MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(4)

TO:	Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Members, Board of County Commissioners	**DATE:**	November 5, 2013
FROM:	R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney	**SUBJECT:**	Resolution directing the County Mayor to develop a pilot program to raise revenues for libraries and present to the Board within thirty days a report analyzing potential cost-savings and revenue sources for the County's library system

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., and Co-Sponsors Vice Chair Lynda Bell and Senator Javier D. Souto.

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County Attorney

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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**

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A PILOT PROGRAM TO RAISE REVENUES FOR LIBRARIES AND PRESENT TO THE BOARD WITHIN THIRTY DAYS A REPORT ANALYZING POTENTIAL COST-SAVINGS AND REVENUE SOURCES FOR THE COUNTY'S LIBRARY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, this Board is committed to continue to maintain a vibrant free public library system available to the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Public Library System offers a plethora of community services such as free literacy programs, tutoring, library materials – in a variety of formats – as well as special services so residents can enjoy full access to books, music, computer internet services and educational programming; and

WHEREAS, libraries are especially cradles of learning for our youngest residents as noted by former First Lady Laura Bush when she said "Children know that if they have a question about the world, the library is the place to find the answer"; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon this Board to find sources of revenues and implement cost-savings measures to sustain and enhance our current library system and avoid any future library closings,

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

Section 1. The Board directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to develop a pilot program to raise revenues in at least three (3) libraries involving the lease of space within County-owned libraries to vendors to provide commercial services that would enhance patrons' enjoyment and use of the library space, such as restaurant and beverage

services, gift shop items, retail book and music sales and ATM services with revenues from such leases used to fund ongoing operations of the library system.

Section 2. The Board also directs the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to provide a report directly to the Board without committee review within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this resolution: (1) outlining the pilot program described in Section 1 of this resolution; and (2) analyzing additional potential cost-savings and revenue sources for the Miami-Dade Public Library System. The report shall include, but shall not be limited to exploring the following potential cost-savings and/or revenue raising measures: moving and transferring leased store-front libraries to lease-free County-owned facilities and buildings; implementing programs to increase private donations to the library system, such as providing individual donors special incentives, services and programs while maintaining the current level of free library services to all Miami-Dade County residents; exploring reasonable amendments to the fee schedule and rates for overdue library materials, meeting rooms, equipment and services set forth in Implementing Order 4-97; and any other potential cost-savings and/or revenue raising measures the County Mayor deems appropriate. The report shall include recommendations regarding the use of cost-savings and revenue raising measures to re-open any libraries closed as a result of the approved budget for FY 2013-14 and/or to expand existing library services.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., and the Co-Sponsors are Vice Chair Lynda Bell and 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

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 November, 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.

Eduardo W. Gonzalez