 IN HOME PROGRAM FUNDS, PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE FY 2019 ACTION PLAN, AND REALLOCATE SAID FUNDS TO TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE; AND APPROVING A "SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT" TO THE FY 2018-22 CONSOLIDATED PLAN TO INCLUDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AS A PRIORITY NEED, AND THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS AN ASSOCIATED GOAL; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO: (1) EXECUTE ALL APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE APPROPRIATION AND ALLOCATION OF THESE PROGRAM FUNDS; (2) SUBMIT THE REQUISITE REVISED ACTION PLANS AND CONSOLIDATED PLAN; AND (3) SUBMIT A LETTER TO HUD REQUESTING USE OF AVAILABLE WAIVERS; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR SUB-RECIPIENTS OF CDBG AND HOME PROGRAM FUNDS; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CITY INTERDEPARTMENTAL AGREEMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS OF CDBG AND HOME PROGRAM FUNDS.

MAY 13, 2020- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, **ADOPTING THE CITY'S ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR FEDERAL FUNDS FOR FY 2020, WHICH INCLUDES THE BUDGETS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AND THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME) PROGRAM**; APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE (AI) AS REQUIRED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD); AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO: (1) EXECUTE ALL APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE APPROPRIATION AND ALLOCATION OF THESE PROGRAM FUNDS; (2) SUBMIT THE ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN TO HUD; (3) MAKE MINOR NON-SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES TO THE ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN, THE CONSOLIDATED FIVE-YEAR PLAN, AND THE RESULTING AGREEMENTS (WHICH DO NOT AFFECT THE PURPOSE, SCOPE, APPROVED BUDGET AND/OR INTENT OF THE PLANS); (4) SUBMIT THE REQUISITE REVISED ACTION PLANS AND CONSOLIDATED PLAN; (5) EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATES OF SAID AGREEMENTS WHEN NECESSARY; AND (6) SUBMIT A LETTER TO HUD REQUESTING USE OF AVAILABLE WAIVERS; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR SUB-RECIPIENTS OF CDBG AND HOME PROGRAM FUNDS; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CITY INTERDEPARTMENTAL AGREEMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS OF CDBG AND HOME PROGRAM FUNDS.

APRIL 22, 2020- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, **WAIVING INTEREST AND PENALTIES FOR LATE PAYMENTS OR NON-PAYMENTS OF RESORT TAXES** IMPOSED BY SECTION 102-314 OF THE CITY CODE, FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING ON MARCH 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON AUGUST 31, 2020.

JULY 9, 2021- The City of Miami Beach has entered into a partnership with Uber Eats that will provide special savings for Miami Beach residents who use the popular food delivery service from July through Aug. 14, 2021. Uber Eats has also agreed to donate dozens of meal vouchers to Miami Beach employees who provided assistance during the Surfside condominium collapse search and rescue efforts. "Restaurants were among the hardest hit businesses during the pandemic," acknowledged Miami Beach Commissioner Michael Góngora who sponsored the item. "Every time one of our residents enjoys these special offers from Uber Eats, they will also be helping Miami Beach restaurants with their economic recovery."



### Transportation Initiatives

APRIL 21, 2021- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY DEPARTMENT TO WORK WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS TO ASSESS THE NEED FOR **TRAFFIC CALMING INFRASTRUCTURE ON PINE TREE DRIVE FROM DADE BOULEVARD/23 STREET ON THE SOUTH TO 51 STREET ON THE NORTH**, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER MEASURES WHICH COULD BE IMPLEMENTED TO IMPROVE SAFETY ALONG THE CORRIDOR.

MARCH 17, 2021- DISCUSSION ON THE INCREASED TRAFFIC WE ARE SEEING ALONG **41ST STREET RELATED TO THE INDIAN CREEK PROJECT**.

### Miami Beach Youth Initiatives

JUNE 23, 2021- A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE AND FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE, AT THEIR MAY 19, 2021 AND MAY 21, 2021 MEETINGS, RESPECTIVELY, TO **REINSTATE THE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE MIAMI BEACH RESIDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 (PROGRAM FUNDS), FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR AND FOR EACH YEAR THEREAFTER**; AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE INITIAL YEAR FROM THE CITY'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021;

DECEMBER 9, 2020- DISCUSS YOUTH COMMISSION OUTREACH PROGRAM FUNDING.

