

CITY OF HIALEAH



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2026-02

(MAYOR'S CUBA BUSINESS ADVISORY TASK FORCE)

WHEREAS, The United States of America maintains an economic embargo on Cuba designed to restrict business activity with the Cuban communist dictatorship, primarily administered through federal law and regulations enforced by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, federal law permits limited transactions with Cuba pursuant to licenses and general authorizations issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC); however, concern remains that such licenses and authorizations may be misused, abused, or used as a pretext to engage in commercial activities exceeding the scope permitted under federal law; and

WHEREAS, Cuba's communist dictatorship has been, is, and will continue to be a threat to the national security of the United States, and the City of Hialeah – home to countless victims of oppression – will not be used in any way to fund, support, or prolong such oppression; and

WHEREAS, Florida State Statute 205.0532 authorizes any local governing authority issuing a business tax receipt to any individual, business, or entity to revoke or refuse to renew such a receipt if the individual, business, or entity, or parent company of such individual, business, or entity, is doing business with Cuba; and

WHEREAS, I, as Mayor of the City of Hialeah, have a solemn responsibility to protect the public interest and therefore deem it essential to ensure the City remains fully informed of, and compliant with, all federal and state laws governing business with Cuba.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR BRYAN CALVO, as Mayor of the City of Hialeah, Florida, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the City Charter and applicable law, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

Section 1.

The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble to this Executive Order are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Purpose.

The Mayor's **Cuba Business Advisory Task Force (CUBAT)** is hereby created in order to assist the Mayor and respective City departments in reviewing information to identify entities operating in the City of Hialeah that are doing business with Cuba and report their findings, data, and recommendations to the Mayor.

Section 3. Definitions.

For purposes of this Order:

- a) "Doing business with Cuba" is defined as engaging in commercial activity directly or indirectly involving Cuba or the Government of Cuba, including trade, services, investments, contracts, or financial transactions, unless clearly exempt under federal law.
- b) "Parent Company" is defined as any entity that directly or indirectly owns, controls, or exercises controlling influence over a business operating in the City.
- c) "Business" is defined as any individual person or entity holding or applying for a city business tax receipt.

Section 4. Internal Review.

Within fifteen (15) days of execution of this Order, the Director of the Business Tax Division shall establish an internal review protocol to identify businesses potentially doing business with Cuba and provide a list of prioritized reviews to the CUBAT Task Force.

Section 5. Membership.

The CUBAT shall be comprised of City of Hialeah employees and City of Hialeah interns assigned to CUBAT, as selected by the Mayor of the City of Hialeah. Such members may include, but are not limited to, the Director of the City of Hialeah Business Tax Division, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, and the City Attorney or the City Attorney's designee. Members of CUBAT shall meet and submit its first report to the Mayor within thirty (30) days of their meeting. CUBAT shall continue to meet monthly and submit a monthly report to the Mayor which shall include the following:

- a) Number of businesses screened
- b) Number of businesses under review
- c) Number of businesses cleared
- d) Number of businesses recommended for action

Section 6. Intake and Referrals.

Cases may begin from internal city reviews, referrals from other government agencies, reliable public records, or credible outside information.

Section 7. Term.

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The Task Force terms shall commence upon execution of this Order and shall sunset one (1) year after that date, unless dissolved earlier.

Section 8. Chair.

The Chair of CUBAT shall be appointed by the Mayor.

Section 9. Meetings.

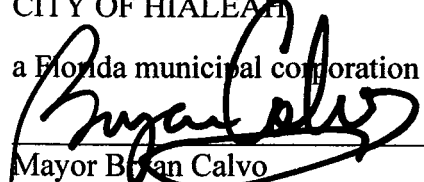
CUBAT shall hold regular and special meetings at such times as may be appropriate at City Hall, or at another location in a municipal facility, deemed fit by the task force within the City.

Section 10. Compliance.

CUBAT shall be governed by and abide by any and all legislation enacted by the Mayor and the City Council, administrative policies, including, but not limited to, the provisions of the City Charter and Code, and all relevant Florida Statutes, including Chapters 119 (“Public Records”).

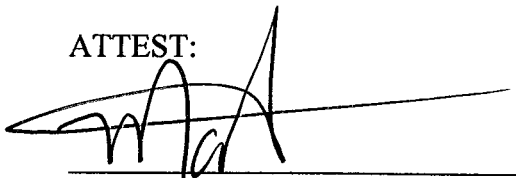
Section 11. Effective Date.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for one (1) year from the date of issuance, unless dissolved earlier.

CITY OF HIALEAH
a Florida municipal corporation

Mayor Bryan Calvo

Date of rendition 1/12/2026

ATTEST:



Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk