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Interoffice Memorandum

To: Mayor and Members of the Finance and
Citywide Projects Committee

Date: April 17, 2012

From: Jose Smith
City Attorney

Subject: Proposed Ballot Question for City Charter Amendment Increasing the Resort
Tax on Room Rent by One Percent (1%)

Pursuant to a request by Mayor Bower, the City Attorney's Office has drafted a proposed ballot question, in conjunction with the Committee's discussion today relative to the above referenced matter.

Please note that, should the Committee recommend that the proposed question (or a revised question) be placed on the August 14, 2012 County ballot (which is also the ballot for the Primary Election), then the deadline for submittal to the Supervisor of Elections is **NO LATER THAN MAY 25, 2012**. Accordingly, in order to meet this deadline, the Mayor and City Commission must pass a Resolution approving the proposed ballot question (and requesting that the County place it on the 8/14/12 ballot), at its **MAY 9, 2012** meeting.

SHALL SECTION 5.03 OF THE MIAMI BEACH CHARTER BE AMENDED TO INCREASE, BY ONE PERCENT, THE RESORT TAX ON ROOM RENT, WITH SUCH INCREASE TO BE USED SOLELY FOR PURPOSES OF EXPANDING, ENLARGING, RENOVATING, AND IMPROVING THE MIAMI BEACH CONVENTION CENTER (OPTIONAL: WHICH IS THE LARGEST EXISTING PUBLICLY OWNED CONVENTION CENTER IN MIAMI DADE COUNTY)?