



ITEM NO. 14B5

North Bay Village Recommendation Memorandum

DATE: September 13, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of the Village Commission

FROM: Madalyn Medrano, Commission Aide

SPONSORED BY: Commissioner Richard Chervony

SUBJECT: Discussion to Participate in the Sister Bays Program - *Sponsored by Commissioner Dr. Richard Chervony*

RECOMMENDATION

Consider participation in the Sister Bays Program, a partnership initiative between Miami-Dade County and the City of Niterói, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Sister Bays Program, proposes to create a broad-based, long-term partnership between two “bay communities” which share similar geographical conditions and challenges in two different cities, counties, states or countries. If approved, North Bay Village, being the Heart of the Bay, requests to be included in Miami-Dade County’s Sister Bays program with the City of Niterói.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Sister Bays Program, proposes to create a broad-based, long-term partnership between two “bay communities” which share similar geographical conditions or challenges in two different cities, counties, states or countries. A relationship is officially recognized once the highest elected or appointed officials from both “bay communities” sign off on an agreement to become Sister Bays.

With the guidance and support from municipal or state governments, educational institutions such as the University of Miami and Florida International University, nonprofits, the private sector and other civic organizations, a bay community may establish “sister bays” partnerships with a number of other global bay communities. If approved, North Bay Village, being the Heart of the Bay, requests from the City of Niterói to become Sister Bays in protecting our natural resources. By signing off on a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) (attached), the two “bay communities” commit to working together towards improving the water quality and

overall health of their bays. North Bay Village requests to become a subsidiary of Miami-Dade County in this program under its lead, and work alongside Chief Bay Officer Irela Bague in this mission.

BUDGETARY/FINANCIAL IMPACT (Finance Dept.)

TO BE DETERMINED

PERSONNEL IMPACT

NONE