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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 005-2019

To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 

Date: January 11, 2019

Subject: **Caravan of Motorcyclists and All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) through Bal Harbour Village**

The purpose of this Letter to Council is to inform you of actions taken by the Bal Harbour Police Department (BHPD) to address a recurring issue with a caravan of Motorcyclists (bikers) and All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) driving through Bal Harbour Village every other Sunday over the past couple of months.

In order to ensure a unified response to this multi-jurisdictional issue, Police Chief Flowers hosted a meeting on December 17, 2018 at the Sea View Hotel with the City of Aventura Police Department, Town of Bay Harbour Islands Police Department, Town of Golden Beach Police Department, Miami-Dade County Police Department, City of Miami Beach Police Department, City of North Miami Beach Police Department, City of North Miami Police Department and City of Sunny Isles Beach Police Department to discuss strategies for a coordinated response to bikers and ATVs traveling en masse throughout our communities.

As a result of this meeting, these agency heads agreed to work together to obtain intelligence on this movement, as well as commit resources for unified operations. The first operation was conducted on Sunday, December 23, 2018 in the Intracoastal District of Miami-Dade County, which resulted in disrupting the riders who had gathered to conduct a group ride throughout the County. Additional operations will be coordinated in the near future to discourage and curtail this activity. The BHPD has augmented staffing in anticipation of these rides, which have been occurring every other Sunday between approximately 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or need additional information please feel free to contact me or Chief Flowers directly.

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