



**MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(10)

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

**DATE:** March 6, 2012

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution placing a non-binding straw ballot question on the primary election ballot in Miami-Dade County, Florida, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Miami-Dade County whether they support expanding the permissible uses of Tourist-Related Taxes to include the cost of funding tourism-related public safety costs in the County where these monies are collected

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.

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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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3-6-12

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

RESOLUTION PLACING A NON-BINDING STRAW BALLOT QUESTION ON THE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WHETHER THEY SUPPORT EXPANDING THE PERMISSIBLE USES OF TOURIST-RELATED TAXES TO INCLUDE THE COST OF FUNDING TOURISM-RELATED PUBLIC SAFETY COSTS IN THE COUNTY WHERE THESE MONIES ARE COLLECTED

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

**Section 1.** A non-binding straw ballot question shall be placed on the Tuesday, August 14, 2012 primary election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of Miami-Dade County the non-binding straw ballot question as set forth below.

**Section 2.** Notice of such election shall be published in accordance with Section 100.342, Florida Statutes.

**Section 3.** The result of such election shall be determined by a majority of the qualified electors of Miami-Dade County voting upon the proposal. The polls at such election shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the day of such election. All qualified electors of Miami-Dade County, Florida shall be entitled to vote at said election. The County registration books shall remain open at the Office of the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections until twenty-nine (29) days prior to the date of such election, at which time the registration books will close in accordance with the provisions of general election laws. The question shall appear on the ballot in substantially the following form:

NON-BINDING STRAW BALLOT QUESTION REGARDING EXPANDING USE OF TOURIST TAXES TO INCLUDE PUBLIC SAFETY

Do you support expanding the permissible use of the Tourist Development Tax on transient rentals to allow Counties where the monies are collected to use these tourism related funds to pay for Tourism-Related Public Safety Costs?

YES

NO

**Section 4.** The form of the ballot shall be in accordance with the requirements of general election laws.

**Section 5.** Early voting shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of general election laws.

**Section 6.** Absentee paper ballots may be used by qualified electors of Miami-Dade County for voting on this question. The form of such absentee ballot shall be in accordance with the requirements prescribed by general election laws.

**Section 7.** A sample ballot showing the manner in which the question or proposal aforesaid will appear at this election shall be published and provided in accordance with the applicable provisions of general election laws.

**Section 8.** This election on the proposal aforesaid shall be held and conducted in accordance with applicable provisions of the general laws relating to elections and the provisions of the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter. The County Mayor or his or her designee, the Finance Director, and the Clerk of the County Commission are hereby authorized and directed to take all appropriate actions necessary to carry into effect and accomplish the provisions of this resolution. This election shall be a nonpartisan election. Election officials in

connection with this election shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of general election laws.

**Section 9.** This election shall be canvassed by the County Canvassing Board, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.07 of the Home Rule Charter.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. 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:

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| 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 6th day of March, 2012. 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.



Oren Rosenthal