

# Memorandum



**Date:** October 14, 2009

**To:** Honorable Audrey Edmonson, Chair  
and Members of Housing & Community  
Development Committee

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Agenda Item No. 1(F)1

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

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Joe Rasco  
Director, Intergovernmental Affairs

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**Subject:** Review of State and Federal Intergovernmental Items of jurisdiction to the  
Housing & Community Development Committee

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Pursuant to Resolution 1004-09, sponsored by Commissioner Sosa and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on July 21, 2009, attached please find a copy of the 2010 State and Federal Legislative Agendas for your review. The resolution calls for the Mayor and or his designee to present departmental requests at the different October committee meetings of jurisdiction.

The attached legislative agendas have been approved by the County Manager after meetings between the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, the Assistant County Managers, and Department Directors.

A copy of Resolution 1004-09 has also been attached for you review.

## STATE

### HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

**Community Services Block Grant Program:** *SUPPORT the dedication of specific state dollars to support federally funded Community Service Block Grant program and the activities of the Community Action Agency.*

#### ELDERLY AFFAIRS

**Community Care for the Elderly:** *SUPPORT an increase in the allocation of Department of Elder Affairs Community Care for elderly funding in Miami-Dade County.*

**Elderly High-Risk Meals:** *SUPPORT funding request in the amount of \$1,696,000 for the Elderly High-Risk Nutritional Meals.*

**Homebound Elderly:** *SUPPORT funding request in the amount of \$655,890 for Homebound Elderly receiving in-home services.*

**General Revenue Funding:** *SUPPORT increased state funding for the Department of Elder Affairs with an emphasis on local service provider funds.*

#### FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT

**Film and Entertainment Industry Incentive:** *SUPPORT legislation to fund film and entertainment industry incentives at a higher amount, and SUPPORT changing the incentive program from a rebate formula to a multi-year, transferable tax credit.*

#### HOMELESS TRUST

**GAP Funding:** *SUPPORT \$500,000 funding request to continue GAP Funding Project.*

#### OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Clearinghouse for Not-for-Profit and For-Profit Developers:** *SUPPORT the establishment of a clearinghouse by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation of not-for-profit and for-profit developers and related entities to facilitate joint ventures for affordable rental housing developments.*

**Support Program for Not-for-Profit Affordable Housing Developers:** *SUPPORT creation by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation of a comprehensive, performance-based support program for not-for-profit affordable housing developers that will increase their capacity to address affordable housing issues.*

**Predevelopment Loan Program Matching Grant:** *SUPPORT creation by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation of a \$25,000 recoverable matching grant within the Predevelopment Loan Program to fund project feasibility expenses. The not-for-profit recipient would provide a \$5,000 match for a total of \$30,000.*

## FEDERAL

### HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

**Comprehensive Immigration Reform:** **SUPPORT** immigration reform that would oppose the criminalization of immigrants. **SUPPORT** enforcement that is realistic and enforceable. **SUPPORT** family reunification that includes a pathway to citizenship allowing children to also sponsor their parents. (Community Advocacy)

**Jubilee Act:** **ADVOCATE** to reintroduce the provisions of the Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Cancellation of 2007 (S.2166) and include provisions for Haiti debt relief. (Community Advocacy)

**Temporary Protective Status for Haitians:** **URGE** the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security to grant temporary protected status to Haitian nationals living in the U.S. and **URGE** the U.S. Congress to support such effort. The ongoing political instability occurring in Haiti poses a serious threat to the personal safety of the millions of Haitian nationals presently in Haiti, as well as those returning to Haiti from abroad. While Section 244 of the Immigration Act of 1990, P.L. 101-649, establishes a procedure by which Temporary Protected Status (TPS) may be provided to aliens in the United States who are temporarily unable to safely return to their home country because of ongoing armed conflict, an environmental disaster, or other extraordinary and temporary conditions, Haiti itself - previously designated for TPS in 1998 - has had its status expire. During the period for which a country has been designated for TPS, TPS beneficiaries may remain in the U.S. and obtain work authorization, but it does not lead to permanent resident status. (Community Advocacy)

**Haitian Refugee Immigration Fairness Act (HRIFA):** **ADVOCATE** for the reintroduction of HRIFA and to permit adjustment of status of Haitian "airplane refugees" who would otherwise have been eligible for legal permanent status under HRIFA. Additionally, **SUPPORT** language in the bill that permits the children of successful applicants to freeze the applicant's age as the filing date of the parent's application. (Community Advocacy)

#### CAA

**SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS:** **ADVOCATE** for the preservation of the current level of federal funding earmarked for Miami-Dade County for social and human services programming, including the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), which is used to support the home renovation program for low-income seniors; Community Service Block Grant Program (CSBG), which is used to support self-sufficiency services to low-income individuals and families; Health and Human Services (HHS), which is used to support funding provided for the administration of the County's Head Start/Early Head Start program

serving children from birth to 5 years of age; and Department of Labor (DOL), which is used to support the Youth Build Initiative that provides funding for job training and other services to youth. (CAA)

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – ADVOCATE** preserving the Community Development Block Grant Program within the Department of Housing and Urban Development and maintaining or increasing current levels of funding. The CDBG program's primary objective is to assist in the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and to expand economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. Miami-Dade County allocates \$22 million annually to fund a wide variety of CDBG eligible programs, projects and activities that address the needs of underdeveloped and underserved areas, and which are targeted to meet the needs of very low and moderate income persons. (Economic Development)

