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RESOLUTION: Preserve Cook's Inlet / Boat Basin

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WHEREAS:

Cook's Inlet is a boat basin situated at the southwestern tip of Miami Beach, between South Pointe Park and the parcel of South Pointe Park known as Federal Triangle, on that portion of the Alaskan Parcel that is to become unified with South Pointe Park as a result of the legal settlement with the current property owner.

If Cook's Inlet is retained pursuant to the legal settlement, it will be located at the westernmost edge of a major public park, linked to a public baywalk that encircles the South Pointe waterfront, adjacent to a marina, and proximate to both the current and recommended future route for South Beach's public transit circulator system.

Cook's Inlet boat basin is a unique waterfront feature in Miami Beach, approximately 100' deep by 60' wide, that has historically been used for maritime purposes and cannot be filled or relocated without the approval of local, state, and federal regulatory agencies.

Based on its dimensions and its history, and absent evidence to the contrary, Cook's Inlet is or can be presumed in the future to be navigable by a variety of water craft, including water taxis, tourist boats, and pedestrian ferry boats.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Cook's Inlet is ideally located on Miami Beach for a variety of public marine transport or tourism routes that might be to implemented in the future, including (but not limited to) tourism or commuting by water between Miami Beach and downtown Miami, Bayside, or Watson Island; tours of the Biscayne Bay islands; and water travel to Virginia Key, Key Biscayne, Coconut Grove, and potential public landings further north along Miami Beach;

THAT Cook's Inlet is ideally situated within Miami Beach at the junction of a public park, a public baywalk, a marina, and a public transit circulator for South Beach, making it both highly accessible and visible to the public, and adding visual interest, variety, and alternative modes of access to the public park and baywalk;

THAT the City of Miami Beach should conduct meaningful analysis of the varieties of marine transport that might be able to utilize the boat basin for loading and unloading passengers, including water taxis, tourist boats, and pedestrian ferries, and should integrate plans for compatible maritime transit in the re-design of South Pointe Park and a sunset plaza feature adjacent to a functioning Cook's Inlet; AND

THAT the City of Miami Beach should take no position adverse to the full preservation of Cook's Inlet absent competent, independent evidence and public hearings finding no viable present or future maritime use for Cook's Inlet.

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