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### **Board of Directors Meeting**

April 13, 2017 Melreese Country Club 1802 NW 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue Miami, FL 33125

Immediate Past President Hon. Jon Burgess Councilman, Homestead Past Presidents Hon. Luis Gonzalez Council President, City of Hialeah Hon, Juan Carlos Bermudez Mayor, City of Doral Hon. Isaac Salver Councilman, Town of Bay Harbor Islands Hon. R.S. Shiver Commissioner, City of Florida City Hon. Wifredo "Willy" Gort Commissioner, City of Miami

6:00 p.m. Reception - 7:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting					

#### **WELCOMING REMARKS:**

President Francis X. Suarez, Commissioner, City of Miami

#### 1. INVOCATION:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez, City of Doral, MDCLC Past President

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps, North Bay Village

MINUTES: March 2, 2017

- 4. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - 1. Monthly Disbursement
- 5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Richard Kuper, Esq.

- 6. APPROVAL OF SLATE OF OFFICERS 2017-2018:
  - President Oliver Gilbert, III, Mayor, City of Miami Gardens
  - First Vice President Jordan W. Leonard, Mayor, Town of Bay Harbor Islands
  - Second Vice President George Vallejo, Mayor, City of North Miami Beach
  - Secretary Claudia Cubillos, Mayor, Village of El Portal
  - Treasurer **Keon Hardemon**, Chairman, City of Miami
  - Immediate Past President Francis X. Suarez, Commissioner, City of Miami
- 7. PRESIDENT'S AWARDS:

President Francis X. Suarez, Commissioner, City of Miami

President's Distinguished Board Member Award

Treasurer Claudia Cubillos, Mayor, Village of El Portal

❖ President's Community Service Award

Councilwoman Vivian Casals-Muñoz, City of Hialeah President's Public Service Award

Commissioner Wifredo "Willy" Gort, City of Miami, MDCLC Past President

President's Municipal Service Award

Ms. Susan Trevarthen, Esq., Attorney, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.

- President's City Attendance Awards
  - Village of Bay Harbor Islands
  - Village of El Portal
  - Village of Indian Creek
  - Town of Medley
  - Village of Virginia Gardens
- **8.** 38<sup>TH</sup> HEMISPHERIC CONGRESS (June 5-8, 2017) PRESENTATION:

Commissioner **Wifredo "Willy" Gort,** City of Miami, MDCLC Past President Chairman, Hemispheric Congress

9. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PRESENTATION:

Commissioner **Daniella Levine Cava**, Miami-Dade County, District 8

10. MS. SENIOR FLORIDA PAGEANT:

Ms. Rose Tydus, Florida Pageant Director, Former Commissioner, City of Opa-Locka

11. THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATION MINUTE:

Board Member Susie Castillo, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

#### 12. MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES:

Ms. Dionne Polite, Director of State Operations, AARP Florida

#### 13. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S (DEP) WEAKENING OF RESTRICTIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW AN INCREASE IN THE RELEASE OF TOXIC CHEMICALS INTO FLORIDA'S WATERS; URGING THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) NOT TO APPROVE THE FLORIDA DEP'S NEW RESTRICTION; SUPPORTING THE LAWSUIT FILED BY THE SEMINOLE TRIE OF FLORIDA AGAINST THE FLORIDA DEP AND THE FLORIDA ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS COMMISSION (FERC) TO HALT THE INCREASE OF TOXINS IN FLORIDA'S WATER; OPPOSING ANY EFFORT BY THE DEP OR THE FERC TO OPPOSE THE SEMINOLE LITIGATION; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REFORM THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM TO ELIMINATE THE DISPROPORTIONATE SUBSIDIES PAID BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO OTHER PARTS OF THE NATION, AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF SUBSIDIES ALLOCATED IN FLORIDA TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO AT LEAST 25% OF FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUMS PAID IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR REINVESTMENT IN RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; TO AMEND FLOOD INSURANCE POLICY RENEWALS FROM ANNUALLY TO EVERY FOUR YEARS SO THAT PROPERTY OWNERS MAY SECURE LOWER AND MORE PREDICTABE RATES; AND, FYRTHER, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATATURE TO ADOPT STRICTER BUIDING CODES THAT INCORPORATE MEASURES THAT ADDRESS SEA LEVEL RISE, AND TO ADOPT LAWS THAT REQUIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESILIENT EASURES THAT MIGATE THE RISKS RELATED TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND FLOODING.
- C. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI SUPPORTING CONGRESSWOMAN ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN'S OPPOSITION TO THE REPEAL OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.

D. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1048 AND HOUSE BILL 1055 WHICH PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 163.3221, 380.04, 403.511 AND 403.531, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADD TO THE CITY'S 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OPPOSITION, INCLUDING PROPOSING AND SUPPORTING FAVORABLE AMENDMENTS TO THOSE STATUTES.

#### 14. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gala
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Miami Gardens, FL 33056

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#### Minutes

March 2, 2017 Miami Shores Country Club

MDCLC Executive Director **Richard Kuper**, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.. Mr. Kuper introduced MDCLC President **Francis X. Suarez**. President Suarez had a prior commitment and came to the League meeting to speak about a House Bill and Senate companion Bill on transportation funding. It would increase the amount of state share funding for non federally funded transportation projects from 12.5% to 25% which would allow the state to fund up to a billion dollars in mass transit funding in our county which is critical to the vitality of all of our municipalities.

President **Suarez** asked for a motion supporting the House Bill and Senate companion bill. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

President **Suarez** then mentioned HB 111, co-sponsored by Representative Cynthia Stafford. HB 111 provides that personal identifying information of witness to murder remains confidential and exempt for specified period; authorizes specified entities and parties to receive information; provides for future legislative review and repeal of exemption. He also mentioned a condo reform package which will criminalize condominium association's conduct: double dealing, not giving up public records, and manipulating elections in condominiums. President Suarez hopes to bring this forth to an upcoming meeting once it becomes legislation. President Suarez introduced Second Vice President **Jordan W. Leonard** and asked that he continue chairing the meeting on his behalf.

Second Vice President Jordan W. Leonard introduced Mayor Alice Burch, Miami Shores, to give the invocation. Councilman Alix Desulme, City of North Miami, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Second Vice President **Leonard** asked for a motion to approve the minutes and the consent agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Second Vice President **Leonard** then spoke about MDCLC Resolution 2017-2 opposing bill #PCB PIE 17-03 which will require municipal elected officials and candidates for elected municipal office to file an annual form-6. This goes against Home Rule and can be an issue for small municipalities due to the fact that most positions are voluntary.

