

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (4)

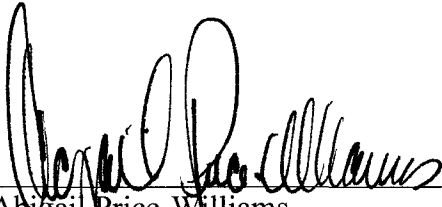
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 2, 2007

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
Acting County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the U.S.
Congress to prioritize funding
for Camillus House

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



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Acting County Attorney

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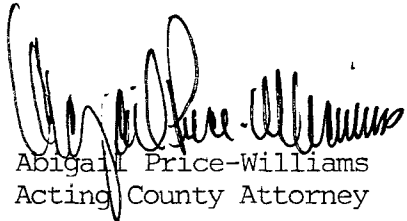


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Please note any items checked.

- "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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10-02-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO
PRIORITIZE FUNDING FOR CAMILLUS HOUSE

WHEREAS, Camillus House, Inc. has provided humanitarian services to poor and homeless people in Miami-Dade County for almost a half century; and

WHEREAS, Camillus House has grown from a small soup kitchen into a full service center offering comprehensive services countywide, helping thousands of individuals and families achieve lives of self-sufficiency and independence; and

WHEREAS, Camillus House currently operates more than 800 emergency, transitional, and permanent beds, and reaches more than 10,000 persons per year by offering services that include basic emergency services such as food and shelter, substance abuse and mental health treatment, primary health care, housing, and career development at thirteen sites around Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Camillus House must relocate its current main center of operations located at 726 NE 1st Avenue, to a new site able to accommodate larger number of clients in a clean and dignified setting; and

WHEREAS, Camillus House has negotiated an agreement with the University of Miami, the City of Miami, and the State of Florida, whereby Camillus will attain a 60-year lease on a 3.1 acre plot of land located at NW 7th Avenue and 16th Street; and

WHEREAS, the total projected cost of the proposed new facility is \$88,000,000; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has appropriated \$10 million for the project's construction; and

WHEREAS, Camillus House is seeking an appropriation of \$3.8 million from the federal government for the project's construction; and

WHEREAS, this Board strongly supports Camillus House and its request for federal funding;

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

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Congress to appropriate \$3.8 million for Camillus House's new facility.

Section 2. Urges the U.S. Congress to prioritize such funding for Camillus House.

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 Section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 and 2008 Federal Legislative Packages as a County priority.

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

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of October, 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.



Jess M. McCarty