



**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

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

**DATE:** September 1, 2011

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing the County Mayor to work with Roots in the City, Inc., to cultivate a vegetable garden on a voluntary basis for the sole use of the elderly and disabled residents of Stirrup Plaza and Gibson Plaza

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez.

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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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9-1-11

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY AND MIAMI-DADE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO WORK WITH ROOTS IN THE CITY, INC., A NON PROFIT, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION, TO CULTIVATE A VEGETABLE GARDEN ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS FOR THE SOLE USE OF THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS OF STIRRUP PLAZA, A PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, AND GIBSON PLAZA, A SECTION 8 NEW CONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County ("County") is the owner of two housing developments known as Stirrup Plaza ("Stirrup"), which is a public housing development located at 3150 Mundy Street, Miami, Florida, and Gibson Plaza ("Gibson"), which is a Section 8 New Construction development located at 3160 Mundy Street, Miami, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Stirrup and Gibson, which are located in District 7, presently houses elderly and disabled residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Stirrup is presently managed by the Miami-Dade Public Housing Agency ("MDPHA"); and

**WHEREAS**, Gibson is presently managed by the Miami Dade Department of Housing Community Development ("HCD"); and

**WHEREAS**, the developments are located adjacent to each other and share a common open area for use by the residents of both developments; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to provide the residents with a vegetable garden for their sole use; and

**WHEREAS**, the District 7 Commissioner has been working with Roots In The City, Inc., (“Roots In The City”), which has expressed an interest in cultivating a vegetable garden on a voluntary basis for the residents of Stirrup and Gibson; and

**WHEREAS**, Roots In The City was founded by author and academic Marvin Dunn, Ph.D. in 1994, and is a nonprofit, community-based organization located in the Overtown neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Roots In The City is focused on community development, creating jobs and beautifying Miami's inner city; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization has established several community gardens and tree nurseries in Overtown, such as the main vegetable garden located across the street from the historic Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, community volunteers and Overtown residents, which includes organizations such as Hands On Miami, Touching Miami with Love, and Miami Dade College, make up the heart of the organization; and

**WHEREAS**, Roots In The City proposes to work with MDPHA and HCD to cultivate the vegetable garden for the residents of Stirrup and Gibson, at no cost to the County; and

**WHEREAS**, such a vegetable garden would be beneficial to the residents of these developments,

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

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated in this resolution and are approved.

**Section 2.** The Board authorizes the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee, MDPHA and HCD to work with Roots In The City to cultivate a vegetable garden, at no cost to the County, for the sole use of the elderly and disabled residents of Stirrup and Gibson.

**Section 3.** The Board authorizes the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to prepare and execute any necessary agreements between the County and Roots In The City to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution, subject to the County Attorney's approval, and to exercise amendment, modification, renewal, cancellation and termination clauses on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Xavier L. Suarez. 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
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 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.



Terrence A. Smith