Second Vice President Leonard asked for a motion to approve MDCLC Resolution 2017-2.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE BILL# PCB PIE 17-03 WHICH WILL REQUIRE MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO FILE AN ANNUAL FORM-6; DIRECTING THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Second Vice President **Leonard** then spoke about SB 626 which will authorize a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm into any meeting of the governing body of a county, public school district, municipality, or special district.

Second Vice President Leonard asked for a motion to oppose SB 626. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Second Vice President Leonard introduced Executive Director, Richard Kuper for the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Kuper thanked Mayor Alice Burch of Miami Shores for having the League host their meeting in the beautiful Village. Mr. Kuper introduced the Executive Board Members present: President Francis Suarez, Commissioner, Miami, First Vice President Oliver Gilbert, III, Mayor, Miami Gardens, Second Vice President Jordan W. Leonard, Mayor, Bay Harbor Islands, Secretary George Vallejo, Mayor, North Miami Beach, Treasurer Claudia Cubillos, Mayor, El Portal. Board Members present: Councilman Robert Yaffe, Bay Harbor Islands, Assistant Mayor Seth Salver, Bal Harbour, Councilman Harold Mathis, El Portal, Mayor Roberto Martell, Medley, Commissioner Wifredo "Willy" Gort, Miami, Councilwoman Felicia Robinson, Miami Gardens, Councilman Nelson Rodriguez, Miami Lakes, Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps, North Bay Village, Councilman Alix Desulme, North Miami, Councilmember James McDonald, Pinecrest, Vice Mayor Barry Cohen, Surfside, Councilman Richard Block, Virginia Gardens. Past Presidents present: Former State Representative Eduardo "Eddy" Gonzalez, Councilman Isaac Salver, Bay Harbor Islands, Wifredo "Willy" Gort, Miami, Former Councilman Michael Blynn, North Miami Beach. City Attorney present: Hans Ottinot, Sunny Isles Beach. City Managers present: David Rosemond, El Portal, Alexander Diaz, Golden Beach, Tom Benton, Miami Shores, Christopher Russo, Sunny Isles Beach. Deputy City Manager present: Albert Childress, Doral. City Clerks present: Marilane Lima, Indian Creek, Yenise Jacobi, El Portal. **Deputy City Clerk** present: Roseann Prado, Indian Creek **Judges** present: Don Cohn, County Court, Dawn Denaeo, County Court, Laura Anne Stuzin, County Court, Tanya Brinkley, Circuit Court. **Judicial candidate** present: Carlos Lopez. **MDCPS Board members** present: Susie Castillo. **Associate Members** present: American Traffic Solutions, Orlando Torres, Sandy Mickey, Anfield Consulting, Edgar Fernandez, AT&T, Katherine San Pedro, Cristal Cole, Alex Dominguez, Brown & Brown, Robert Hollander, C.A.P. Government, Inc., Carlos Penin, Maria Alvarez, Raul Rodriguez, Monica De Castro, CH2M Hill, Mike Shehadeh, City National Bank, Lance Aylsworth, Noel Mauro, Florida City Gas, Manuel Gomez, Hialeah Park, John Brunetti, Jr., Vivian Casala- Muñoz, Kimley- Horn & Associates, Brenda Westhorp, Levy & Associates, Jose Diaz, Samantha Laurel, Protec Fuel Management, Andrew Greenberg, SFM Services, Christian Infante, The Corradino Group, Mayor Joseph Corradino, World waste Recycling, Eileen Damaso, Michael Adams, Weiss Serota Helfmen..., Susan Trevarthen, Gail Serota.

Mr. **Kuper** announced that the Miami-Dade County Days will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 and Thursday, April 6, 2017 and encouraged everyone to register online as soon as possible. He looks forward to seeing everyone there. Mr. Kuper mentioned that if anyone had any questions about Dade Days to ask Ms. Dianne Raulson who was present, or Samantha Laurel. He also asked that everyone stay up to date with the Legislative Alerts from the FLC that we have been e-mailing. Mr. Kuper was proud to announce that the MDCLC Gala would be taking place on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at a new venue. Once the details for the venue are finalized we will send out more information regarding the Gala. He informed everyone that the next Attorney Luncheon Seminar would be taking place on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron Restaurant. He encouraged all attorney's and Judges to attend. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on April 13, 2017, location is TBD, the date has changed to avoid conflict with Dade Days.

Mr. **Kuper** then introduced MDCLC Media Strategist **Brian Andrews** to give some information on the MDCLC Media Campaign. Brian mentioned that the MDCLC is promoting themselves through an English, Creole, and Spanish radio station. The Executive Board has been appearing on these radio stations to discuss League municipal, and legislative updates and issues. The recordings from the MDCLC Media campaign have been made into downloadable podcasts for the convenience of all members and those interested to listen to on their way to work. Mr. Andrews asked for everyone's support and asked that everyone talk to their lobbyist and state legislators, one great way to do that is through social media. Mr. Andrews made himself and his colleague Mr. Tony Winton available to answer any questions throughout the evening.

Second Vice President **Leonard** introduced **Mr. Gale Nelson**, President of Big Brother's Big Sister's of Miami. For over 50 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters Miami has been securing futures by matching at-risk kids with committed mentors who invest their expertise and time to awaken each child to new possibilities. Independent research shows that children in this program achieve measurable outcomes, such as educational success; avoidance of risky behaviors; higher aspirations; greater confidence and better relationships. He mentioned that his contact information is available in the agenda and asked for the support of all municipalities.

Second Vice President Leonard introduced Mr. Richard Pulido, Florida Foster Care Review. Florida Foster Care Review (FFCR) recruits, trains and supervises volunteers who, as part of the Citizen Review Panel (CRP), review cases of youth in foster care to ensure that they are safe and receiving needed services. Together with child welfare professionals, FFCR also works to ensure that children and youth leaving the foster care system have someone they can call family. Through all its programs, Florida Foster Care Review tracks and analyzes outcomes in order to advocate for system changes that improve children's lives. He asked that everyone please create a proclamation in recognition of National Foster Care Month, there is a draft placed in the agenda. Mr. Pulido thanked everyone for their time.

Placed in agenda for informational purposes:

- A. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING ANY RELIGIOUS-BASED OR NATIONALITY-BASED REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ENTERING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
- B. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING EFFORTS IN THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PURCHASE 60,000 ACRES OF LAND SOUTH OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE IN THE EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA TO INITIATE PROJECT PLANNING FOR WATER STORAGE AND TREATMENT AS OUTLINES IN THE COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES AND RESTORATION PLAN TO SEND CLEAN WATER TO EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK AND THE FLORIDA KEYS AND ALLEVIATE HARMFUL WATER DISCHARGES TO THE ST. LUCIE AND CALOOSAHATCHEE ESTUARIES.

