

MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2(M)

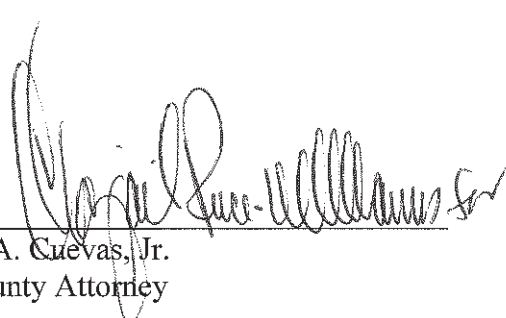
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: January 15, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution establishing County policy to provide a funding source for Commissioners to travel and advocate on County issues before the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature and to increase participation in the National and Florida Association of Counties and League of Cities and associated committees, workgroups and entities

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Sally A. Heyman.



R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 5, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

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 Mayor'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 _____

Agenda Item No.
2-5-13

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY POLICY TO PROVIDE A FUNDING SOURCE FOR COMMISSIONERS TO TRAVEL AND ADVOCATE ON COUNTY ISSUES BEFORE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL AND FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND LEAGUE OF CITIES AND ASSOCIATED COMMITTEES, WORKGROUPS AND ENTITIES; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' BUDGET TO FUND SUCH TRAVEL IN FISCAL YEAR 2012-13, OR, IF NECESSARY, TO PREPARE A BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 COUNTY BUDGET TO CARRY OUT THIS CHANGE

WHEREAS, the County in recent years has significantly reduced the amount of funds it spends on contract lobbyists at the federal and state level; and

WHEREAS, County Commissioners themselves are often the most effective lobbyists before elected members of Congress and the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, currently, County Commissioners are required to spend funds from their office budgets to travel to Washington and Tallahassee, and to participate in National and Florida Association of Counties and League of Cities lobbying efforts and legislative and policy conferences; and

WHEREAS, if a source of funds were available for County Commissioners to travel to Washington and Tallahassee to advocate for the County's issues, as well as more fully participate in Association of Counties and League of Cities meetings, County Commissioners could more actively and directly participate in lobbying efforts on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, a State Coordinator position in the Board of County Commissioner's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs recently became open; and

WHEREAS, it is the Board's intention to transfer an amount equal to the salary and fringe benefits from the now open State Coordinator position from the personnel line item of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to the travel line item within the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and set aside this funding for County Commissioners to use for travel to advocate on behalf of the County in Washington and Tallahassee and to more fully participate in National and Florida Association of Counties and League of Cities lobbying efforts and legislative and policy conferences,

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

Section 1. Establishes County policy to provide a funding source for County Commissioners and an accompanying staff member to travel and advocate on County issues before the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature and to increase participation in the National and Florida Association of Counties and League of Cities and associated committees, workgroups and other entities.

Section 2. Directs the Mayor or designee to make the necessary adjustments to expenditure code allocations within the appropriations to the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs' Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget pursuant to section 2-1796(d) so as to transfer from the personnel line item to the travel line item an amount equal to the salary and fringe benefits appropriated for the open State Coordinator position, or, if necessary, to prepare budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2012-13 County Budget to effectuate the purposes of this

resolution and bring such amendments back to the Board for approval as part of the mid-year budget amendment process.

Section 3. Directs that the funds identified in section 2 above be set aside and used on a first come first serve basis for the sole purpose of travel by County Commissioners and an accompanying staff member to advocate on behalf of the County in Washington and Tallahassee and to more fully participate in National Association of Counties, Florida Association of Counties, National League of Cities, Florida League of Cities and associated workgroups and affiliate groups, with such travel to be processed by the Office of Management and Budget.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Sally A. Heyman. 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:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman

Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Jean Monestime

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Dennis C. Moss

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of February, 2013. 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.

APW/Imm

Jess M. McCarty