

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No.11(A)(15)

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

DATE: March 5, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Governor and Legislature to
maintain funding for the Local
Services Program and other vital
programs for the elderly in
Miami-Dade County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.



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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 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 _____

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3-5-13

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA GOVERNOR AND
LEGISLATURE TO MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL
SERVICES PROGRAM AND OTHER VITAL PROGRAMS
FOR THE ELDERLY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 68-10, the County has previously urged Florida lawmakers in the 2010 session to maintain funding for critical programs benefiting the elderly, including Community Care for the Elderly, Home Care for the Elderly, the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative, and Local Services Program; and

WHEREAS, such programs provide crucial services, such as case management and in-home services, to frail, low-income, elderly residents; and

WHEREAS, frail, low-income, elderly residents in need of vital services may not qualify for Medicaid and cannot afford to purchase services on their own; and

WHEREAS, the Miami City Commission recently adopted a similar resolution urging Florida lawmakers to support funding of the Local Services Program; and

WHEREAS, according to the City of Miami, funding for the Local Services Program has been reduced in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, a continued reduction in state funding of such vital services will negatively impact numerous frail, elderly residents; and

WHEREAS, funding for the Local Services Program and elderly services was previously approved and identified by the Board of County Commissioners ("this Board") as a critical state priority for the 2013 session; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this resolution is to emphasize this Board's continued support of identifying state funding for the Local Services Program and other vital elderly services as a critical state priority for the 2013 session,

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

Section 1. Urges the Governor and Florida Legislature to maintain funding for the Local Services Program and other critical programs for the elderly in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of this Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker and the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the appropriations set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2013 State Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. 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 March, 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.



Estephanie Resnik