Second Vice President **Leonard** then announced that the next Attorney Luncheon Seminar would be taking place on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron Restaurant, Miami-Dade County Days will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 and Thursday, April 6, 2017 and the next Board of Directors meeting will be held on April 13, 2017, location is TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Summarized minutes



#### **MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

TO:

Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

March 21, 2017

FROM:

Abigail Price-Williams

County Attorney

SUBJECT:

Resolution creating a Charter

Review Task Force; setting forth powers and responsibilities of such task force; providing for a report; and providing for sunset

This item was amended at the February 14, 2017 Government Operations Committee to change the membership of the proposed Charter Review Task Force from seventeen to fifteen members by eliminating members nominated by the League of Cities and the Clerk of Courts.

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Co-Prime Sponsors Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

Abigail Price-Williams

County Attorney

APW/lmp

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TO:	Honorable Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. and Members, Board of County Commissioners	DATE:	March 21, 201	7			
FROM:	Abigall Price-Williams  County Attorney	SUBJECT:	Agenda Item No.	. 11(A)(4)			
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"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised							
6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing							
4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing							
Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget							
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	Statement of fiscal impact required						
	Statement of social equity required	•					
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No committee review

Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_\_) to approve

Current information regarding funding source, index code and available

balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved	Mayor		Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)
Veto	Addition to the second		3-21-17
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	RESOLUTION NO.	<b></b>	

RESOLUTION CREATING A CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE; SETTING FORTH POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCH TASK FORCE; PROVIDING FOR A REPORT; AND PROVIDING FOR SUNSET

WHEREAS, section 9.07 of the Home Rule Charter ("Charter") provides that amendments to the Charter may only be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners or by petition of electors as set forth in the Charter; and

WHEREAS, section 9.08 of the Charter requires the Board of County Commissioners at least once in every five-year period to review the Charter and determine whether or not there is a need for revisions of the Charter; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2012 the Board through Resolution No. 253-12 created the most recent Charter Review Task Force to review the Charter and advise the Board of any recommended amendments or revisions; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2017, it will be five years since the creation of the last Charter Review Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a new Charter Review Task Force will allow opportunity for public input and focused study of possible amendments to the Charter,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. There is hereby created a Charter Review Task Force which shall consist of [[seventeen (17)]]<sup>1</sup> >> fifteen (15)<< members, thirteen (13) of which shall be appointed by

Committee amendments are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or [[bracketed]] are deleted, words underlined and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

each County Commissioner, one (1) by the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, >> and << one (1) by the Chair of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation [[, one (1) by the League of Cities, and one (1) by the Clerk of the Courts]]. >> In the event the Chair of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegations declines, in writing, the opportunity to appoint a member to the Charter Review Task Force, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County shall appoint an additional member. << Appointments shall be made by submission of a memorandum to the Clerk of the Board of Miami-Dade County by each official or entity authorized to make such appointment within fifteen (15) days of adoption of this Resolution. The Chairperson of the Task Force shall be selected by the members of the Task Force.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Charter Review Task Force shall reflect racial, ethnic, and gender balance and diversity and its members shall be electors of Miami-Dade County.

Section 3. The Charter Review Task Force shall be staffed by the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee, the County Attorney, and County Clerk.

Section 4. The Charter Review Task Force shall review the Home Rule Charter of Miami-Dade County in its entirety and shall prepare and submit to this Board written recommendations setting forth any proposed amendments or revisions to the Charter. In conducting its review, the Task Force should:

- a. Study the Final Report of the last Charter Review Task force;
- b. Study all proposed charter amendments submitted to the voters since the last Charter Review Task Force issued its recommendations;
- c. Invite knowledgeable members of the community to appear and make recommendations;
- d. Invite representatives of Miami-Dade County's municipalities to appear and make recommendations;
- e. Conduct public hearings at various stages in the review process;

f. Conduct regional public meetings (for example, in North, South, Central Miami-Dade County) to convey recommendations of the Charter Review Task Force to persons in attendance and receive any additional comments from the public regarding recommendations. The Task force shall reconvene to consider any public comments prior to submission of a final report to the Board of County Commissioners recommending charter amendment proposals and placement of such proposals on the General Election ballot. These regional public meetings shall be in addition to meetings which are to be conducted in accordance with the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. Nothing herein would prohibit the Task Force from conducting by electronic means any such regional public meetings required by this paragraph.

Section 5. All proceedings of the Charter Review Task Force shall be conducted in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Law (section 286.011, Florida Statutes) and the Citizens' Bill of Rights of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter. The Task Force shall be deemed an "agency" for the purposes of the Public Records Law (chapter 119, Florida Statutes).

Section 6. The Task Force shall submit its written recommendations to this Board no later than 360 days after the effective date of this resolution, provided, however nothing herein prohibits the Task Force from providing a report or reports to the Board prior to such time.

Section 7. Nothing in this resolution precludes the Board of County Commissioners or a petitioner who has been certified to have submitted a legally sufficient initiative petition with sufficient signatures from placing a proposal to amend the Charter on the ballot, nor does anything herein preclude the Mayor of Miami-Dade County from seeking to place such a proposal on the ballot.

Section 8. The Charter Review Task Force shall complete its deliberations and prepare its report recommending changes to the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, if any, to be placed on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-85. The County Attorney is hereby directed to prepare any necessary resolutions to place these recommendations on the November, 2018 General Election ballot.

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Section 9. The Task Force created pursuant to this resolution shall sunset and stand dissolved on the 363rd day from the effective date of the task force set forth in section 1 of this Resolution, unless it is extended by an ordinance duly adopted by the Board.

The Co-Prime Sponsors of the foregoing resolution are Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava and Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. It was offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman

Bruno A. Barreiro Jose "Pepe" Diaz Barbara J. Jordan Jean Monestime Rebeca Sosa Daniella Levine Cava Sally A. Heyman Joe A. Martinez Dennis C. Moss Sen. Javier D. Souto

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

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By:	
Deputy Clerk	

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.



