C4 P REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE (“PSNQLC”) TO HOLD A SUTNICK CITIZENS’ FORUM AT THE BEGINNING OF EVERY PSNQLC MEETING TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT BY THE PUBLIC.
Applicable Area:

Committee Referrals - C4 P

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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez

DATE: February 5, 2026

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RECOMMENDATION

Please place this item on the February 5, 2026 City Commission meeting agenda as a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee ("PSNQLC").

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The City of Miami Beach ("City") has provided for citizen input at City Commission meetings via Citizens' Forums, which have been formally made part of every City Commission agenda since January 1991. On July 28, 1993, pursuant to City Commission motion, these Citizens' Forums were renamed the "Dr. Stanley Sutnick Citizens' Forum" (the "Sutnick Hour") in recognition of the civic activist who contributed to the creation of the formal forum.

ANALYSIS

In light of the popularity of the Sutnick Hour at each City Commission meeting, I would like the PSNQLC to hold a regularly scheduled Sutnick Hour at the beginning of every PSNQLC meeting to provide an additional opportunity for comment by members of the public. The duration of the regularly scheduled Sutnick Hour shall be established by the PSNQLC Chair.

The PSNQLC hears "issues related to residents' quality of life, including improvement programs relating to the various neighborhoods throughout the City, and shall address issues of concern or interest to the Miami Beach community, including public safety, parks and recreation facilities and programs, housing, and homelessness." See Resolution No. 2025-33496, amending and restating the Commission Committee Resolution. These issues are among the highest priorities for our residents.

Holding a Sutnick Hour at PSNQLC meetings will provide the public with additional opportunities to weigh in directly on the PSNQLC's important public business.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?
(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:
See BIE at: https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

No

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

No

Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying? No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

Office of Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: PSNQLC - Hold a Sutnick Citizens' Forum at Start of Every PSNQLC Meeting. (Fernandez)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)