


Memorandum



Date: June 4, 2021

To: JD Patterson, Chief Public Safety Officer
Jimmy Morales, Chief Operations Officer

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Police and Code Enforcement Joint Response to Protect Public Safety

As we respond to the recent wave of tragic shootings, we are taking urgent action to aggressively step up enforcement and protection measures across the County to bring the killers to justice and keep all our neighborhoods safe from violence.

One critical aspect of this response is a robust joint Police and Code Enforcement inspection presence – expanding monitoring and enforcement of potential illegal activity in commercial locations that foster environments of lawlessness and violence. By way of this memo, I direct you to work together to immediately deploy joint Police and Code Enforcement Special Units that will carry out a surge of proactive inspections at night on weekends until further notice. These proactive inspections will take place in areas that Miami-Dade Police Department has identified as high-risk and with a history of problematic behavior. To the extent that illegal activity is identified, the officers are empowered to exercise all available remedies, including closing the establishment in order to eliminate the imminent danger.

As part of this effort, please arrange immediately for the creation of a telephone hotline by which people can report commercial and residential properties that are operating illegal businesses. This line should be staffed 24 hours, and complaints should be investigated on a timely basis.

We must have a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to criminal and illegal business activity in commercial and residential properties, to help prevent crime and send a clear message to violators that illegal activity will be swiftly identified and shut down.

I would like an update by end of day on the implementation of this plan for this coming weekend. Thank you for your immediate attention to this directive.

c: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners
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