TALKING POINTS: Discussion held. Motion by **Commissioner Góngora to approve \$20,000 to produce educational videos to develop a program available to the youth of Miami Beach to participate in and learn about local Miami Beach history (with emphasis on contributions made by Black, Jewish, Hispanic, and LGBTQ community members)**

NOVEMBER 18, 2020- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE **TO ENSURE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING REMAINS THE SAME FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR REGARDLESS OF WHETHER STUDENTS ARE ATTENDING SCHOOLS IN-PERSON OR VIRTUALLY**; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND THIS RESOLUTION TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

JULY 31, 2019- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, FINDING THAT THE INTERSECTION OF 41ST STREET AND JEFFERSON AVENUE SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS AN OFFICIAL STUDENT CROSSING AND ACCORDINGLY: (1) REQUESTING THAT **THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DESIGNATE THE 41ST STREET AND JEFFERSON AVENUE INTERSECTION AS AN OFFICIAL STUDENT CROSSING AND AS PART OF A SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL**; AND (2) URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPLEMENT A

SIGNALIZED CROSSING FOR THIS INTERSECTION TO ENHANCE STUDENT AND GENERAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

PRIOR COMMISSION EXPERIENCE: Góngora has particularly emphasized municipal support of education as healthy communities result from a first-class educational system. Success begins with supporting teachers and students with additional City resources. He regularly visits classrooms to educate students about real-world issues. Góngora says that serving as Principal for a Day at South Pointe Elementary was an eye-opener to the challenges educators face daily. His collaboration with South Pointe Elementary PTA resulted in improved parent/teacher communication and a privately funded foundation to assist the school. Góngora actively supported and will continue to support the City's participation in the International Baccalaureate Program. As Commissioner, Góngora sponsored the City of Miami Beach partnership with the Anti-Defamation League's "No Place for Hate" program in public schools.

### Film and Production Initiatives

***JUNE 23, 2021-*** AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ENTITLED "ARTS, CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT," BY AMENDING ARTICLE I, ENTITLED "FILM AND PRINT PRODUCTIONS," BY AMENDING SECTION 12-1 THEREOF, **ENTITLED "FILM AND PRODUCTION PERMITS," TO PROVIDE THE CITY MANAGER WITH THE DISCRETION TO AUTHORIZE A FILM OR PRODUCTION PERMIT FOR AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY PREVIOUSLY ISSUED A NOTICE OF VIOLATION IN THE PRECEDING TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD (FOR A FIRST OFFENSE ONLY), IF THE CITY MANAGER DETERMINES THAT THE GRANTING OF THE PERMIT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY, AND THE PERMITTEE AGREES TO ANY SUCH ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** **ACTION: Ordinance adopted on First Reading.** Second Reading Public Hearing scheduled for July 28

***FEBRUARY 24, 2021-*** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, **URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SENATE BILL 704, AND ITS RELATED BILL, HOUSE BILL 757, BOTH OF WHICH SEEK TO CREATE A STATE-FUNDED FILM, TELEVISION, AND DIGITAL MEDIA REBATE PROGRAM TO INCENTIVIZE THE FILM, TELEVISION AND DIGITAL INDUSTRY IN AN EFFORT TO REVITALIZE THE STATE ECONOMY FROM THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN RELATING TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC;** AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE.

### Arts/Cultural and Community Benefit Initiatives

**MAY 12, 2021-** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND RESILIENCY COMMITTEE AND **WAIVING THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEES FOR THE 2021 CELEBRITY BEACH SOCCER MATCH BENEFITING THE MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDUCATION FOUNDATION**, TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2021, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00.

**DECEMBER 9, 2020-** REFERRAL TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE - DISCUSSION REGARDING **RE-ALLOCATING ART DECO WEEKEND SPONSORSHIP ALREADY BUDGETED TO BE USED TOWARDS THE MUSEUM MASTER PLAN.**

#### **Election Reform Initiatives-**

**MARCH 17, 2021-** A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING SENATE BILL 90, WHICH SEEKS TO CANCEL EXISTING MAIL BALLOT REQUESTS FOR MILLIONS OF VOTERS AROUND THE STATE AND LIMIT VOTE-BY-MAIL APPLICATIONS TO ONE ELECTION CYCLE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE.

