# MEMORANDUM

**CEERC**
**Agenda Item No. 2(F)**

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| **TO:** | Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Members, Board of County Commissioners | **DATE:** | **May 16, 2006** |
| **FROM:** | Murray A. Greenberg County Attorney | **SUBJECT:** | Resolution Directing the County Manager and Designated Miami-Dade County Departments to Develop a Plan for the Construction of an Affordable Elderly Housing Facility in Westchester |

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Senator Javier D. Souto.

Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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

**DATE:** June 6, 2006

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No.

**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 _____

Agenda Item No.

6-6-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE ENTIRE WEST DADE LIBRARY SITE LOCATED IN WESTCHESTER, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO INCLUDE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPONENT IN THE MASTER PLAN TO BE INITIATED BY THE MIAMI-DADE LIBRARY SYSTEM

**WHEREAS**, Westchester is one of Unincorporated Miami-Dade County's older communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Westchester is one of Miami-Dade County's most stable blue collar working communities with many residents who have lived in the area for long periods of time; and

**WHEREAS**, the population in Westchester is rapidly aging; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Westchester have expressed the desire for full service elderly housing facilities, which would permit them to continue to live in the Westchester area as they reach retirement years and have to seek government subsidized housing; and

**WHEREAS**, many elderly residents have expressed the desire for full service elderly housing facilities in Westchester in order to allow them to live close to their children, grandchildren and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, it is good public policy to have full service affordable housing facilities for the elderly equitably distributed throughout the County, which allows elderly residents an opportunity to live in communities where their family, friends, physicians and support systems are located; and

**WHEREAS,** there are few elderly housing communities and full service elderly housing facilities to serve the needs of the poor and elderly residing in Westchester and Kendall; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for approximately two thousand (2000) units of affordable housing for the elderly within Commission District 10, which includes Westchester and Kendall; and

**WHEREAS**, there may be an opportunity to relocate the existing library parking spaces and establish additional new parking spaces on the Florida Power and Light (FPL) utility easement that runs adjacent to the West Dade Regional Library; and

**WHEREAS**, this relocation process would free up space next to the West Dade Regional Library and next to the Francisco Human Rights Park for construction of an apartment building to provide housing for elderly residents; and

**WHEREAS**, establishing elderly housing at this multipurpose site, that presently consists of a regional library/community center, a park and a mass transit bus stop, would be ideal since the elderly would have all these services at their door step,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board directs:

**Section 1**. The County Manager to develop a plan for the entire West Dade Regional Library site that would address the requirements of the Library, the Fire Department., Miami-Dade Transit, Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation, and the housing needs of the elderly residents of Westchester, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

**Section 2**. The County Manager is to include an affordable housing component in the Master Plan which shall be initiated by the Miami-Dade Library System during the next fiscal year at the aforementioned site.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Senator Javier D. Souto 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

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| 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 6th day of June, 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