MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2(A)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 16, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing County Manager to study feasibility of increasing amount of assistance available under the Rental Assistance Program

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan.

Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 6, 2007

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.
2-6-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE UNDER THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS WHOSE SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME PAYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE IN PENDING STATUS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-588-06, as amended by Resolution No. R-1176-06, that created the Community Affordable Housing Strategies Alliance Taskforce ("CAHSA"); and

WHEREAS, the CAHSA has been charged by the Board to perform certain functions to address the housing crisis in Miami-Dade County as it relates to households whose income is up to 140 percent of the area median income in Miami-Dade County; and to develop innovative solutions to address this housing crisis; and

WHEREAS, the CAHSA has been further charged by the Board to make final findings and recommendations to the Board regarding the measures to address the present housing crisis in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, prior to making its final findings and recommendation to the Board, CAHSA was required to transmit a preliminary report; and

WHEREAS, the CAHSA submitted its preliminary report, which includes findings and recommendations, to the Board on November 27, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's Department of Human Services provides emergency rental assistance to qualified county residents experiencing a short-term or long-term disability

who have applied for Social Security Income (SSI) and have completed a Medical Disability Statement Form; and

WHEREAS, the rental assistance program is partially funded by retroactive payments made by the SSI recipient once the payments are received; and

WHEREAS, the CAHSA recommends that the County study the feasibility of increasing the amount of assistance available under the rental assistance program for residents whose SSI application is in a pending status; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to implement this recommendation,

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

Section 1. The County Manager is directed to study the feasibility of increasing the amount of assistance available under the rental assistance program for residents whose SSI application is in a pending status.

Section 2. The County Manager shall submit a written report to the Board of County Commissioners within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this resolution addressing the feasibility.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan 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:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Gimenez
Joe A. Martinez
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Dennis C. Moss
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of February, 2007. 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

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