Oren Rosenthal





### Miami-Dade Legislative Item File Number: 170666

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File Name: CREATING A CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE Introduced: 3/14/2017

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Cost:

**Final Action:** 

Agenda Date: 3/21/2017 Agenda Item Number: 11A4

Notes: SEE

Title: RESOLUTION CREATING A CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE: SETTING

ITEM

FORTH POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCH TASK FORCE; PROVIDING FOR A REPORT; AND PROVIDING FOR SUNSET [SEE

NO. 170148

ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 170148]

Indexes: TASK FORCE

Sponsors: Daniella Levine Cava, Co-Prime Sponsor

**CHARTER REVIEW** 

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Co-Prime Sponsor

nset Provision: No

**Effective Date:** 

**Expiration Date:** 

Registered Lobbyist: None Listed

#### Legislative History

**Acting Body** 

**Date** 

Agenda Item

Action

Sent To

Due Date Returned Pass/Fail

Board of

3/21/2017 11A4

Amended

County Commissioners

REPORT:

It was moved by Commissioner Levine Cava that the foregoing proposed resolution be adopted, as amended, to remove from Section 4, Sub-Section (d), which invites representatives of Miami-Dade County's municipalities to appear and make recommendations. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Bovo, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 11-1 (Commissioner Barreiro voted "No") (Commissioner Suarez was absent). The foregoing proposed resolution was assigned Resolution No.

R-304-17.

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Government Operations Committee 2/14/2017 2B AMF

2B Forwarded to BCC with a favorable AMENDED recommendation with committee amendment(s)

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PORT:

Assistant County Attorney Eddie Gonzalez read into the record the title of the foregoing proposed resolution. Chairman Moss opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed resolution and upon seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the public hearing. Commissioner Levine Cava explained the intent of the foregoing proposed resolution, noting pursuant to Section 9.08 of the Home Rule Charter ("Charter"), the Board of County Commission (BCC) was required to review and determine the need for revisions to the Charter every five years. She pointed out that May 2017 marks the 60th anniversary of the Charter and published a copy of the Miami Herald article celebrating the County's adoption of the Home Rule Charter in 1957. Commissioner Levine Cava thanked BCC Chairman Bovo for agreeing to be a Co-Prime Sponsor for the foregoing proposed resolution and advised her colleagues that the item sought to replicate the creation of a Charter Review Task Force similar to what was done for the previous Charter review in 2012. Commissioner Sosa stated that while she was in favor of the creation of a Charter Review Task Force she believed the review should be conducted internally, particularly in light of BCC term limits and the introduction of new Commissioners to the process. She voiced her opposition to the League of Cities, the Clerk of the Courts and the Chair of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation appointing members to the task force and argued that since the review involved County issues, the League of Cities should be precluded from participating. Commissioner Sosa explained that her opposition to the Clerk of the Courts and the Chair of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation appointing members to the task force was based solely on her belief that there should be an appropriate separation to ensure respect for the duties and functions of the Offices to avoid conflicts. She proposed the foregoing proposed resolution be amended to reflect that the task force be comprised of 15 members, 13 of which shall be appointed by each County Commissioner and 2 appointed by the Mayor of Miami-Dade County. Commissioner Sosa discussed the benefits of the County Commissioners and Mayor appointing "real" people to engage and promote dialogue about challenges facing the County and how they can be addressed. Commissioner Martinez voiced his support for the recommendations made by his colleague, Commissioner Sosa, to eliminate the member appointments by the League of Cities, the Clerk of the Courts and the Chair of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation. Commissioner Monestime echoed the sentiments expressed by Commissioners Sosa and Martinez. Commissioner Suarez indicated that he also supported the recommendations and comments made by his fellow colleagues, but noted that he did not share the same reservations regarding the League of Cities appointing a member to the task force. Commissioner Levine Cava reasoned that the broader membership proposal was appropriate given the fact that the County Charter was applicable to the entire County, including incorporated areas and stressed that municipality input and representation was invaluable to County processes. She added that representation from the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation was similarly important in engaging more dialogue and conversations about concerns regarding pre-emption. Commissioner Levine Cava pointed out that the vast majority of the task force would still be comprised of Commission appointees and voiced her preference for maintaining the larger representation to allow for different perspectives. Commissioner Sosa stated that she would not support the foregoing proposed resolution if the task force membership included an appointee from the League of Cities and explained that the recommendations stemming from the Charter review process impacted only the Board of County Commission, the Mayor and the administration of unincorporated areas; and argued that there should be a healthy separation from municipality input and involvement. She spoke about the challenges involved in maintaining focus during prior Charter review proceedings and conceded to allowing the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation appointment of one member to the task force if they so choose. Commissioner Levine Cava accepted the amendment offered by Commissioner Sosa to reduce the task force membership from 17 to 15; 13 of which shall be appointed by each County Commissioner, 1 by the Miami-Dade Mayor and 1 by the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation. Commissioner Monestime voiced his preference for having representation from the League of Cities on the Charter Review task force instead of a member appointment from the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation because he believed the State Legislature consistently voted on pre-emptive issues which did not favor Counties or municipalities. Chairman Moss pointed out that the charter review process was contentious and noted that the majority of recommendations made by the task force were typically not accepted by the Board of County Commission resulting in additional controversy. He asked if the Board of County Commission (BCC) could perform the charter review on its own or whether the County Charter required the BCC to convene a Charter Review

