



**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

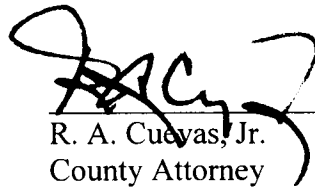
**DATE:** March 1, 2011

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the Mayor or  
designee to assist the Property  
Appraiser in developing a public  
information campaign to better  
inform County residents about the  
TRIM Notice

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro, and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez



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**Please note any items checked.**

- "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**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

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

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3-1-11

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO ASSIST THE PROPERTY APPRAISER IN DEVELOPING A PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN TO BETTER INFORM COUNTY RESIDENTS ABOUT THE TRIM NOTICE

**WHEREAS**, Florida law requires county property appraisers annually to produce and mail to all property owners within the county a notice of proposed property taxes, also known as the Truth in Millage or TRIM notice; and

**WHEREAS**, the TRIM notice is a combined notice that, while sent out by the county property appraiser, includes information for all taxing authorities within the county, including the Miami-Dade Public Schools, municipalities, the South Florida Water Management District, the Children's Trust and the Florida Inland Navigation District; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida law sets forth in great detail what information must be included on the TRIM notice, and provides that the Florida Department of Revenue (FDOR) must approve the form of the TRIM notice that each county property appraiser uses; and

**WHEREAS**, property owners often find the TRIM notice to be complex and confusing; and

**WHEREAS**, some property owners mistakenly conclude that because the county property appraiser sends out the TRIM notice, the Board of County Commissioners is responsible for all of the property taxes included on the TRIM notice; and

**WHEREAS**, the school district frequently makes up the largest share of property taxes listed on the TRIM notice, and the applicable municipality typically makes up a substantial part of the proposed property taxes listed on the TRIM notice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has no role in setting the millage rates of either the school district or municipalities, which are set by the Florida Legislature and the local school board in the case of school districts, and the city commission in the case of a municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, a public information campaign could be useful in helping in educating County residents about the TRIM notice; and

**WHEREAS**, such a public information campaign might include, but not be limited to programming on Miami-Dade TV, newspaper advertisements, community meetings, enhanced internet information for each parcel explaining the TRIM notice and the different proposed taxes and taxing authorities,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board directs the Mayor or designee to assist the property appraiser in developing a public information campaign to better inform county residents about the TRIM notice and the different proposed taxes and taxing authorities that might include, but not be limited to programming on Miami-Dade TV, newspaper advertisements, community meetings, and enhanced internet information for each parcel.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Bruno A. Barreiro, and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Carlos A. Gimenez. 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:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Lynda Bell
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011. 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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Jess M. McCarty