

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (25)

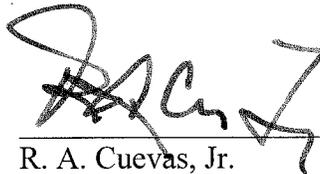
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 2, 2007

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving Karen
Thurman as an additional
subconsultant under the
Federal Lobbying Contract
with Tew Cardenas, LLP

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.



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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 APPROVING KAREN THURMAN AS AN
ADDITIONAL SUBCONSULTANT UNDER THE FEDERAL
LOBBYING CONTRACT WITH TEW CARDENAS, LLP

WHEREAS, on November 11, 1999, the Board approved Resolution No. 1236-99, which provides that the Board must approve all County contracts and subcontracts for lobbying or representation at the state and federal levels, as well as all individuals or firms hired to represent the County on intergovernmental issues; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2006, the Board approved Resolution No. 133-06, which authorized the County Manager to execute a one-year agreement that included three one-year extensions with Tew Cardenas LLP for governmental representation before the U.S. Congress and the federal executive branch ("the Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, in the attached letter, Al Cardenas has requested the Board's approval pursuant to Resolution No. 1236-99 to add Karen Thurman to the County lobbying team as a subconsultant under the Agreement without any additional compensation from the County or other change in the terms or conditions of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Karen Thurman's resume is attached to this item for the Board's consideration,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approves Karen Thurman, as an additional lobbying subconsultant under the federal lobbying contract with Tew Cardenas LLP.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Joe A. Martinez 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.



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July 10, 2007

Mr. Joe Rasco
Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
Miami-Dade County
111 N.W. 1st Street, Suite 1032
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Mr. Rasco:

As we notified your office on March 23, 2007 by letter, in light of the priorities of Miami Dade County and our work on the County's behalf in regard to Federal government affairs, our firm made an addition to the subcontractors who perform the duties of Contract No. Q74C.

Congresswoman Karen Thurman of Karen Thurman, LLC is serving as a subcontractor to the County under the Tew Cardenas, LLP Contract No. Q74C and its exercised year long extension made by the County.

Congresswoman Thurman is uniquely poised to assist our efforts in providing the highest level of possible service to the County. Karen currently serves as the Chair of the Florida Democratic Party. From 1993-2003, she represented Florida's 5th Congressional District and was only the sixth woman to serve on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee in its 200-plus year history. During her time in Congress, Karen worked tirelessly on issues related to health care, taxes and the economy

Before her appointment to Ways and Means in 1996, Karen served on both the House Agriculture Committee and the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. On the Reform and Oversight Committee, she was the ranking Member on the Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice. She secured more than \$65 million to develop alternative water projects, address water supply and quality concerns. She worked to protect the state's scenic waterways by opposing oil drilling off Florida's coast. She supported a federal transportation formula change providing millions in necessary construction dollars for Florida's roads and highways.

Karen's knowledge and demonstrated ability to work productively with members of both major parties proved to be extremely valuable and will well serve the needs of the County. Specifically, she will be working on issues related to homeland security, agriculture, military infrastructure and any other issues our firm may be tasked with where Karen's assistance could be utilized.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Al Cardenas

Congresswoman Karen L. Thurman

Congresswoman Thurman currently serves as the Chair of the Florida Democratic Party. As Chair, she has worked tirelessly to improve the infrastructure of the Party.

From 1993-2003, U.S. Rep. Karen Thurman represented Florida's 5th Congressional District. Congresswoman Thurman was only the sixth woman to serve on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee in its 200-plus year history. During her time in Congress, Congresswoman Thurman worked tirelessly on issues related to health care, taxes and the economy. Her knowledge and demonstrated ability to work productively with members of both major parties proved to be extremely valuable.

As a Member of the Health Subcommittee on Ways and Means, she became a leader in national health care policy. She also worked tirelessly on issues related to energy, taxes, trade, agriculture and veterans' affairs.

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Congresswoman Thurman first became involved with government in her hometown of Dunnellon. While working as a math teacher at Dunnellon Middle School, her students encouraged her to run for a vacant seat on the Dunnellon City Council. She won that race and went on to serve seven years on the Council, including two terms as mayor.

In 1982, at the young age of 31, she won election to the Florida State Senate. While there, she became the first woman to chair the Senate Agriculture Committee. She also chaired the Committee on Professional Regulation and the Committee on Pari-mutuel Regulation.