Committee/task force to perform the review. Assistant County Attorney Michael Valdes explained that while the BCC was not required by the Charter to establish a review task force, the Charter did require the BCC to perform a review every 5 years to determine whether revisions were needed. Commissioner Martinez cautioned his colleagues to be more apprehensive about the individuals being appointed to the Charter Review Task Force to ensure they were committed to the process and not on the task force for ulterior motives. He stated that he was prepared to support the foregoing proposed resolution as presented but was pleased with the proposed amendments offered by Commissioner Sosa. Commissioner Sosa suggested scheduling a discussion item to determine whether any areas of the Charter needed to be revised and present said findings to the BCC for consideration. She also recommended deferring the foregoing proposed resolution until the matter could be discussed more fully by the BCC. Commissioner Sosa agreed with her colleague Commissioner Martinez about the charter review task force appointments creating animosity and divisiveness within the community and argued that the task force should not be created unless it was required by the Charter or decided upon by the BCC. Commissioner Suarez voiced his opposition to the deferral of the foregoing proposed resolution and argued that municipalities were directly affected by County decisions which justified their representation on the task force. Commissioner Monestime reiterated his belief that the County's decisions and actions directly impacted municipalities and suggested increasing the task force membership from 15 to 30 to allow for an even broader membership base. He noted that while he was in support of the foregoing proposed resolution he was not opposed to the BCC performing the Charter review given the fact that the BCC ultimately makes the final decision regarding which task force recommendations are placed on the ballot. Commissioner Sosa argued that municipalities would be even better represented and included if every Commissioner appointed a resident from their District Commission who also lived in an incorporated area than if the League of Cities appointed just one member to the task force. She reiterated her belief that the foregoing proposed resolution should be amended to reflect that the new task force consist of 15 members; 13 of which shall be appointed by each County Commissioner, 1 appointed by the Miami-Dade Mayor, and 1 appointed by the Chair of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation; in the event the Chair of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation declines to participate in the process, the Miami-Dade Mayor will then be permitted 2 appointees to the task force. Commissioner Martinez inquired if the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) had the authority to investigate municipalities receiving County funds and explained that he believed the OIG should be included in the taskforce. Deputy Mayor Edward Marguez confirmed that the OIG did have the authority to audit County funds disbursed to municipalities through the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) and the Citizen's Independent Transport Trust (CITT) and noted that the County's Auditor also performed audits on said funds. Commissioner Martinez expressed his desire to include the OIG in the Charter Review Task Force and vowed his support for the foregoing proposed item as presented or as amended. Chairman Moss commented that the best action at this juncture may be to forward to the BCC without recommendation given the nature of the discussions. Commissioner Levine Cava accepted the proposed amendments to the foregoing proposed resolution as previously detailed by Commissioner Sosa, and welcomed more extensive discussions regarding the membership and composition of the task force during consideration of the item by the full Board. She expressed her desire to hear from the public regarding the creation of the task force and stressed the importance of public participation during the charter review process. Commissioner Sosa proposed further amending the item to require the BCC to identify areas of concern in the Charter which may need to be revised; and based on the BCC's findings proceed to create the Charter Review Task Force pursuant to the membership requirements previously detailed. Commissioner Levine Cava expressed her concerns about delaying the foregoing proposed resolution and inquired about the procedure for presenting a discussion item to the BCC for consideration. Assistant County Attorney Michael Valdes explained that a request needed to be made to the Chair of the BCC. Commissioner Sosa clarified that she was simply including guidelines for the Charter Review Task Force to follow; and pointed out that there would be ample time to schedule a discussion item before the BCC during the task force appointment process. There being no further comments or objections, the Committee members proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as amended to reflect that the new task force consist of 15 members: 13 of which shall be appointed by each County Commissioner, 1 appointed by the Miami-Dade Mayor, and 1 appointed by the Chair of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation; in the event the Chair of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation declines to participate in the process, the Miami-Dade Mayor will then be permitted 2 appointees to the task force. Chairman Moss commented about the controversial nature of the Charter review process and stated that he would support the item at this time but intended to voice his concerns and objections to the process when the matter was considered by the BCC. Assistant County Attorney Michael Valdes requested clarification from Commissioner Sosa about the

amendment to the item and asked whether language should be included to require that the Chair of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation provide notice of an intent to participate/not participate in the appointment process; or in lieu of a notice, the County Attorney's Office be guided by the 15 days timeframe for submitting appointments. Commissioner Sosa stated her preference was for the Chair of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation to inform the County of their decision.

#### **Legislative Text**

#### TITLE

RESOLUTION CREATING A CHARTER REVIEW TASK FORCE; SETTING FORTH POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCH TASK FORCE; PROVIDING FOR A REPORT; AND PROVIDING FOR SUNSET

#### BODY

WHEREAS, section 9.07 of the Home Rule Charter ("Charter") provides that amendments to the Charter may only be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners or by petition of electors as set forth in the Charter; and

WHEREAS, section 9.08 of the Charter requires the Board of County Commissioners at least once in every five-year period to review the Charter and determine whether or not there is a need for revisions of the Charter; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2012 the Board through Resolution No. 253-12 created the most recent Charter Review Task Force to review the Charter and advise the Board of any recommended amendments or revisions; and

V. EREAS, in March of 2017, it will be five years since the creation of the last Charter Review Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a new Charter Review Task Force will allow opportunity for public input and focused study of possible amendments to the Charter,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMIDADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. There is hereby created a Charter Review Task Force which shall consist of [[seventeen (17)]] >> fifteen (15) << 1 members, thirteen (13) of which shall be appointed by each County Commissioner, one (1) by the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, >> and << one (1) by the Chair of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation [[, one (1) by the League of Cities, and one (1) by the Clerk of the Courts]]. >> In the event the Chair of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegations declines, in writing, the opportunity to appoint a member to the Charter Review Task Force, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County shall appoint an additional member. << Appointments shall be made by submission of a memorandum to the Clerk of the Board of Miami-Dade County by each official or entity authorized to make such appointment within fifteen (15) days of adoption of this Resolution. The Chairperson of the Task Force shall be selected by the members of the Task Force. Section 2. The Charter Review Task Force shall reflect racial, ethnic, and gender balance and diversity and its members shall be electors of Miami-Dade County.

Section 3. The Charter Review Task Force shall be staffed by the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee, the County Attorney, and County Clerk.

Section 4. The Charter Review Task Force shall review the Home Rule Charter of Miami-Dade County in its entirety and shall prepare and submit to this Board written recommendations setting forth any proposed indiments or revisions to the Charter. In conducting its review, the Task Force should:

- a. Study the Final Report of the last Charter Review Task force;
- b. Study all proposed charter amendments submitted to the voters since the last Charter Review Task Force is recommendations;
- c. Invite knowledgeable members of the community to appear and make recommendations;
- d. Invite representatives of Miami-Dade County's municipalities to appear and make recommendations;
- e. Conduct public hearings at various stages in the review process;
- f. Conduct regional public meetings (for example, in North, South, Central Miami-Dade County) to convey recommendations of the Charter Review Task Force to persons in attendance and receive any additional comments from the public regarding recommendations. The Task force shall reconvene to consider any public comments prior to submission of a final report to the Board of County Commissioners recommending charter amendment proposals and placement of such proposals on the General Election ballot. These regional public meetings shall be in addition to meetings which are to be conducted in accordance with the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. Nothing herein would prohibit the Task Force from conducting by electronic means any such regional public meetings required by this paragraph.
- Section 5. All proceedings of the Charter Review Task Force shall be conducted in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Law (section 286.011, Florida Statutes) and the Citizens' Bill of Rights of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter. The Task Force shall be deemed an "agency" for the purposes of the Public Records Law (chapter 119, Florida Statutes).
- Section 6. The Task Force shall submit its written recommendations to this Board no later than 360 days after ffective date of this resolution, provided, however nothing herein prohibits the Task Force from providing a report or reports to the Board prior to such time.
- Section 7. Nothing in this resolution precludes the Board of County Commissioners or a petitioner who has been certified to have submitted a legally sufficient initiative petition with sufficient signatures from placing a proposal to amend the Charter on the ballot, nor does anything herein preclude the Mayor of Miami-Dade County from seeking to place such a proposal on the ballot.
- Section 8. The Charter Review Task Force shall complete its deliberations and prepare its report recommending changes to the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, if any, to be placed on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-85. The County Attorney is hereby directed to prepare any necessary resolutions to place these recommendations on the November, 2018 General Election ballot.
- Section 9. The Task Force created pursuant to this resolution shall sunset and stand dissolved on the 363rd day from the effective date of the task force set forth in section 1 of this Resolution, unless it is extended by an ordinance duly adopted by the Board.
- 1 Committee amendments are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or [[bracketed]] are deleted, words underlined and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.





