

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(45)

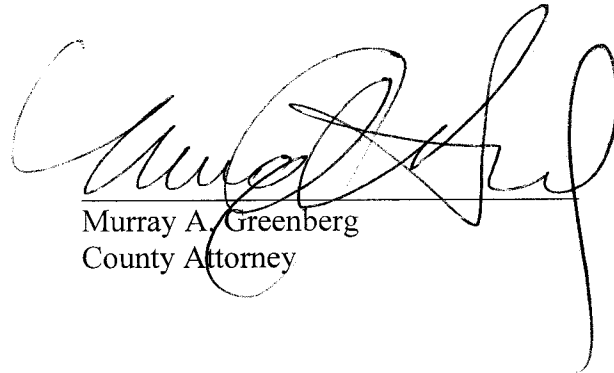
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 6, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging U.S. Dept.
of Housing and Urban
Development to leave control
of Miami-Dade County's
housing programs with
Miami-Dade County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson.



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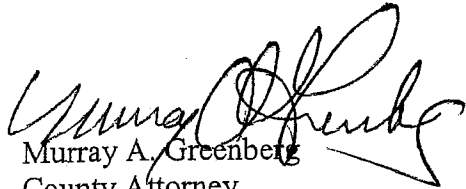


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Please note any items checked.

- "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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3-6-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (“HUD”) TO LEAVE CONTROL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY’S FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING PROGRAMS WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AND FURTHER URGING HUD NOT TO PLACE OR SEEK THE PLACEMENT OF MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AGENCY IN RECEIVERSHIP OR REQUIRE THE EXECUTION OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Housing Agency (“MDHA”) has been the focus of a series of investigations, which have raised serious concerns regarding that department’s operations and management of the housing programs in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the County conducted an independent investigation through this Board’s Affordable Housing Ad Hoc Committee and the Office of the County Manager’s MDHA Management Assistance Team; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these investigations by the County numerous measures have been taken to address and correct the deficiencies in the department which are still on-going; and

WHEREAS, some of these measures include the appointment of a new director and management team to operate the department; the restructuring of the departments archaic database system; the development of a system to expedite the processing of applicants on MDHA’s two waiting lists; and the approval and allocation of additional non-federal funds to expedite the repair and maintenance of public housing units in order to reduce the vacancy rates; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2007, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) released its first audit detailing its findings with respect to the financial management, accounting and record keeping by MDHA; and

WHEREAS, this audit expressed concerns about MDHA’s performance in these areas; and

WHEREAS, following this audit HUD officials have suggested to the County the possibility of a federal HUD Receivership or Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, which effectively wrests control of the County's federally assisted housing programs and places it with HUD; and

WHEREAS, any takeover by the federal government would not be in the best interest of Miami-Dade County or the residents living in federally assisted housing; and

WHEREAS, the County has demonstrated its commitment and ability to address and correct the financial and operational deficiencies mentioned by HUD's audit and the County's independent investigations by taking the actions detailed above; and

WHEREAS, the County remains committed to correcting these deficiencies through all available means, including working in concert with HUD, the residents of its federally assisted programs and their advocates to provide decent, safe and affordable housing to the residents of Miami-Dade County in a fiscally sound manner,

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

Section 1. Strongly urges the U.S. Housing and Urban Development to leave control of Miami-Dade County's federally assisted housing programs with Miami-Dade County; and further urges HUD not to place or seek the placement of MDHA in Receivership or require the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the Board's directive set forth in Section 1 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 Audrey M. Edmonson 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	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorin 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 March, 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

