

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

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

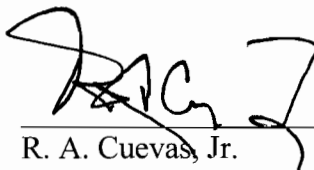
**DATE:** October 7, 2008

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution encouraging  
local bar associations to  
request their members to  
provide pro bono legal  
assistance to persons in  
foreclosure

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



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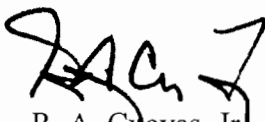


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Please note any items checked.

- "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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10-7-08

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATIONS TO REQUEST OF THEIR MEMBERS THAT THEY PROVIDE PRO BONO LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS FACING FORECLOSURE OR WHO ARE IN FORECLOSURE

**WHEREAS**, as the result of the current state of the economy the number of foreclosures filed and being threatened in Miami-Dade County has substantially increased over the last two years; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the residents facing foreclosure do not have the financial means to pay for legal defense or legal advice to either prevent or defend the foreclosure action; and

**WHEREAS**, various local bar associations have direct contact with and influence with their members in terms of encouraging those members to provide pro bono representation of persons facing foreclosure actions; and

**WHEREAS**, providing adequate legal representation to people facing foreclosure is in the best interest of the health and welfare of the residents of Miami-Dade County,

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

Section 1. This Board requests that the local bar associations in Miami-Dade County, Florida request and encourage their members to provide pro bono legal representation to residents of Miami-Dade County who are either facing foreclosure or are involved in foreclosure actions in order to help prevent those foreclosures.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to each of the local bar associations in Miami-Dade County.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Commissioner Dennis C. Moss, Commissioner Katy Sorenson, and Senator Javier D. Souto. It was 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:

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| 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008. 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.



Thomas H. Robertson