

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 066-2014

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: February 28, 2014

SUBJECT: Marine Authority Resolution: Miami Beach Marina

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide you with a resolution of the Marine Authority concerning an ongoing issue regarding an increase in silt in the navigational channels, which in turn has reduced the outer bulkhead depth at the Miami Beach Marina.


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C: Joe Jimenez, Assistant City Manager
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MARINE AUTHORITY

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission
Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: February 27, 2014

FROM: Dan Kipnis, Marine Authority Chair

SUBJECT: Marine Authority Important Discussion Item - Siltation

The Marine Authority is committed to promoting and maintaining a safe, clean and healthy marine environment to be enjoyed by its citizens, as well as visitors to the City of Miami Beach. To accomplish this goal, the authority receives and review applications for charter boats, beach concessions, marine-related special events and sensitive marine environmental issues.

During the February 4, 2014 meeting of the Marine Authority, members had a lengthy discussion regarding ongoing issues at the Miami Beach Marina. The challenge is that large vessels that had been previously able to dock at the facility are no longer able to do so, due to a large increase in the silt and sediment buildup (siltation) in the navigational channels. This siltation has resulted in a reduction of depth at the outer bulkhead of the Miami Beach Marina. This depth has historically been approximately 13 feet, and it is now believed to be 9 - 10 feet.

Marine Authority Resolution & Motion: The Miami Beach Marine Authority requests the City of Miami Beach to approach all appropriate government agencies involved with the Port of Miami regarding maintenance dredging, to remove siltation and sediment buildup to and including the outer bulkhead of Miami Beach Marina and restore the historical depth.

Action: Motion to approve resolution made by Dan Kipnis, seconded by Maurice Goodbeer. Motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6-0)