



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

**#23-0758**

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

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** August 22, 2023

**TITLE:** Presentation - Initiative; Petition for Proposed Ordinance Pursuant to  
Section 3.15 of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale Regarding  
Snyder Park - (**Commission District 4**)

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Pursuant to Section 3.15 of the Charter of the City of Fort Lauderdale, a committee of not less than one thousand (1,000) electors of the city may prepare and sign a petition addressed to the City Commission requesting that a proposed ordinance attached to the petition be enacted. The Save Snyder Park Petition Committee (the "Committee") has provided notice to the City Manager of their intent to presented a petition and proposed ordinance to the City Commission pursuant to Section 3.15. The document purported to be a draft ordinance has been reviewed by the City Attorney and in his opinion he cites several legal deficiencies that make the document unadopted as an ordinance. Nevertheless, the Committee has opted to present to the city commission the signed petition, a proposed ordinance, and the opinion of the city attorney on the legality of the proposed ordinance.

The City Charter provides that after the presentation, an opportunity shall be given for proponents and opponents of the proposed ordinance to be heard then the city commission may take one of the following actions:

- Reject the proposed ordinance,
- Take no action upon the proposed ordinance,
- Pass the proposed ordinance on first reading, or
- Pass the proposed ordinance in amended form upon first reading

**Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - Notice to the City Manager re Save Snyder Ordinance  
Exhibit 2 - Petitions  
Exhibit 3 - Proposed Ordinance  
Exhibit 4 - City Attorney's Opinion

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