**MAY 13, 2020-** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, **PROHIBITING CANDIDATES FOR CITY ELECTED OFFICE (INCLUDING INCUMBENTS SEEKING REELECTION) FROM HOSTING OR CAMPAIGNING AT ANY CHARITABLE OR NOT FOR PROFIT FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENT IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, HELD DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME BETWEEN THE LAST DAY OF THE ELECTION QUALIFYING PERIOD UNTIL THE EARLIER DATE OF WHEN THE CANDIDATE IS ELECTED, DEFEATED, OR BECOMES UNOPPOSED; AND FURTHER PROHIBITING CHARITABLE OR NOT FOR PROFIT FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENTS FROM TAKING PLACE WITHIN 200 FEET OF ANY POLLING PLACE LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY DURING THE VOTING PERIOD FOR ANY ELECTIONS, INCLUDING EARLY VOTING PERIOD, BEGINNING WHEN THE POLLS OPEN FOR VOTING AND ENDING WHEN THE POLLS CLOSE OR THE LAST VOTER HAS VOTED, WHICHEVER IS LATER.**

**DECEMBER 11, 2019-** AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, **AMENDING MIAMI BEACH CITY CODE CHAPTER 38 ENTITLED "ELECTIONS," SECTION 38-6 THEREOF ENTITLED "EARLY VOTING," BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF EARLY VOTING DAYS FOR CITY RUNOFF ELECTIONS FROM 2 TO 3 DAYS, WITH SAID EARLY VOTING PERIOD TO OCCUR ON THE FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SUCH RUN-OFF ELECTION;**

#### **Historic Preservation Initiatives-**

**MARCH 17, 2021-** DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION **REGARDING LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR BANDSHELL. AFTER-THE-FACT RESOLUTION: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE DESIGNATION, AS INITIATED BY THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

**BOARD, OF THE NORTH BEACH BANDSHELL STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 7275 COLLINS AVENUE AS AN INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC SITE.**

**North Beach Initiatives**

**JANUARY 13, 2021-** A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, **ESTABLISHING THE “AD HOC NORTH BEACH CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE,” TO ADVISE THE ADMINISTRATION AND CITY COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED NORTH BEACH COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (THE “NORTH BEACH CRA”), INCLUDING REVIEW AND INPUT WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE NORTH BEACH CRA (“REDEVELOPMENT PLAN”), AND THE PRIORITIZATION OF PUBLIC PROJECTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN; PRESCRIBING THE PURPOSE, POWERS AND DUTIES, COMPOSITION, TERMS OF OFFICE, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON TO THE COMMITTEE.**

**Senior Citizens Initiatives**

**DECEMBER 12, 2018** A RESOLUTION APPROVING FUNDING TO UNIDAD OF MIAMI BEACH, INC, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230,000, TO SUPPORT AND ENHANCE THE SENIOR SERVICES BEING OFFERED AT THE NORTH BEACH SENIOR CENTER, LOCATED AT 7251 COLLINS AVENUE, INCLUDING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, (1) PARTIALLY FUNDING THE CURRENT LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN THE SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM (120 PARTICIPANTS), (2) EXPANDING THE MEALS PROGRAM BY ADDING 60 PARTICIPANTS, FOR A TOTAL OF 180 PARTICIPANTS; (3) CONTINUING TO SUPPORT SOCIALIZATION PROGRAMMING; AND (4) EXPANDING THE PROGRAMMING TO INCLUDE COMPUTER TRAINING CLASSES; AND APPROVING FUNDING OF THESE SERVICES , ON A RECURRING BASIS, THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, SUBJECT TO FUNDING APPROPRIATION AND APPROVAL BY THE CITY COMMISSION, DURING THE BUDGETARY PROCESS FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR , UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ANNUAL FUNDING AGREEMENTS, WITH TERMS ACCEPTABLE TO THE ADMINISTRATION.

Gongora established the first City of Miami Beach Senior Affairs Committee. The purpose of the Senior Affairs Committee is to provide senior citizen residents of the City with the opportunity to represent and articulate the needs of persons 55 years of age and older, to foster increased involvement in the affairs of City government by senior citizen residents, and to provide recommendations to the Mayor and City Commissioners on issues and programs affecting the City’s senior citizen population.

