

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

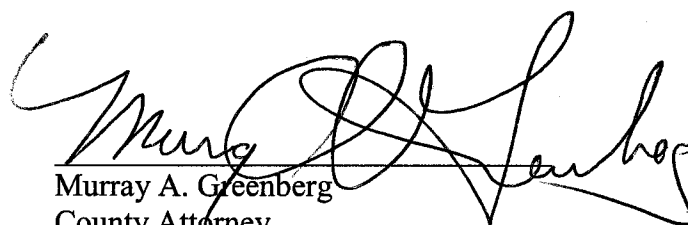
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 20, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution designating the
Miami City Children's
Zone

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and Senator Javier D. Souto.


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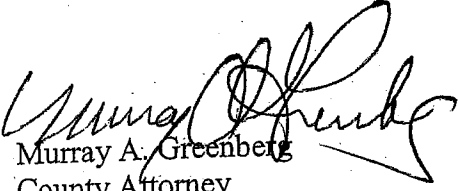
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Please note any items checked.

- "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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3-20-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MAGIC CITY CHILDREN'S ZONE; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR CREATION OF THE MAGIC CITY CHILDREN'S ZONE PILOT PROJECT

WHEREAS, "Magic City" is a term often attributed to the City of Miami, and that name captures the significance of the potential and possibility that must be realized to yield the desired outcomes for the children and youth in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the name Magic City portends a city where its citizens live charmed lives filled with all of the things that they need, as well as the opportunity to achieve the things that they want; and

WHEREAS, many residents of Miami-Dade County, including many of the youngest residents in the areas known as Liberty City and Little Haiti, experience lives beset with obstacles and challenges that limit, or totally preclude, their ability to create magic in their own lives; and

WHEREAS, a proposed pilot community initiative, known as the Magic City Children's Zone, seeks to change that experience and make the promise of a happy, healthy, and safe quality of life a possibility for all children within its borders through the provision of high quality, robust and stimulating educational, cultural, social and athletic enrichment experiences; and

WHEREAS, the children and youth in parts of Liberty City and Little Haiti would benefit from the proposed initiative, which seeks to create interlocking programs and services geared at supporting the well being and positive development of children and youth in those areas; and

WHEREAS, the proposed initiative seeks to replicate the successes of other programs, including the Harlem Children's Zone, a forty year old, national standard-bearer that gathered and organized members of the community around the healthy development of children; and

WHEREAS, the Magic City Children's Zone, much like the Harlem Children's Zone, will endorse the tenets that children from troubled communities are far more likely to become healthy adults and help build a better community if the adults around them are well-versed in the techniques of effective parenting and are engaged in local educational, social, and religious activities with their children, and that the earlier a child is touched by sound health care, intellectual, and social stimulation, and consistent guidance from loving, attentive adults, the more likely that child will grow into a responsible and fulfilled member of the community; and

WHEREAS, public officials in the State of Florida have had the opportunity to visit the Harlem Children's Zone and have observed the successes of that program, such that Florida legislators have expressed interest in promoting similar children's zones in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the initiative in Miami-Dade County is guided by a team that includes persons with experience in public administration, business, and social services; and

WHEREAS, the initiative's team plans to design a system expected to improve the functionality of the social networks in parts of Liberty City and Little Haiti; and

WHEREAS, the initiative seeks to establish a comprehensive, place-based, and coordinated educational and social services network to serve and improve the status of children and youth in Liberty City and Little Haiti; and

WHEREAS, the initiative seeks to improve the quality of programs, and thus outcomes, for the children and youth in Liberty City and Little Haiti; and

WHEREAS, the initiative also seeks to strengthen the internal systems and staff skills of the non-profit agencies in Liberty City and Little Haiti,

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

Section 1. This Board hereby recognizes and designates the following described area as the Magic City Children's Zone:

- On the north: 79th Street
- On the south: 54th Street
- On the east: Miami Avenue
- On the west: 27th Avenue

Section 2. This Board urges the Florida Legislature to adopt legislation, substantially in the form of currently pending House Bill 1041, sponsored by Representative Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, and Senate Bill 1942, sponsored by Senator Arthenia L. Joyner, pursuant to which the Legislature would provide for the creation of a Children's Zone pilot project by this Board.

Section 3. This Board directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Chair and members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 4. This Board directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation described in Section 2 above and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle, and Senator Javier D. Souto, and offered by Commissioner

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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
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th 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.



M. Leigh Macdonald