

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(5)

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

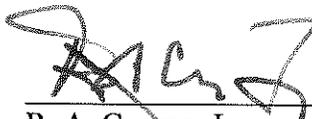
**DATE:** April 16, 2013

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County  
Mayor to return to the Board  
with a report providing funding  
options for Little Havana  
Activities & Nutrition Centers  
of Dade County's Elderly  
Meals Programs

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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 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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4-16-13

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

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR MAYOR'S  
DESIGNEE TO RETURN TO THE BOARD WITH A REPORT  
PROVIDING FUNDING OPTIONS FOR LITTLE HAVANA  
ACTIVITIES & NUTRITION CENTERS OF DADE COUNTY'S  
ELDERLY MEALS PROGRAMS

**WHEREAS**, Little Havana Activities & Nutrition Centers of Dade County (hereinafter "Little Havana Activities") provides meals to elderly citizens throughout Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, due to cuts in their funding in 2013, Little Havana Activities will have to eliminate approximately 335 meals and activities daily to senior citizens in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Little Havana Activities has indicated in its letter dated February 21, 2013, attached as Exhibit I hereto, that meals for seniors will be eliminated in districts five (5), six (6), seven (7), ten (10), eleven (11) and thirteen (13) of the County, with the greatest reduction in meals occurring in Districts five (5) and eleven (11). Specifically, Little Havana Activities projects the elimination of approximately 128 daily meals in District 5 and 100 daily meals in District 11; and

**WHEREAS**, many senior citizens rely upon the meals provided by Little Havana Activities every day; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of Little Havana Activities' funding reductions extends beyond the meals because seniors who come to the centers for meals have access while at the centers to health screenings and education, recreation and an array of services that helps to keep them active and engaged in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the senior meals program provided by Little Havana Activities may be an eligible activity for Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter "CDBG") or other social service funding,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the County Mayor or Mayor's designee is directed to return to the Board by the next Board of County Commissioners meeting with ideas and options on how the County could fund the senior meal programs offered by Little Havana Activities & Nutrition Centers of Dade County throughout the county. The report should consider CDBG funds as well as any other funding available for this activity.

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:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman  
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

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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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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

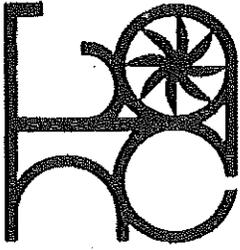
HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Brenda Kuhns Neuman



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United Way Member Agency

February 21, 2013

The Honorable Javier D. Souto  
Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, District 10  
9766 Coral Way, Suite One  
Miami, Florida 33165

Dear Commissioner Souto:

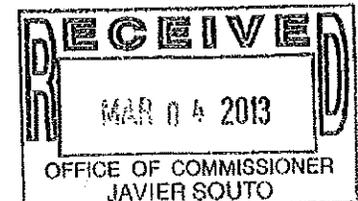
We have received interest and concern on the matter of the meals and services reductions Little Havana has projected in the letter submitted to your office dated January 28, 2013. As a result of this interest, further examination on the number of persons to be cut by commission district and senior center has changed. These changes and its direct impact on your district is reflected in the table below.

The anticipated cuts are a direct result of funding cuts received from the City of Miami Beach CDBG funding process, United Way of Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade County CDBG non-recurring allocation, City of Miami, USDA's Nutrition Services Incentive Program, and Older Americans Act. The City of Miami Beach only allowed public service agencies to request funding in only one area of service. United Way reducing funding to all agencies based on the reduced amount of funds received by them during their fundraising cycle for the year. Little Havana was awarded approximately \$143,600 by commissioners to provide services through CDBG funds in their districts. This funding was non-recurring. Older Americans Act programs were bid in 2012.

As a result of this bid, the Alliance included an attrition factor on existing providers, meaning that although, in their estimation, there would not be any clients left without service, the maximum funds that an existing provider could receive was its current base minus 30% (the attrition rate applied to congregate meals programs as a whole, not by agency).

These reductions further affected the funds generated through the USDA Nutrition Services Incentive Plan which is also managed by the Alliance for Aging. The NSIP program allows agencies to generate additional money based on the number of meals served. This means that if we have less money to serve meals, we generate less matching dollars from the NSIP program, therefore reducing the number of total meals served.

These reductions go beyond just the provision of the meal as they affect staffing at these centers, and educational and recreational support services. As you know, senior centers don't just provide a meal, but an overall support system for seniors. The funding request detailed herein takes those additional factors into account as well.



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The Honorable Javier D. Souto

District	Number of Persons to be Reduced	Centers affected by Reduction	Funding Shortage
5	53 12 30 14 19	Rafael Villaverde Myers Metropolitan Council Towers Rebecca Towers Senior Centers	\$224,640
6	8	St. Dominic's Senior Center	\$14,040
7	16 9 17	Smather's Senior Center UTD Towers Carroll Manor	\$73,710
10	16	Mildred Pepper Senior Center	\$28,200
11	100	Dra. Olga Maria Martinez Senior Center	\$310,496
13	41	Hialeah/Goodlet Senior Center	\$71,955
<b>Total:</b>	<b>335</b>		<b>\$723,041.00</b>

We hope that this letter better clarifies any questions related to the services, senior centers, and District impact.

We appreciate your continued assistance and support of Little Havana. If you require additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at 305-858-0887 Ext. 1274.

Sincerely,



Ramon Perez-Dorrbecker  
President and CEO