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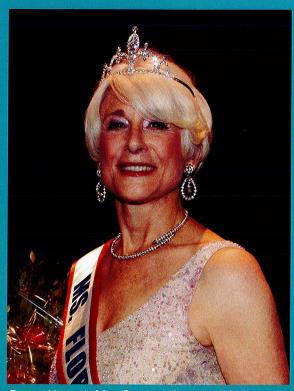
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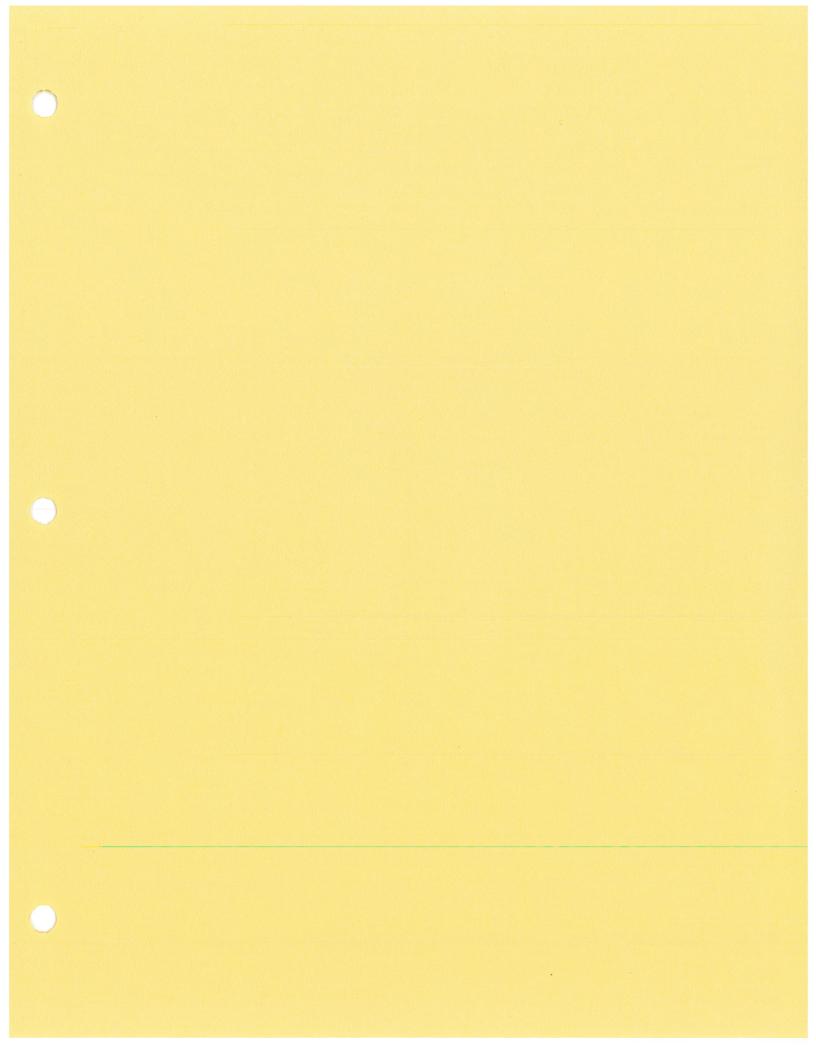












#### RESOLUTION NO. 2016-186-3085

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S (DEP) WEAKENING RESTRICTIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW AN INCREASE IN THE RELEASE OF TOXIC CHEMICALS INTO FLORIDA'S WATERS; URGING THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) NOT TO APPROVE THE FLORIDA DEP'S NEW RESTRICTIONS; SUPPORTING THE LAWSUIT FILED BY THE SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA AGAINST THE FLORIDA DEP AND THE FLORIDA ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS COMMISSION (FERC) TO HALT THE INCREASE OF TOXINS IN FLORIDA'S WATER; OPPOSING ANY EFFORT BY THE DEP OR THE FERC TO OPPOSE THE SEMINOLE LITIGATION; **PROVIDING** INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: FOR AN PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is Florida's lead agency for environmental management, including protection of Florida's surface waters in accordance with Chapter 403, Florida Statutes, Chapters 62-302 and 62-303, Florida Administrative Code, and the Clean Water Act, and

WHEREAS, DEP is in the process of revising its human health-based surface water quality criteria to update the limits for 43 regulated chemical compounds and to adopt standards for 39 previously unregulated compounds, and

WHEREAS, DEP held three public workshops in May 2016 during which the public expressed their concern with the proposed increases to chemical concentrations and the possible ramifications to public health and the health of our waterways, including the discrepancy between the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) and the DEP's cancer risk measurements used to revise the standards, and

WHEREAS, on July 26 2016, the Florida Environmental Regulations Commission (FERC) voted to approve DEP's proposed rule changes through revisions to Chapters 62-302 and 62-303 of the Florida Administrative Code, and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2016, the Seminole Tribe of Florida filed a lawsuit against DEP and FERC to halt the increase' of toxins in Florida's waters, and

WHEREAS, keeping our waterways clean is critical to our local ecosystem, our residents, and our economy, and

WHEREAS, the City works hard to keep pollutants out of its waterways, but the City depends on the County, State, and Federal governments to establish water quality regulations that help preserve local water quality, and

WHEREAS, DEP's revision to the State's surface water quality standards will increase the discharge limits for several of the compounds under review, allowing the release of these chemicals in greater concentrations into Florida's waterways and potentially degrading the quality of local surface waters, and

WHEREAS, opposing the DEP's reduced standards, urging the EPA to not approve these new restrictions, and supporting the Seminole Tribe's litigation will serve to protect the health, safety, welfare, and economy of the citizens and residents of Miami Gardens, and

WHEREAS, Vice Mayor Ighodaro recommends that City Council hereby oppose Florida DEP's weakening of restrictions that would allow an increase in the release of toxic chemicals into Florida's waters; urge the EPA not to approve DEP's new restrictions; support the lawsuit filed by the Seminole Tribe of Florida against DEP and FERC on August 5, 2016 to halt the increase of toxins in Florida's water; oppose any efforts by the DEP or the FERC to oppose the Seminole litigation, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2: EXPRESSION OF CITY COUNCIL: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby oppose Florida DEP's weakening of restrictions that would allow an increase in the release of toxic chemicals into Florida's waters; urges the EPA not to approve DEP's new restrictions; supports the lawsuit filed by the Seminole Tribe of Florida against DEP and FERC on August 5, 2016 to halt the increase of toxins in Florida's water; and opposes any efforts by the DEP or the FERC to oppose the Seminole litigation.

