MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(7)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 9, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution creating the Taskforce known as the Miami-Dade Community Affordable Housing Strategies Alliance

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

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Please note any items checked.

_____ **"4-Day Rule" ("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**

_____ **Budget required**

_____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

_____ **Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**

_____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

_____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

_____ **No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CREATING THE TASKFORCE KNOWN AS THE MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, there is a severe housing shortage which exists within Miami-Dade County with respect to the supply of housing relative to the need for housing residents with low and moderate incomes; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Element of the Miami-Dade Comprehensive Plan sets as one of its goals that the County ensure the provision of affordable housing products that will meet the spatial and economic necessities of all current and future Miami-Dade County residents, regardless of household type and income; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County continues to face challenges from a tight rental market, rising costs in housing units of all types and the lack of sufficient resources from the State and Federal governments to face this crisis; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2003 U.S. Census Data for Miami-Dade County the homeowner vacancy rates were 2.2% and rental vacancy rates were 8.5%; and

WHEREAS, due to the boom in the construction of high priced housing, condominium conversions and very few rental housing being built, recent data demonstrates that the current rental vacancy rates have dropped dramatically to approximately 1.2% in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, statistical estimates demonstrate that as a result of these before mentioned factors there is insufficient affordable housing for very low, low and moderate income households in the County; and

WHEREAS, each of these factors results in many Miami-Dade County residents having difficulty in locating and leasing up and purchasing affordable housing units, which are decent and safe; and

WHEREAS, the County relies heavily on its partnerships with the public and private sectors to acquire, construct and/or rehabilitate affordable housing developments through programs such as SHIP, Surtax, HOME, and other affordable housing programs; and

WHEREAS, without the public and private sectors' assistance and involvement in housing these programs, many residents of Miami-Dade County will not be housed; and

WHEREAS, there is a need in Miami-Dade County to provide a full range of housing choices, conveniently located in a suitable living environment, for all incomes, ages and family sizes,

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

Section 1. The Board considers the housing crisis in Miami-Dade County an urgent and serious threat to the residents of this County; that both legislative/regulatory and educational approaches are required to eradicate this housing crisis; and that government and the private sector should work cooperatively to institute measures to thwart this housing crisis, including the enactment of appropriate legislation at the local, state and federal levels.

Section 2. **Creation of Task Force.** There is hereby created and established in Miami-Dade County a Task Force to be known as the Miami-Dade Community Affordable Housing Strategies Alliance ("Task Force").

Section 3. **Initial Membership.** The Task Force shall initially be composed of the following: representatives from the organizations, agencies, and governmental officials.

a. Miami-Dade County Office of the Mayor

b. Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

c. Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce

d. Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.

e. United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

f. Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence, Inc. (HOPE, Inc.)

g. Local ACORN - State Chapter ACORN

h. Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.

i. Beacon Council

j. Florida International University

k. Miami Workers Center

l. Human Services Coalition

m. State of Florida Housing Finance Corporation

n. Area Alliance on Aging

o. Mortgage Bankers Association

p. Fannie Mae

q. Freddie Mac

r. Tools for Change

s. Miami-Dade Affordable Housing Advisory Board

t. One Private Not-for Profit Affordable Developer

u. One For-Profit Affordable Developer

v. Miami-Dade Affordable Housing Foundation

w. Miami-Dade Equal Opportunity Board

x. Dade Legislative Representatives

y. U.S. Legislative Representatives

z. Miami-Dade Empowerment Trust

aa. Miami Business Forum

bb. Community Partnership for the Homeless

cc. Partnership for Recovery

dd. Miami-Dade Homeless Trust

ee. People Acting for Community Together

ff. Alliance for Human Services

gg. The Trust for Public Land

Section 4. **Organization.** Luis P. Rabell, Chairman of Miami-Dade Affordable Housing Advisory Board, shall serve as Chair and the County Manager or designee shall serve as Vice Chairperson of the Task Force. In order to transact any business or to exercise any power vested in the Taskforce, a quorum consisting of no less than seven (7) voting members shall be present. The Task Force shall adopt a schedule of regular meetings. Special meetings of the Task Force may be called by the Chairperson or upon the written request of five (5) members. All meetings of the Task Force shall be public and written minutes shall be maintained.

Section 5. **Duties and Functions**. The Task Force shall be charged with the following duties, functions and responsibilities:

a. To identify the data gathering processes and procedures necessary to evaluate the housing crisis in Miami-Dade County as it relates to households whose income is up to 100 of the area median income in Miami-Dade County; and to develop innovative solutions to address this housing crisis.

b. To establish methods for obtaining input on community needs and priorities, which may include public meetings, conducting focus groups, and convening ad hoc panels.

c. To develop solutions that should include, but not limited to, recommending additional legislation and enforcement of existing legislation.

d. To develop methods to inform the public about available funding and financing opportunities, rental and homeownership opportunities through an expanded public information and consumer education program.

e. To plan and implement the convocation of a Miami-Dade County Housing Summit to be held with the purpose of charting the course in program and policy development for the County as it establishes a comprehensive affordable housing strategy.

f. To offer guidance in establishing a One-Stop clearinghouse for information relating to housing in Miami-Dade County.

g. To make final findings and recommendations to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners regarding the measures to address the present housing crisis in Miami-Dade County.

h. To serve in an advisory capacity to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners and the Mayor of Miami-Dade County and other public and governmental entities with respect to all issues affecting or relating to the duties charged herein.

Section 6. **Staff Support.** The Task Force shall have the assistance from staff designated by the Mayor, County Manager, County departments and other governmental entities and legal representation from the County Attorney's Office to enable the Task Force to carry out its duties, functions and responsibilities.

Section 7. **Report.** The Task Force shall provide the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners with a preliminary report of its findings on or before October 31, 2006 and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commission on or before April 30, 2007.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and 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:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 9th day of May, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By:_____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. _____

Terrence A. Smith