

City of Coral Gables CITY COMMISSION MEETING August 27, 2019

ITEM TITLE:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, STRONGLY URGING THE CITY OF MIAMI AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ADOPT LEGISLATION PROHIBITING HOURLY HOTEL/MOTEL RENTALS WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

(Sponsored by Commissioner Keon)

BRIEF HISTORY:

It is well established that hotels/motels that allow for the hourly rental of rooms, are frequented by individuals engaged in prostitution and/or human sex trafficking, as well as other illegal activity. The State of Florida ranks third nationwide in human trafficking cases, according to a report by the Miami-Dade State Attorney's office.

In December of 2016 the City of Coral Gables City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2016-60, sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago, prohibiting hourly rentals of hotels/motels within the City of Coral Gables and prescribing penalties for violation of the prohibition.

Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami are both home to numerous hourly rate motels and this Commission believes the communities in the County and City of Miami would greatly benefit from the passage of legislation similar to Ordinance 2016-60, adopted by the City of Coral Gables, and urges the County and City of Miami to adopt similar legislation.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Draft Resolution
- 2. Ordinance No. 2016-60