Section 3: INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, the Florida League of Cities, and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

Section 4: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NVEMBER 9, 2016.

OLIVER GILBERT, III, MAYOR

#### ATTEST: PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, CITY ATTORNEY SPONSORED BY: VICE MAYOR ERHABOR IGHODARO, PH.D. Moved by: HARRIS Seconded by: Robinson VOTE: 7-0 Mayor Oliver Gilbert, III (Yes) (No) Vice Mayor Erhabor IghodaroM Ph.D. (Yes) (No) (Yes) Councilwoman Lillie Q. Odom (No) Councilwoman Felicia Robinson ✓(Yes) (No)

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State of Florida County of Miami-Dade

Councilwoman Lisa C. Davis

Councilman David Williams Jr.

Councilman Rodney Harris

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Miann Gardens, Florida, hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the city on file in the office of the city clerk.

Witness, my hand and the corporate seal of the city of Miami Gardens, Florida, this day of March 2017.

Cast to City Clerk

City of Miami Gardens, Florida

(No)

(No)

(No)

### MIAMIBEACH

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Tel: 305–673-7411

March 9, 2017

Executive Director Richard Kuper, Esq. Miami-Dade County League of Cities 19 W. Flagler Street, Suite 707 Miami, FL 33130

Dear Executive Director Kuper, Esq.,

Attached please find a copy of City of Miami Beach Resolution No. 2017-29769:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REFORM THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM TO ELIMINATE THE DISPROPORTIONATE SUBSIDIES PAID BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO OTHER PARTS OF THE NATION, AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF SUBSIDIES ALLOCATED IN FLORIDA, TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO AT LEAST 25% OF FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUMS PAID IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR REINVESTMENT IN RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; TO AMEND FLOOD INSURANCE POLICY RENEWALS FROM ANNUALLY TO EVERY FOUR YEARS SO THAT PROPERTY OWNERS MAY SECURE LOWER AND MORE PREDICTABLE RATES; AND, FURTHER, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT STRICTER BUILDING CODES THAT INCORPORATE MEASURES THAT ADDRESS SEA LEVEL RISE, AND TO ADOPT LAWS THAT REQUIRE INSURANCE **COMPANIES** TO **PROVIDE** INCENTIVES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RESILIENT MEASURES THAT MITIGATE THE RISKS RELATED TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND FLOODING.

This Resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach on March 1, 2017.

We ask that you please transmit this resolution to your elected officials. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully,

Rafael E. Granado

City Clerk

C:

Vice-Mayor Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REFORM THE NATIONAL FLOOD THE ELIMINATE **PROGRAM** TO **INSURANCE** DISPROPORTIONATE SUBSIDIES PAID BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO OTHER PARTS OF THE NATION, AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF SUBSIDIES ALLOCATED IN FLORIDA, TO AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO AT LEAST 25% OF FLOOD INSURANCE PREMIUMS PAID IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR REINVESTMENT IN RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; TO AMEND FLOOD INSURANCE POLICY RENEWALS FROM ANNUALLY TO EVERY FOUR YEARS SO THAT PROPERTY OWNERS MAY SECURE LOWER AND MORE PREDICTABLE RATES; AND, FURTHER, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT STRICTER BUILDING CODES THAT INCORPORATE MEASURES THAT ADDRESS SEA THAT REQUIRE LEVEL RISE. AND TO ADOPT LAWS INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESILIENT MEASURES THAT MITIGATE THE RISKS RELATED TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND FLOODING.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has the longest coastline and the most expensive coastal real estate in the continental United States, with trillions of dollars in property values at stake, and is particularly vulnerable to the constant and global effects of sea level rise due to climate change and the effects of flooding incidents resulting from storms and other weather events; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and countless scientific studies agree that sea levels in Florida are rising at approximately one inch per decade and that tropical storms and hurricanes have become more intense during the last 20 years due to climate change; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the scientific community has reached consensus that the climate is changing, federal and state governments have a responsibility to plan for the economic and environmental impacts of climate change and sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP or Program) was established in 1968 to require that all residential and commercial properties, that are located in areas at high risk of flooding and that have federally-backed mortgages, carry flood insurance; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW12), which extended the National Flood Insurance Program for five years, set forth significant reforms to the Program, and addressed property damage claims as a result of Hurricane Katrina; however, BW12 resulted in inordinate premium increases for some property owners; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Congress passed the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act (HFIAA) to repeal portions of BW12 and to address the short-comings of BW12, but did not correct or adequately address the disparities in burdens imposed upon certain policyholders; and

WHEREAS, according to recent data, Florida has the highest coverage amount under the National Flood Insurance Program (approximately 3 to 10 times more) than other coastal states; however, Florida ranks among the states with the lowest payouts in claims since 1978 (\$4,003,070,654.41)—behind Louisiana (\$18,854,167,084.33), Texas (\$6,845,524,846.17), New Jersey (\$5,918,523,671.47), and New York (\$5,300,671,445.45); and

WHEREAS, due to the exceptional risks to the State of Florida and to the property of its residents and businesses as a result of climate change and sea level rise, the United States Congress should reform the Federal Flood Insurance Program because, as currently structured, the Program allows for the disproportionate distribution of subsidies paid by the State of Florida to other parts of the nation and does not focus on preventive hazard mitigation but, rather, on funding for after-the-fact disasters; and

