MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(2)

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

DATE: December 16, 2008

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

SUBJECT: Resolution appointing City of Hialeah Mayor Julio Robaina and Miguel De Grandy, Esq. to serve as members of the Metro Miami Action Plan Trust Oversight Review Board

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

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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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12-16-08

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY OF HIALEAH MAYOR JULIO ROBAINA AND MIGUEL DE GRANDY, ESQ. TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE METRO MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST OVERSIGHT REVIEW BOARD

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2008, this Board adopted Resolution No. R-1271-08, which created the eleven member Metro Miami Action Plan Trust Oversight Review Board ("Oversight Board"); and

WHEREAS, the Board through Resolution No. R-1271-08 named nine of the eleven members to serve on the Oversight Review Board; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to appoint City of Hialeah Mayor Julio Robaina and Miguel De Grandy, Esq., whose resumes are attached hereto as Exhibit A, to fill the two remaining positions on the Oversight Review Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Board appoints Mayor Julio Robaina and Miguel De Grandy, Esq. to serve as members of the Metro Miami Action Plan Trust Oversight Review Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Audrey Edmonson. 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:

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 Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of December, 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.

Terrence A. Smith

Mayor Julio Robaina

Mayor Julio Robaina has a vision for Hialeah, and the strength, as well as commitment to achieve it. As an active real estate and mortgage broker for over 20 years and president of the Northwestern Dade Association of Realtors, he has managed to be successful without ever losing focus or his passion for the community as a public servant.

In 1997, Mayor Robaina was elected Councilman for the City of Hialeah for a four year term. Subsequently, he was unanimously elected President of the Council by his peers in 2000. During his term as Councilman, he was named Chairman of the City of Hialeah Charter Review Board and served as the Council's Representative on the City of Hialeah Elected Officials Retirement Board. As a result of his deep commitment to his people and love for the City of Hialeah, he was re-elected without opposition in 2001 for another four year term. After thirty years of residing in Hialeah, Julio Robaina was elected Mayor of the City of Hialeah with overwhelming support from the community in 2005.

Mayor Robaina's community based focus stretches from a local to a regional scope in an effort to improve the lives of all Floridians. Moreover, his leadership continued to flourish in 2003 when he was elected President of the Miami-Dade League of Cities and in 2004 as President of the Gold Coast League of Cities. His highest honor as a municipal leader was attained in 2005 when elected officials from over 400 municipalities across the state of Florida unanimously confirmed their support for his presidency of the Florida League of Cities, an organization that is recognized as one of the largest municipal leagues in the nation. Through the Florida League of Cities, Mayor Robaina accomplished numerous achievements through his involvement in several boards within the league. For instance, he serves as Chair of the Florida Municipal Investment Trust, International Relations Committee, and Nominating Committee consisting of seven largest cities in the state of Florida to share ideas on how to improve their respective cities. Recently, he also had the honor of being appointed by the current President of the Florida League of Cities, Mayor Frank Ortis, as "President's Appointee" to the Florida Municipal Investment Trust.

In 2005, he was appointed to the State of Florida Century Commission by former Florida House of Representatives Speaker, Allan Bense to review and establish a sustainable growth pattern for the State of Florida. Additionally, Mayor Robaina is a graduate of the Leadership Florida Class XXV.

During his first few months in office, Mayor Robaina fulfilled numerous aspirations. He secured more than $6.025 million in state funding, the highest ever appropriated in the state budget to the City of Hialeah. He placed himself at the forefront of educational programming by establishing the Mayor's Education Advisory Board. Additionally, he successfully led the effort along with the Florida Legislature and the Florida Board of Education to obtain the authority to grant Municipal School Charters. Also, he initiated the Partnership to Advance School Success program (PASS), the after school tutoring program "Tutoring in the Parks", and Reading Corners at various Hialeah recreational facilities in order to instill academic values for life long educational success.

Mayor Robaina has been leading the south Florida movement of Generation Engage, a local civic-engagement which recently hosted an interactive iChat video conference with former Secretary of the State, Colin Powell at a local college. Mayor Robaina took the opportunity to address participants on the significance of becoming more involved with our community. Furthermore, he created the City of Hialeah Scholarship Fund for students who choose to continue their education in a post-secondary school.

Mayor Robaina is diligently integrating the community's elderly population by expanding existing adult and special populations programs, as well as amenities and building new facilities throughout Hialeah.

