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Creation of Miami Beach Citizens Volunteer Patrol Program

— *Engaged residents working together with our Miami Beach Police Department* —

Miami Beach, FL— The City Commission unanimously supported a resolution sponsored by Commissioner Meiner authorizing the Miami Beach Police Department to proceed with the development of a public safety Citizens Volunteer Patrol program (CVP).

“We will now have more eyes and ears on the street and most importantly a cost-effective crime prevention tool in our neighborhoods,” said Commissioner Steven Meiner. **“This is a win-win for the residents of Miami Beach, our communities and the Miami Beach Police Department.”**

This strong community policing program will include a detailed vetting process for potential recruits, an effective training program and appropriate policies and procedures, such as uniforms, transportation, communications and supervision.

Members of the CVP will provide the Miami Beach Police Department assistance in patrolling neighborhoods, parks, schools and commercial areas, specifically within public spaces. The primary responsibility of CVP members will be to perform high visibility patrols on foot, and perform specific tasks associated with special events. They will also be trained to report incidents such as vandalism, graffiti, and parking violations. Additionally, members will be able to report certain quality of life issues and make the appropriate notifications to departments such as Public Works and Transportation.

The Citizens Volunteer Patrol program is not scheduled to commence until the end of the COVID-19 pandemic and state of emergency orders. For more information, please contact Commissioner Steven Meiner at stevenmeiner@miamibeachfl.gov and Amadeus Huff, Aide to Commissioner Meiner at amadeushuff@miamibeachfl.gov or call 786.697.7763.

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