WHEREAS, despite the intent of the HFIAA to reform and improve the NFIP, that Program is in debt, and there is low compliance, thus, fewer policies are in place to generate revenue from premiums, the premiums do not adequately reflect all of the risk factors because they rely on inaccurate and incomplete data regarding, among other things, elevations, and the caps on insurance premiums are artificially low; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant disparity in the amount of federal flood insurance premiums paid into the Program by property owners in the State of Florida, relative to actual claims paid and the exceptional risks from climate change and sea level rise in Florida that are projected by the scientific community, the Program should not only be reformed to address and remedy the aforementioned problems, but the Program should also allocate at least 25% of the flood insurance premiums paid in the State of Florida to fund resilient infrastructure projects in Florida as preventative flood mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, further, the NFIP should be amended to provide for the renewal of flood insurance policies every four years, with premium payments every six to 12 months, so that property owners may secure lower and more predictable rates; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Florida lawmakers should address the effects of climate change and sea level rise on a statewide level by adopting stricter building code regulations that require resiliency, and to further require that insurance companies offer incentives for resilient measures that mitigate the risks related to climate change and sea level rise and that will reduce, or at least moderate, the cost of homeowner and flood insurance premiums.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach hereby urge the United States Congress to reform the Federal Flood Insurance Program to eliminate disproportionate subsidies paid by the State of Florida to other parts of the nation and to increase the amount of subsidies, to an amount equal to at least 25% of flood insurance premiums paid in the State of Florida, for reinvestment in resilient infrastructure projects in Florida; to amend flood insurance policy renewals from annually to every four years so that property owners may secure lower and more predictable rates; and, further, hereby urge the Florida Legislature to adopt stricter building codes that incorporate measures that address sea level rise and to adopt laws that require insurance companies to provide incentives for the implementation of resilient measures that mitigate the risks related to climate change and flooding.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_/\_ day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Philip Levine, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LANGUAGE & FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

Date

#### **RESOLUTION NO.** 056-17-14857

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Commission for the City of South Miami supporting Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's opposition to the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

WHEREAS, the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election produced the following voting results from the citizens of South Miami: Donald Trump 1,798 votes, Hilary Clinton 3,778 votes, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, 2,681 votes, Scott Fuhrman 2,939; and,

WHEREAS, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen received 50% more votes from South Miami citizens than did Donald Trump; and

WHEREAS, the 27th Congressional District of Florida has 96,300 Obamacare enrollees, the highest number for any congressional district in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, many Obamacare enrollees reside in the City of South Miami.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Mayor and City Commission for the City of South Miami hereby support Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's efforts to oppose to the repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, all elected officials represented by Miami-Dade County League of Cities, all members of Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, Florida's Governor and his cabinet members, and to all members of the Florida congressional caucus.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21stay of March 21, 2017

APPROVED:

READ AND APPROVED AS TO FORM,

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SUFFICIENCY:

**COMMISSION VOTE:** 

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Mayor Stoddard:

Yea

Vice Mayor Welsh:

Yea

Commissioner Liebman:

Commissioner Edmond:

Yea Yea

Commissioner Harris:

Yea

Additions shown by underlining and deletions shown by overstriking.

### RESOLUTION NO. 064-17-14865

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Commission of the City of South Miami, Florida, opposing Senate Bill 1048 and House Bill 1055 which propose amendments to Sections 163.3221, 380.04, 403.511 and 403.531, Florida Statutes, and directing the City Manager to add to the City's 2017 legislative priorities opposition, including proposing and supporting favorable amendments to those statutes.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1048, introduced by Senator Tom Lee, and House Bill 1055, co-sponsored by Representatives Clay Ingram and Bobby Payne, propose amendments to Section 163.3221, Florida Statutes ("F.S."), of the Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act, entitled "Florida Local Government Development Agreement Act, Definitions", and Section 380.04, F.S., of the Florida Environmental Land and Water Management Act of 1972, entitled "Definition of Development", revising the definition of the term "Development" to exclude work by certain utility providers on utility infrastructure on certain rights-of-way or corridors and revising the definition to exclude the creation or termination of distribution and transmission corridors; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1048 and House Bill 1055 also propose amendments to Section 403.511, F.S., of the Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act, entitled "Effect of Certification", and Section 403.531, F.S., of the Florida Electric Transmission Line Siting Act, entitled "Effect of Certification", when requiring the consideration of a certain variance standard when including conditions for the certification of an electrical power plant or a proposed transmission line corridor and clarifying that the Public Service Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to require underground transmission lines; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Third District Court of Appeal ("Third DCA") held in Miami-Dade County, et al. vs. Florida Power & Light Co., et al., Case No. 3D14-1467, that the Florida State's Siting Board ("Siting Board") failed to apply the applicable land development regulations and that the Siting Board had the authority to require Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") to install the transmission lines underground at FPL's expense; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of local land use and development regulations is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of a local government's residents; and

WHEREAS, the stated intent of PPSA is to ensure that the location and operation of electrical power plants will produce minimal adverse effect on human health, the environment, the ecology of the land and its wildlife, and the ecology of state waters and their aquatic life, and will not unduly conflict with the goals established by the applicable local comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, the stated intent of the TLSA is to ensure that the location of transmission line corridors and the construction, operation, and maintenance of electric transmission lines will produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1048 and House Bill 1055 seek to unravel every holding of the Third DCA and to change the current state of the law as it relates to right-of-way corridors, variances for local land use and development regulations, and to take authority away from the Siting Board and to give the Florida Public Service Commission the exclusive authority to order utilities to bury transmission lines; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1048 and House Bill 1055 seek to limit or eliminate the ability of local governments to protect the County and the City's residents through reasonable local land use and development regulations.

WHEREAS, the effective result of SB-1048 and HB-1055 is the loss of taxable land value and a decrease in the tax base of the cities and of Miami-Dade County, and it will effectively result in an uncompensated taking of private property. These negative impacts have the potential of effecting other cities and counties throughout the state.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

The City Commission hereby opposes the amendments to Section 163.3221, F.S., and Section 2. Section 380.04, F.S., as proposed by Senate Bill 1048 and House Bill 1055, which revise the definition of the term "development" to exclude work by certain utility providers on utility infrastructure on certain rights-of-way or corridors and revising the definition to exclude the creation or termination of distribution and transmission corridors.

Section 3. The City Commission further opposes the amendments to Section 403.511, F.S., and Section 403.531, F.S., as proposed by Senate Bill 1048 and House Bill 1055, and which concern the consideration of a certain variance standard when including conditions for the certification of an electrical power plant or a proposed transmission line corridor and removing the authority of the Siting Board to require undergrounding of transmission.

The City Commission hereby directs the City Manager to add opposition of these legislative amendments, including proposing and supporting favorable amendments, to the list of the City's 2017 Legislative Priorities.

Section 5. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of the Resolution to Governor Rick Scott, President of the Senate Joe Negron, Speaker of the House Richard Corcoran, Senator Tom Lee, Representatives Clay Ingram and Bobby Payne, and members of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by vote of the City Commission.

Passed and adopted this 4th day of April , 2017.

READ AND APPROVED AS, TO FORM,

LANGUAGE LEGALITY AND EXECUTION

APPROVED:

COMMISSION VOTE:

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Mayor Stoddard:

Yea

Vice Mayor Welsh

Yea

Commissioner Edmond:

Yea

Commissioner Liebman: Yea

Commissioner Harris:

Yea





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