Mayor Robaina, as a member of the Board of Directors of Hands in Action (Manos en Accion, Inc.), an organization that

focuses on helping to break the horrific cycle of child abuse, is diligently working and committed to assist this community-based organization succeed in reaching their goals. Additionally, Mayor Robaina is an actively involved executive member of the Hialeah Hospital Governing Board.

His enthusiasm and support for the arts is also evident as he implemented several new cultural initiatives. Mayor Robaina inaugurated the city's first art in public spaces sculpture "The Beat" and he collaborated with Perez Celis, a renowned artist to create a masterpiece painting on the façade of a four story building. Additionally, he hosted "Art on Palm," an event that exposed thousands to culturally enriching art exhibits.

While revitalizing and encouraging new business development and growth potential in the area, Mayor Robaina is working closely with the Beacon Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and Hialeah-Dade Development on various new projects including the development of the new annexation area and the reconstruction of Hialeah's in-fill areas. Furthermore, Mayor Robaina is an acting board member of the Beacon Council where the Mayor engages in discussions of economic development for the purpose of attracting new businesses to our community.

On November 2nd, 2007, Mayor Robaina had the honor of being named "Public Official of the Year" by the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, recognized as one of the largest Hispanic Chambers in the State of Florida.

As Mayor Julio Robaina heads into the future, he remains steadfast in his commitment to the people of Hialeah and will continue to build on the foundation that his dedication has established over the first part of his term.

MIGUEL DE GRANDY

Principal Shareholder
Miguel De Grandy, P.A.
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Professional Curriculum

Miguel De Grandy is an A.V. rated lawyer (Martindale-Hubbell) and is President of Miguel De Grandy, P.A., a law firm specializing in governmental and administrative law in Florida. Mr. De Grandy represents clients before governmental, administrative and regulatory agencies at all levels on a variety of matters as well as related litigation before administrative bodies and the courts. Mr. De Grandy has also represented governmental entities such as the Florida House of Representatives, The City of Miami, and the Palm Beach School Board as Lead Counsel on Reapportionment and has represented several municipalities on complex annexation and incorporation issues.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

- Government relations, procurement and contracts
- Environmental and land use
- State legislative issues
- Regulatory agencies
- Elections and apportionment laws
- Annexation and municipal incorporation

UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

- In 1981 Miguel De Grandy began his legal career at the age of 22, becoming the youngest Assistant State Attorney under then State Attorney Janet Reno. Mr. De Grandy obtained a wealth of trial experience as a prosecutor, trying dozens of jury trials. After forming his own litigation firm, he was elected in 1989 as a Member of the Florida House of Representatives. Mr. De Grandy's years of experience as the ranking minority member on the House Judiciary Committee and his service on the Natural Resources Committee and the Select Committee on Agency Rules

has given him a unique perspective on the regulatory and administrative processes in Florida. Upon retirement from the Florida Legislature in 1994, Mr. De Grandy became Chairman of the Governmental and Administrative law group in the Miami office of the law firm of Greenberg Traurig. In February 2001, Mr. De Grandy resigned as a Principal Shareholder at Greenberg Traurig to form his own firm.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Florida State University Board of Governors (Appointed by Governor Bush).
- State of Florida Energy 2020 Commission (Appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush)
- Florida Speaker's Advisory Committee on Historical Preservation
- Miami-Dade County Charter Review Committee (2001 & 2007)
- General Counsel to the Bush/Brogan Gubernatorial Transition Team.
- Lead Counsel in Miami-Dade County for Bush/Cheney 2000 Campaign during the presidential recount process.
- Regional Chair, Bush/Cheney 2004 Legal Team
- Distinguished lecturer, University of Miami Law Review Election Law Symposium - February 2005.
- Chairman, Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board.
- Chairman, Cuban-American Caucus of the Florida House of Representatives.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Rated as the most effective Republican Member of the Florida House of Representatives four consecutive years by an independent commission empanelled by The Miami Herald (1990 – 1994)
- Named Outstanding Republican of the Year by the Republican Party of Dade County (1994)
- Recognized as "Attorney of the Year" by the Latin Builders Association (1995)
- Received highest rating (AV) by Martindale-Hubbell since 1998.
- Selected among the "Florida Legal Elite" in governmental law (top 1.6% of all Florida lawyers) by Florida Trend Magazine since 2004.
- Listed in CEO Publishing Group's South Florida Legal Guide of "Top Lawyers in South Florida" (2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008)

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Florida College of Law, 1981
- B.S., Business Administration, University of Florida, 1979

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- Florida
- General and Trial Bar U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida
- United States Supreme Court

LANGUAGES

- Spanish