

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(J)(1)

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

DATE: November 15, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Resolution supporting the
County Mayor to request the
U.S. Department of Homeland
Security (DHS) to recognize
the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale
Urban Areas Security
Initiative (UASI) as a Tier I
funding recipient within the
UASI Program

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Miami-Dade Police Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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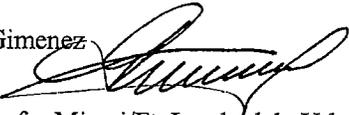
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FROM: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

SUBJECT: Tier I Status for Miami/Ft. Lauderdale Urban Areas Security Initiative

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution supporting the County Mayor and/or County Mayor's Designee action to request the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to recognize the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) as a Tier I funding recipient within the UASI program.

Scope

The Tier I status of the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale UASI impacts countywide services.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The recognition of the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale UASI as a Tier I funding recipient within the UASI program would have a positive impact on the allocation of UASI funding. Miami-Dade County would not incur any costs.

Track Record/Monitor

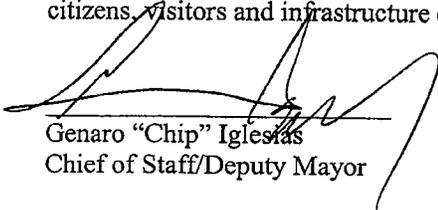
The UASI funding is monitored by the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale Urban Area Work Group. The funding allocated to Miami-Dade County under this federal program is monitored by the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

Background

The U.S. DHS allocates funding under the UASI program by calculating risk factors of designated urban areas across the United States and assigns a tier designation, either I or II. The tier status determines the amount of funding allocated to each UASI. UASI's which are recognized with a Tier I status are allocated a substantially greater amount of federal funding under this vital homeland security program. The Miami/Ft. Lauderdale UASI is designated as Tier II. The Miami/Ft. Lauderdale UASI has been working diligently to secure a review of the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale UASI by U.S. DHS and subsequent Tier I designation. This designation may be authorized by the Secretary of the U.S. DHS.

With the guidance of the Miami-Dade County Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and contracted lobbyists, a well coordinated legislative advocacy trip was recently made to Washington, D.C. The local delegation included over 25 representatives from the four counties comprising the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale UASI; Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach. Meetings were conducted with Congressional offices from South Florida, ranking officials on the House and Senate Homeland Security Appropriations Committees, as well as officials from the U.S. DHS. As a result of this trip, the U.S. DHS is considering a review of the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale UASI Tier II status and members of the South Florida Congressional Delegation are working together on a letter to U.S. DHS Secretary Napolitano, supporting the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale UASI's efforts.

The support of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners would be significant in this effort to secure the Tier I status for the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale UASI and resulting increase in federal funds. This support would communicate the Board's commitment to secure the resources this UASI needs and deserves to safeguard the citizens, visitors and infrastructure of this large and complex four county urban area.


Genaro "Chip" Iglesias
Chief of Staff/Deputy Mayor

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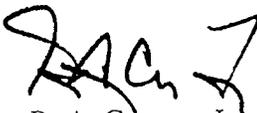


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Please note any items checked.

- "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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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COUNTY MAYOR AND/OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE ACTION TO REQUEST THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) TO RECOGNIZE THE MIAMI/FT. LAUDERDALE URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) AS A TIER I FUNDING RECIPIENT WITHIN THE UASI PROGRAM

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approves the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee's action to request the U.S. DHS to recognize the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale UASI as a Tier I funding recipient within the UASI program for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The foregoing resolution 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	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of November, 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.



Ben Simon