**Economic Development: SUPPORT** efforts in Congress to provide economic stimulus and relief, such as the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, to address the foreclosure crisis in Miami-Dade. **SUPPORT** efforts to include local governments in Congressional efforts to fund investment in infrastructure for ready-to-go transportation, bridge and roads projects that will stimulate jobs and the economy. **SUPPORT** efforts to ensure that local government bonds are protected in times of economic crisis. (Economic Development)

## **ELDERLY SERVICES**

**2020 Project: ADVOCATE** for the implementation of the 2020 Project which is a comprehensive and integrated approach to enabling the elderly and individuals with disabilities to make their own decisions, to take steps to manage their own health risks, and to receive the care they choose in order to remain in their own homes and communities for as long as possible, avoiding unnecessary and unwanted institutionalization. Miami Dade County pays \$60 million dollars to the State for the occupied nursing home beds billed to Medicaid. (Elderly Services)

## **HOMELESS TRUST**

**Coordinated Care Medicaid Demonstration Project: ADVOCATE** for a coordinated care Medicaid demonstration project. The demonstration program would allow states to obtain federal authority and financial assistance to target outreach and more effective services to a small group of beneficiaries and obtain Medicaid reimbursement for coordinated medical and behavioral healthcare, case management, and flexible services that have demonstrated effectiveness in reducing the avoidable use of hospital and emergency health care services. (Homeless Trust)

## **HOUSING**

**Federally-subsidized Housing Programs: ADVOCATE** for 100% federal funding for Public

Housing and Section 8. Funding for the above programs will ensure the preservation of existing housing stock and improvement of federally-funded programs that provide critical affordable housing to low- and moderate-income families, individuals, and elderly. (Housing)

## **HUMAN SERVICES**

**Early Challenge Grants: ADVOCATE** for Early Challenge Grants funding. The Obama Administration's Early Learning Challenge Grant proposal would challenge states to develop effective, innovative models that promote high standards of quality and a focus on outcomes across early learning settings, and dedicate \$10 billion over 10 years toward this effort. **ADVOCATE** for increase funding through reauthorization bills for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Expansion, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). (Human Services)

**Afterschool Funding: ADVOCATE** for sufficient funding for quality afterschool programs in Miami-Dade County by earmarking a portion of the CCDBG Block grant for afterschool programs and expand funding from the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) and Title I funding streams. (Human Services)

**Health Care Reform for Children – ADVOCATE** for all children to be provided with affordable and accessible health care. Ensure that current benefits provided under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA), such as Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT), are preserved. (Human Services)

**Home Visitation – ADVOCATE** for the passage of home visitation legislation which provides \$124 million (\$8.6 billion over 10 years) in mandatory funds. (Human Services)

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CLERK OF THE BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**



**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(36)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** July 21, 2009

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the Mayor or  
Designee to present departmental  
state and federal legislative requests  
at October committees

**Resolution No. R-1004-09**

**This substitute differs from the original item in that it includes both state and federal legislative items, while the original item consisted only of state legislative items.**

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.

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R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

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# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

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County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No. 14(A) (36)

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 Mayor'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

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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7-21-09

RESOLUTION NO. R-1004-09

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO  
PRESENT DEPARTMENTAL FEDERAL AND STATE  
LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS AT OCTOBER COMMITTEES

**WHEREAS**, committee meetings for the Florida Legislature's 2010 legislative session will begin in the fall of 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, member of the Florida House are limited to only six bill slots per member, and these bill slots are in high demand; and

**WHEREAS**, bills filed during the fall and early in committee weeks have a far better chance of passage than bills filed later in the process; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2009 session, Miami-Dade County saw successes with its legislative issues by including some of them in the Florida Association of Counties and Florida League of Cities legislative packages; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Association of Counties and Florida League of Cities hold their legislative policy conferences beginning in the fall; and

**WHEREAS**, to best pursue our legislative agenda for the 2010 session, it is important that Miami-Dade County have its legislative agenda in place no later than the end of October, so as to give our issues the best chance of passage,

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

**Section 1.** This Board directs the Mayor or Designee to present all departmental legislative requests for the 2010 state legislative session >>and the 2010 federal legislative

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package<sup>1</sup> at the October, 2009 committee meetings, including both changes to statutes and appropriations requests. The Mayor or Designee shall present such requests to the applicable committee that has jurisdiction over the department from which the request originated.

**Section 2.** During October committee meetings, committees shall consider such items, prioritize them and recommend items for approval by the full Board in the County's ~~>>2010 federal and~~ state legislative package~~>>~~.

**Section 3.** The Board shall consider, prioritize and approve the ~~>>federal and~~ state legislative package~~>>~~ at the October 20 Board meeting based on committee recommendations. The Board also shall identify no more than eight County departmental priorities ~~>>for the 2010 federal legislative package and no more than eight County departmental priorities~~ for the 2010 state legislative session, along with guiding principles.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner **Joe A. Martinez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman	aye		
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman	aye		
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson	aye
Carlos A. Gimenez	aye	Sally A. Heyman	aye
Barbara J. Jordan	aye	Joe A. Martinez	aye
Dorin D. Rolle	aye	Natacha Seijas	aye
Katy Sorenson	aye	Rebeca Sosa	aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye		

<sup>1</sup> The differences between the substitute and the original item are indicated as follows: words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted, words underscored and/or »double arrowed« constitute the amendment proposed.

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2009. 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: **DIANE COLLINS**  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

**JMM**

Jess M. McCarty

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