

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(2)

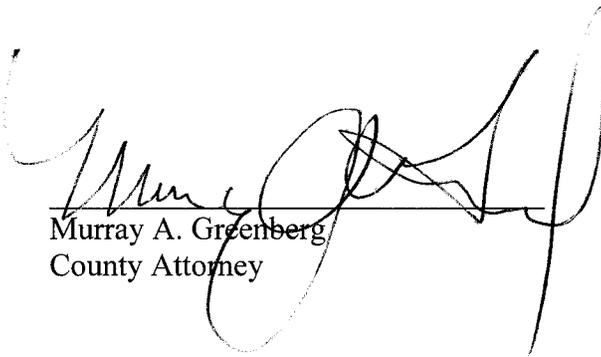
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 6, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging Congress
to vote against legislation
that reduces funding for the
Section 8 Housing Choice
Voucher Program

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.


Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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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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2-6-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO VOTE AGAINST ANY LEGISLATION THAT REDUCES FUNDING FOR THE SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (“SECTION 8”); AND FURTHER URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION THAT INCREASES FUNDING TO THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2007, the United State House of Representatives voted in support of a bill that, if enacted, will cut Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (“Section 8”) funding to housing authorities located within the State of Florida by approximately \$28 million; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 program funding to Miami-Dade County, which is one of the largest public housing authorities in the State of Florida, would be cut by \$9.7 million; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing has reached a crisis in our community and communities around the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Section 8 is the leading source of federal housing assistance for extremely low-income families; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of Section 8 housing vouchers issued in any year go to families with children, with the remainder predominantly going to people with disabilities and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, nearly one million families with children are currently served by the voucher program, almost twice the number of families with children in the public housing program; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 provides one way to help low and moderate income individuals and families obtain adequate housing; and

WHEREAS, the proposed cuts will have a significant negative impact upon these individuals and families and will attribute further to the affordable housing crisis in Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. Urges the United States Congress to vote against any legislation that reduces funding to the Section 8 program.

Section 2. Urges the United States Congress to enact legislation that increases funding to the Section 8 program in order to help alleviate the affordable housing crisis that Miami-Dade County and other communities around the nation currently are facing.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation.

Section 4. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Sections 1 and 2 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 Federal Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by 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:

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

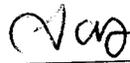
The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of February, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

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

