



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#15-0504**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** April 21, 2015

**TITLE:** Waiver of Conflict of Interests - Beach Business Improvement District  
(BID) Committee Members/Alternates and Food and Beverage Service  
on Fort Lauderdale Beach

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution waving any conflict of interest for Beach Business Improvement District (BID) Committee members and their alternates relating to allowing the business entities with which they are employed or associated to participate in a program to provide food and beverage service on Fort Lauderdale Beach.

**Background**

At the September 16, 2014 City Commission Conference meeting, the Commission directed staff to proceed with a proposed program to provide food and beverage service on Fort Lauderdale Beach. In order to ensure that the BID Committee members have an opportunity to participate in the program, a resolution to waive the members' conflict of interest is required. The BID Committee has nine members, which includes seven of the top ten assessed commercial properties fronting SR A1A and a representative from the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board (BRAB) and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Beach Council. All of the members, except for the BRAB representative, have expressed an interest in participating in this program. These members and their alternates include:

- Amaury Piedra/Blake Crawford (alternate) – Westin Hotel/A1A Trader LLC
- Marylouise Fitzgibbon/Michel Notten (alternate) – W Condos/Capris Resorts LLC
- Greg Cook/Monique Soriano (alternate) – Ritz Carlton Hotel/RCFL Investor LLC
- Patrick Reece/John Hopwood (alternate) – Bahia Mar Hotel/City of Fort Lauderdale
- Jill Munas/Jackie Foster (alternate) – Beach Place Tower/Marriott Ownership Resorts Inc.
- Bill Cunningham/Thomas Foster (alternate) – Marriott Courtyard/PHF Oceanfront LLC

- Eduardo Fernandez – no alternate – Sonesta Hotel/Chamber of Commerce
- Kenyata Allain/Carmen Barbagelata (alternate) – Beach Place/Thor Gallery at Beach Place LLC

Sections 112.313(3) and (7), Florida Statutes, provide in part that no public officer, acting in a private capacity, shall rent, lease, or sell any realty, goods, or services to any political subdivision or any agency thereof, if he or she is serving as an officer of that political subdivision and no public officer of an agency shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business entity or any agency which is subject to the regulation of, or is doing business with, an agency of which he or she is an officer.

Section 112.313(12), Florida Statutes, however, allows the City Commission to waive any conflicts created by subsections (3) and (7), pertaining to advisory board members upon full disclosure of the relationship and a two thirds vote in favor of the waiver.

**Resource Impact**

This waiver does not impact resources.

**Strategic Connections**

N/A

Related CAM: #15-0502

Attachment:

Exhibit 1 - Conflict of Interest Waiver Resolution

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