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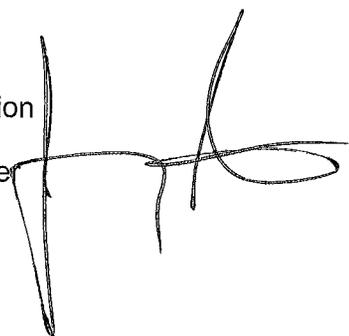
LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and
Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: March 4, 2014

SUBJECT: **TPC Letter – Tour Buses**



The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide you with correspondence received from the Transportation and Parking Committee regarding the above subject.

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TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Mark Weithorn, Transportation & Parking Committee Chair
DATE: March 4, 2014
SUBJECT: TPC – Tour Buses

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Commission:

Dear Mayor and Commission,

The Transportation and Parking Committee met on Monday, March 3rd. At this meeting we discussed the proposed ordinances for regulating tour buses on Miami Beach.

Here is our opinion:

There are two types of tour buses: Hop-on and hop off, and those buses which bring tourists in from the port.

Here are our thoughts.

1. Hop-On and Off Buses:
These buses tend to circulate the beach. We would like to see the city go out for an RFP and award a contract to one or two companies to operate these buses in our city. We would like to see a limit to the number of buses circulating at any given time. And rules on where they take on or discharge passengers.
2. Tour buses that come from the port:
We do not want to discourage these tourists from coming to the beach. They visit and spend dollars. But we would like to see specific regulations on how these buses operate. For example, if a bus unloads tourists for a length of time so they could meander, these buses should not sit on our streets idling. This clogs our streets, adds pollution and noise. We would like to see city staff develop regulations and enforcement for the behavior of these buses.

Sincerely,

Transportation and Parking Committee